



## Barbara Ann Cashman

November 16, 1924 - December 4, 2021

Cashman, Barbara Ann (nee Sensenbrenner) Age 97 passed away peacefully on December 4, 2021. Barbara was born on November 16, 1924, in Menasha, WI, to Rudolph M. and Barbara A. Sensenbrenner as the sixth of seven children. She graduated as valedictorian in 1942. She then boarded a train with a single suitcase and headed for the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, where she started a new life. She graduated with a nursing degree in 1946, having chosen that path based on the recommendation of the girl in front of her in the registration line. Barbara assumed tremendous responsibility at a young age at the University Hospital, before she was swept off her feet by Charles Cashman, a returning veteran driving a convertible. They wed on April 3, 1948, and after moves to Duluth, MN, and Charles City, IA, settled in Owatonna, MN, and focused on their growing family. There was a new sibling on the way every year and a half, eventually totaling ten: Charles, Peter, Ann, Martha, Kristin, Matthew, Sarah, Michael, Noah and Mia. Barbara became a true super mom. She had an extraordinary ability to connect spiritually with her children, and everyone she met, and make each feel special. Thank goodness for the big clan. Led by Barbara they had countless adventures that made for a lifetime of wonderful memories. Barbara had a knack for attracting dear friends with her sincerity, warmth and humor. Everyone wanted to hang out at the Cashman home at 342 East Pearl Street. After launching her kids into adulthood, Barbara went back to school, obtained a second degree from the University of Minnesota in 1976, moved to Burnsville, MN in 1983 and thoroughly enjoyed a long encore career as a family chemical dependency counselor from 1976-1994. Barbara applied her keen understanding of people and saved families in crisis. Her life saving skills were no surprise to her own children or many friends, and she made many more lifelong friends in the process. Barbara relished being a grandmother, doting on her many grandchildren. She became "Mamoo" to them, a nickname she embraced even though she never understood how it originated. Barbara moved to Scottsdale, AZ, in 1998 to enjoy the sunshine and many friends who had made the move earlier. Of course, she made many more friends there. She met Frank Bradshaw, on the plane of all places, and they became partners until Frank passed away. In Arizona, Barbara focused on perhaps her two greatest passions after her family and friends: shopping and gardening. Her garden became a spiritual haven. Her shopping - well,

Barbara was always a very classy fashionista and that never changed! In 2018, Barbara moved back to Edina, MN, where she continued making those she touched feel loved and special. She had the time and pleasure to spend time with all her children, grandchildren and friends. Barbara was as loving and full of wisdom as ever! She even made special relationships with her caregivers, who were wonderful to Barbara in her last months. Barbara was a truly special person, whose love and kindness personally touched anyone who knew her. She will be missed dearly. Survivors include her children Charles (Donna) of Virginia Beach, VA; Ann Neuenfeldt of Scottsdale, AZ; Kristin Cashman of Minneapolis, MN; Matthew (Karen) Cashman of Elko; Michael (CJ) Cashman of Edina; Noah (Paula) Cashman of Northfield; Mia (Paul) Reavis of Benson, AZ; her grandchildren Jesse (Elisha) Gallagher; Nick and Gigi Neuenfeldt; Kimesha (Charles) Winn-Miles; Peter (Emily) Winn; Andrew, Eleanor, Grace, Hugh, Caroline and Evan Cashman; Sam, Abe & Zoe Henson; and her great grandchildren Anna Gallagher; Maroun Henry and Windsor-Rhiannon Miles; and Rowan and Brixton Winn. She was preceded in death by all of her siblings, Charles E. Cashman, her son Peter and daughters Martha Cashman and Sarah Henson, her grandson Max Henson, her great grandson Charles Miles IV and partner Frank Bradshaw. Visitation at 4 p.m. followed by memorial service at 5 p.m. and then dinner, Tuesday, December 28th at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 West 50th Street, Edina, MN 55436. Live stream of the memorial service located at [Washburn-McReavy.com](http://Washburn-McReavy.com), search for Barbara's obituary & click on photo/video tab to view. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel (952)920-3996

# Events

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**DEC 28**    **Visitation**            04:00PM - 05:00PM

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Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100, Edina, MN, US, 55436

**DEC 28**    **Chapel Service**            05:00PM - 06:00PM

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**DEC 28**    **Reception**                06:00PM - 07:00PM

