



Al Driscoll *not* wearing his trademark ATTU hat.

lina, and Monterey, California. Ann joined two birding trips — to Puerto Rico (2002) and Belize (March 2005) where she was able to study wild orchids and other tropical plants in their native habitat.

At this point, I digress to the *USCG LORSTA-ATTU* hat that Al always wore. It was a rare event to see Al without *the hat*. I looked through at least a hundred photos of Al on birding trips and found a scant

## Barbara Granger Jaffe

### 1942–2021

In 2014, not long after I joined the DVOC, I received an email from Dr. Barbara Granger, Associate Editor of *Cassinia*, offering “many thanks for stepping forward to help with the editing” of the new issue (vol. 74/75). That email marked the beginning of a genuine friendship of six years, during which we collaborated to produce two more issues (vols. 76 and 77). Barbara also became a trusted mentor and writing coach, informally reviewing some of my manuscripts before I submitted them for publication. She was a wealth of knowledge, had an eagle’s eye, and a knack for eradi-

few where he was not wearing *the hat*. Sometimes he took it off at meals; other times he did not.

Presumably, Al took *the hat* off for showers but who knows because he certainly wore it in the hot tub he constructed on Attu. How many ATTU hats did Al own? Were they ever washed? How did they last so long? All legitimate yet unanswered questions. Finally, look at the photo below taken in 2009 at Salt Creek Falls, Oregon — a rarity rivaling many of the birds on Al’s North American List and perhaps one of a kind. Blasphemy! Al in a different hat, tan not blue; on closer inspection a DVOC hat. Yikes! Can Armageddon be far off?

Al, thanks for the memories and years of friendship and generosity that you gave freely to all who were fortunate enough to know you. One could ask no more.

**Donald Jones**  
Southampton, NJ

*Editor’s note:* We were saddened to learn that Donald Jones passed away on Thursday, November 24, 2022, as this volume of *Cassinia* was being prepared for printing. His obituary will appear in the next volume of *Cassinia*.

cating unnecessary commas. “I am but an editor/consultant in your life and you can take my guidance or not,” she wrote after one critique, “I just give you my best based on my own experiences.”

Barbara was not one to boast, but her experiences were extensive and included dozens of research-based publications and presentations, and more than a decade on the Editorial Board of *Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal*. She was born on August 9, 1942 in Brockton, Massachusetts, and relocated to the Phila-

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delphia area soon after high school. Barbara earned a bachelor's degree in Social Science and Women's Studies in 1972, and a master's degree in City Planning in 1974, both from the University of Pennsylvania. Her passion for learning began early in life and she never lost it.

In 1978, she married Robert Jaffe, who was her constant companion in life. When she mentioned Robert in our conversations, which was often, Barbara would sparkle. It was beautiful to see how much she loved him and the family they created. Once, in February 2018, a few days before I was scheduled to give a talk about my research, Barbara reached out to me with an (unnecessary) apology: "Hi Matt ... I'll miss your presentation as I've got a hot valentine's date with my sweetheart of 40+ years." Barbara and Robert raised their daughter, Nicole, in Germantown and northeast

Philadelphia, and Nicole's children, Laith and Zayd, were the pride and joy of Barbara's final years.

From 1985 to 2008, Barbara worked at Triad Associates, Matrix Research Institute, and the Matrix Center at Horizon House, and taught courses at Bryn Mawr College and La Salle, Temple, and Antioch Universities. Somehow, she also found time to complete a doctorate in Social Work & Social Research at Bryn Mawr College, with a dissertation entitled "Process and Participation in Needs Assessment: Approaches to Defining the Housing Needs of People with Physical Disabilities" (1997). In 2009, she joined the DVOC and soon became a Life Member and Fellow, in recognition of her service as Chair of the Banquet Committee and Associate Editor of *Cassinia*.

Her emails were written in a charming stream of consciousness, punctuated more often with ellipses (...) than periods. This was true even in her final days, when she reached out to family and friends with sad news of her cancer diagnosis. Even then, she was thinking about her loved ones — all the people who had touched her over the years, and who she had touched. "Dear Matt," she wrote in September 2020, "please know that the time we shared together was much appreciated and that I have enjoyed being part of your life through DVOC. You are a kind and loving person and I wish you a long healthy life full of love. [This is] not a happy time, but [I am grateful for] the time to reach out and touch those who have enriched my life in some precious way." The same day, in an email informing DVOC officers that she was stepping down from her various roles, Barbara wrote: "... each day I contemplate all of the wonderful people who have shared their lives with me and enriched my presence on this fragile planet."

Our friend, Barbara Granger, passed away on February 6, 2021 at the age of 78.

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