



Barbara Bannister Charo

January 4, 1943 - April 10, 2025

Barbara Ann Bannister Charo, 82, of Helotes, Texas, was welcomed into the arms of our Lord on April 10, 2025, after a faithful journey and life well lived. A memorial service will be held at 12:00 pm on Thursday, May 8, 2025 at Mission Park North Dominion.

Barbara Ann was born to Rae Dan Ferry and Francis M. Bannister on January 4, 1943, in Jerico Springs, Missouri. The eldest of 5 children, she spent her early years surrounded by family and often looked after her younger brothers and sisters. Barbara graduated from Brackenridge high school in 1961 and later pursued her associates degree at Palo Alto College.

She is preceded in death by the love of her life, Frank Burzynski, her mother Rae, father Francis, brother Leo, and sister Lucille.

Barbara worked at USAA for over 34 years serving in many different roles, including Executive Assistant to the Chief Legal Counsel, a position she held with pride and grace. Her strong work ethic, excellence and integrity earned her great respect. She would often fondly reflect on her years at USAA. She was honored to have attended and supported numerous board meetings all over the world.

More than anything, Barbara cherished time spent with family and friends.

She was loved by all who knew her. She had a beautiful, adventurous spirit and generous heart. She enjoyed sharing her words of wisdom and never hesitated to help those in need. The holidays were her favorite time of year. Easter mornings started with sunrise service followed by time with family and Easter egg hunts for all her grandchildren. At Thanksgiving, she made the world's best homemade turkey cornbread dressing and gravy. During the Christmas season, she would decorate every room in the house, often with multiple Christmas trees, and make homemade cookies galore. Her passion for learning and strengthening her faith continued well into her retirement, learning to play the piano in her 70s and faithfully attending Bible Study Fellowship with her sister, Lucy, and niece, Pam.

Though her mind grew quiet in her final months as she fiercely fought the progression of Alzheimer's, she now rejoices in perfect clarity and peace with her Savior. Her memory and love will live on through her surviving children Michael Charo and Michelle Muzquiz (Armando), grandchildren Michael Charo Jr (Martha), Justin Charo, Steven Charo (Cheyenne), Aiden Charo, Mason Muzquiz, Clarissa Muzquiz, great-granddaughter Lilith "Lil Lil" Charo, brother Francis Bannister, and sister Linda Garces, along with numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

Fred J. Tips Mausoleum Chapel
20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Interment

MAY 8 (CT)

Mission Burial Park North
20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Tribute Wall



“ *My Dear Aunt was a beautiful soul. I loved our engaging conversations and her love for family and friends. I was so blessed to have her as part of my childhood memories.*

*Love,
Liza Charo*💕

Liza Charo - May 08, 2025 at 12:50 PM

DW

“ *My Aunt Barbara was one of a kind. She talked me into applying at USAA 42 years ago, and I have to say it was the best thing I ever did. As of today, I'm still at USAA. So many people knew her and I remember her office even celebrated Barbara Charo Day! I will miss her dearly but know her legacy of love and her kindness will continue to shine through. We love you and miss you.*

*Love,
Debbie White (Charo)*

Debbie White - May 07, 2025 at 10:48 PM

YP

Aunt Barbara was an amazing lady. The most kindness person I know. She will always be in my heart ❤️.
Many blessings. May she rest in peace. She is our beautiful guardian angel that will keep us close to her heart.

*Always love you
Yvette Poe (Charo)*

Yvette Marie Poe - May 08, 2025 at 12:33 PM

DF

“ *Debbie & Mike White & family purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Barbara Bannister Charo.*



Debbie & Mike White & family - May 07, 2025 at 10:25 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Barbara Bannister Charo.*



May 07, 2025 at 09:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara Bannister Charo.*



May 07, 2025 at 08:51 PM

CV

“ *Christine De La Vega purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Barbara Bannister Charo.*



Christine De La Vega - May 07, 2025 at 11:30 AM

TF

“ Tom and Hilda Bice and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Barbara Bannister Charo.



Tom and Hilda Bice and family - May 06, 2025 at 04:51 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Bannister Charo.



May 02, 2025 at 10:32 PM

BR

“ For almost ten years, Barb served as my Administrative Assistant at USAA. She was without question the best. She was absolutely dedicated to the mission and fiercely loyal to those she served. The memories over those years are far too numerous to condense into a short paragraph, but I treasure them. Even when she was stretched beyond breaking and way overtired, she remained cheerful and encouraged all around her to keep going. Her heart was always in the right place. In the course of a career, you have to hope that you will be lucky enough to encounter somebody with the competence and character that Barb brought with her every day. I was blessed to work with her and now trust that her faith has carried her home. Rest in peace Barbara.

Brad Rich

Bradford Rich - April 30, 2025 at 10:11 AM

TH

“ I had the privilege of meeting Barbara while working with her at USAA. She was an amazing human being that showed endless grace, humility and compassion. I have no doubt that she is in the Lord's presence, as she lived such an honorable and faithful life.

Tim Handren - April 29, 2025 at 05:53 PM