



## Vivian Barbara Semian

December 29, 1933 - January 13, 2024

Vivian Semian, 90, of Fort Mill, SC, passed away at her new home at Terra Bella Assisted Living Community in Mooresville, NC.

Vivian was born on December 29, 1933, in Blakley, PA, daughter to the late Aurelia (Mazzacco) and Alfonso Pazzaglia. She received her Associates degree from Keystone College. She was married to her best friend and love of her life, Michael Semian for 64 years at the time of his passing in 2022. Before moving to Fort Mill 10 years ago, Vivian and Mike lived in Syracuse, NY, Lexington, KY, Pittsburgh, PA and Clifton Park, NY.

Vivian was first and foremost a proud mother and homemaker for 20 years raising her two children. However, she would never leave her time idle. She was an executive assistant for the Director of the General Electric Apprenticeship program in Syracuse when she was first married. After raising her children, she returned to the workforce as a nursery schoolteacher, which she found very rewarding. She had a special place in her heart for every child she ever met. After that, she did various office work until it started getting in her way of playing golf. Vivian was an avid golfer and bowler but loved attending all different types of sporting events, especially watching the horses run at Saratoga Racetrack. Vivian was the recipient of the "Pinnacle Going the Distance Award" in 2013 recognized for her 25 years of charity work co-chairing an annual golf tournament along her husband to benefit the American Cancer Society in Saratoga Springs. She also ran a smaller golf tournament to benefit "Rally for the Cure" to support breast cancer research. Ahead of her

love of golf was always her love of family gatherings. She would often host holiday celebrations and special occasions bringing her extended family or friends together whenever possible. In the last 10 years, Vivian made several close friends at her Sun City home and thoroughly enjoyed all types of social activities with all of them. Vivian was a parishioner of her local catholic churches wherever she lived, with her most recent being Saint Philip Neri Church in Fort Mill, SC.

Survivors include daughter Lisa and husband Gary Schmitt of Mooresville, NC and son David and wife Jackie Semian of York, SC. Also survived by brother Rinaldo and wife Carol Pazzaglia, her sister Linda and husband John Sheehan as well as 8 nieces and nephews. Vivian was predeceased by her sisters Delores Ploskonka and Jean Tarolli.

Services will be private for the immediate family.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to be sent to VIA Health Partners, the Hospice & Palliative Care of Lake Norman chapter at [giving@viahp.org](mailto:giving@viahp.org) or The Shriners Hospital for Children, 2900 N. Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607-1435. Correspondence for the family can be sent to Lisa Schmitt's attention at PO Box 5181, Statesville, NC 28687.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville is proudly serving the Semian family.

# Cemetery Details

## **Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory**

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall

KS

“ So sorry for your loss Lisa. Sending lots of prayers and healing for the days to come.



Ky Shore - January 19, 2024 at 09:35 AM

JD

“ Saying good bye is one of the hardest tasks in life. Letting go of friends or family leaves a terrible void. So memories become our source of consolation.

*Viv was a special neighbor-one who loved to come and sit on my front porch with Di and me and enjoy laughs, conversation and sunshine. She loved to play all kinds of games and she could tease and joke with the best!*

*Viv was a strong person in her determination to find her way thru any problem and in her need to remain independent. She touched our lives with joy when we were together.*

*To us, she was more than a good friend and we are forever thankful for this friendship.*

*Till we meet again Viv....Love ya.....Joyce and Diane*

Joyce A DeKarske - January 18, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Vivian Barbara Semian.



January 16, 2024 at 04:35 PM

BH

“ Brandon Humphries planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vivian Barbara Semian.

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**Brandon Humphries** - January 16, 2024 at 04:35 PM

CM

“ I had the privilege and blessing of having Vivian as best friend for 60 plus years. So many memories! She was the bright spot in my life. One of our fun times [there were hundreds] was driving up to Saratoga before race time, and trying on the beautiful expensive hats that the "race ladies" would wear. We nearly fell down laughing! I feel "empty" without her. That emptiness will never be filled. Thank you, dear friend that I was part of you and Mike's life. I love you my friend. I send deepest sympathy to Lisa and David and family. You were her greatest Joy! Much Love....Carole Mann

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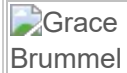
**Carole Mann** - January 16, 2024 at 02:20 PM

FM

“ I miss my friend and neighbor so very much. We played cards/games twice a week and her sense of humor was very much in evidence during our sessions. Thank you Vivian, my dear friend, for all the fun times we had during the short time that I was privileged to have known you.  
To your family, I send my deepest sympathies on the loss of your sweet Mom.  
With love and hugs,  
Fran McKenna

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**Frances A McKenna** - January 16, 2024 at 11:16 AM

 Grace  
Brummel

“ *Vivian was a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day. Her smile could lift your mood instantly. She was a great neighbor. Both she and her husband, Mike, contributed to the neighborhood, had an eye out for our welfare and enriched our lives. There is a void that we will feel for quite a while.*  
*Grace Brummel*

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**Grace Brummel** - January 16, 2024 at 10:54 AM

JR

“ *She was always kind to me and was easy to make laugh. She came with Jackie to a dance and we sat together. She was very impressed with Jackie's dancing and smiled the whole time. I enjoyed spending that time with her. She was a great listener and open to speak on different variety of topics. May God rest her soul She is now at peace with her husband she was with more than half her life! Prayers to her family.*

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**Janet ROBERTS** - January 15, 2024 at 06:07 AM