

DON'T TELL BARBARA I'M DEAD!

Sinatra widow's first hubby makes bizarre last request

THE long-suffering first husband of Ol' Blue Eyes' widow Barbara Sinatra has died - and he fired a bitter farewell shot from the grave at the woman who broke his heart, sources reveal.

Robert Oliver, who was married to Barbara in the '40s, left strict instructions that neither she nor their son Bob Jr. be told that he had died!

"When Robert learned he was terminally ill, I asked him if he wanted me to tell Barbara and Bob Jr.," reveals a close



Barbara Sinatra

friend. "He said, 'Absolutely not, I don't want them to know,' and he made me promise not to call them.

"Robert was adamant about them never again being a part of his life. For that reason, he chose to be cremated without a funeral or memorial service. He couldn't stand the thought of Barbara or Bob Jr. showing up."

Oliver was 21 when he tied the knot with 19-year-old southern California beauty queen Barbara in 1947. After

Bob Jr. came along, they divorced and he was devastated when Barbara moved to Las Vegas to become a showgirl.

She was 32 when she wed wealthy 58-year-old Zeppo Marx in 1959 and her son took Marx's name. Barbara and Zeppo divorced in 1973 and she married Frank Sinatra in 1976.

Meanwhile, Robert remarried, and Sylvia, his wife of 20 years, was by his side when he died at age 76 at Long Beach Memorial Hospital.

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