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# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Washburn-McReavy** - December 06, 2021 at 01:34 PM



“ Barbara was a beautiful person in every way possible. She gave birth and raised what can only be described as wonderful, warm, talented, worthy and caring children. She made everyone welcome and part of the family. Like everyone who is blessed with knowing her, I will never forget her generosity of spirit and her readiness to reach out and support in whatever the circumstances. I can truly say I always admired and cherished her humanity. She lives on in her children, grand and great grandchildren and rightly so. Barbara, thanks for welcoming me to your family. Love Charles L Panayides

**Dr. Charles Panayides** - December 21, 2021 at 04:22 PM



“ A beautiful service for beautiful Barb. Thank you all for sharing your heartfelt memories.

**Rosemary Cashman** - December 28, 2021 at 07:33 PM

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“ One of the many things I learned from "Mrs. Cashman" was how to hug, how to REALLY hug. I met Sarah and the Cashman family in 1979. From the first time I was lucky enough to be able to spend time and even eat out with the family, I saw how everyone hugged each other and then I got a hug from Barbara and I knew how it must have all started. Every time I saw her and when I see anyone in her family, I get hugs just like another sister. To this day, I am that kind of hugger. Because of Barbara Cashman. What a woman! Mary Nadeau

**Mary** - December 28, 2021 at 07:48 PM

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“ The Bud and Toots Williams "7" purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Barbara Ann Cashman.



The Bud and Toots Williams "7" - December 26, 2021 at 05:51 PM

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“ Barbara was my Dad's (Leo Zangl) councilor at Lindville. With her help Dad got sober and stayed sober for 32 years. Because of her help my family had a chance to become whole. Thank you. My Barbara rest in peace. Marie Hippert, Owatonna MN.

Marie Hippert - December 18, 2021 at 08:57 PM

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“ As a young boy, I became best friends with Barbara's son, Noah. I quite often “blended in” with the large Cashman clan. No matter if it was at a sit down meal, or playing at the house on Pearl St, or out at the farm. More than once, Barb, had to get me cleaned up, or apply some small medical aid to myself from our rugged boy play.

I was always amazed by the way Barb carried herself and dressed and carried out her day. She always had time to greet me and ask such truly attentive questions.

A ninety-seven year lifespan is an impressive one, but the way she carried it out and affected so many is beyond impressive!

Thank you Barbara, and Cashmans, for always making me feel liked, cared for, and even loved!

Dave Whitchurch

David Whitchurch - December 16, 2021 at 11:13 AM

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“ CJ Cashman is following this tribute.

CJ Cashman - December 12, 2021 at 09:07 PM

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“ I'm so very sorry to hear this news and regret I cannot attend the funeral as I will be out of town. I spent so many childhood days at the Cashman house and will never forget the kindness and generosity that was shared by Barb. My love and prayers to the entire family.  
Nadine Sehnert

**Nadine Sehnert** - December 12, 2021 at 02:17 PM

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“ O my what a precious woman to me ! Aunt Barbara you were so very kind and loving and faithful. Faithful to your children your friends your family and your community. I remember ALL the gifts you gave to me each year as a child growing up.  
A children's bible. ( I still have it and I am 60 years old)  
The wool scarf (yes I still have the scarf)  
The Ruby ring. I lost the Ruby ring in 2012 when someone broke into my home and stole all my jewelry.  
A very large Rosary made from wood! This I had to let go of as the dog chewed it apart .  
A beautiful woman whom I am so grateful that you were my godmother and my friend .  
Thank you Aunt Barbara!  
“I am the resurrection and the Life . The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whomever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” Jesus the Lord ( John 11)  
Meghan Cashman ( Charlotte, NC)

**Meg Cashman** - December 08, 2021 at 10:47 AM



“ Ohhhh, Barbara was one of my very favorites of the Cashman family, and when I was introduced to the Cashman-Clan for the first time in Owatonna in 1972, coming to visit then with my husband and 2 very young children, from Belgium!  
I was very much welcomed by Barbara and Chuck Cashman as a new family-member, and more than that .... Barbara was immediately offering to be my friend, and remained that way for now!  
I loved this wonderful woman, friend....and am so sad about her passing.  
I will always love and never forget you Barbara  
Your friend Antje.....we will meet again!

**Antje Ludwig** - December 12, 2021 at 04:43 PM