



Barbara Jean Nehr

January 9, 2025

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The world lost a remarkable person on Thursday January 9th 2025, when Barbara Jean Nehr, of Orlando Florida, passed away from Hepatorenal syndrome and heart disease. She was my wife of 36 years, the love of my life, and my best friend!

She was 80 years old.

Barbara was born Barbara J Voigt in Highland Park Illinois to Milton and Mildred Voigt. She graduated from Illinois State University, with a Bachelors degree in computer systems. Barbara worked as a Finance Analyst from 1980 until 2011 for SAIC Corporation, located in Orlando's Research Park. She retired from that position and began traveling, as well as being active in various community organizations.

Barbara was a remarkable 14 year survivor of Pancreatic cancer, a clinical study participant, and a co author of a published scientific paper on the subject. She was active for many years as a spokesperson, advocating for research into that deadly disease. She lobbied congress and made television appearances to bring attention to the disease and the need for research.

Barbara was active in Aviation, where she was the President of the Experimental Aircraft Association Orlando Chapter from 1987 to 1989, In Rocketry, where she was the Treasurer and Range Safety Officer of ROAR (Regional Orlando Applied Rocketry) from 2016 to 2023 and in several community organizations including Orange county Democratic Women, “The Ninth Circle” and “ A Leather House”.

She was a strong advocate for women’s autonomy and rights, LGBTQ+ equity and inclusion, and responsible, and equitable, government.

Barbara was an active weaver, making many hand made items on her loom. She was a voracious reader with an interest in History, Egyptology and nature. She was an avid traveler with Trips to Hawaii, Egypt, England, Scotland, and many points of interest in the United States.

She is Survived by her Husband, Adam J Nehr III, Of Orlando Florida, and three children; Michael Sexton, Donna Dikeman, and Edward Sexton, All residents of Oregon.

Her parents, and two brothers, Milton Voigt, and Donald Voigt, predeceased her.

She will be cremated and her ashes dispersed in a private ceremony with members of her cherished organizations and communities present.

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara was the love of my life, my best friend and the wise voice in my ear for 36 delightful years. We met at an airport when she was the president of the Orlando Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association.*

We met in 1988 and were married in 2005 in Hawaii! We traveled the world together, flew, had great adventures and loved like most people never know!

I will miss her for the rest of my days! The pictures I post are of her earning her wings and also of us Taxiing out for our first date where she flew in my plane during an air show!



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