



## Barbara Ann Cersine

November 8, 1937 - February 14, 2026

### Barbara Ann (Lawrenson) Cersine

Barbara Cersine, longtime resident of Edina, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on February 14 at the age of 88. Barb was born November 8, 1937, in Fergus Falls, MN to Ernest and Agnes Lawrenson. After graduating from Roosevelt Park High School, Barb attended Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri. She then transferred to St. Cloud State University where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. While at St. Cloud she met her husband and love of her life, Roger Cersine. They married August 22, 1959. Barb taught 3rd grade in North Minneapolis for 4 years until she and Roger decided to start a family. When their kids were grown, Barb decided to return to work and enjoyed working at Korner Plaza, Company's Coming, and Bystrom Brothers.

Barb was a long-time member of Lake Harriet United Methodist Church and a member of the Edina Women's Club. However, it was her membership and involvement in the P.E.O. Sisterhood that gave her so much joy. Barb was a long-time member of Chapter AF. She served as P.E.O. State President from 1996-1997. She also served on the P.E.O. International Board of Trustees for the Educational Loan Fund and on the P.E.O. International Nominating Committee.

Barb enjoyed summers at the family cabin on Burntside Lake in Ely, and her

treasured annual trips with her daughter and granddaughters up to the Ely Blueberry Arts Festival every July. She was an avid reader who enjoyed mystery novels, a devoted watcher of Days of Our Lives, and she enjoyed her weekly jaunt to Panera in Edina to meet her 'posse' - all who came to mean so much to her over the years. Barb had a wonderful circle of friends whom she cherished so much. Most of all, Barb deeply loved her family, especially her two granddaughters who were the absolute joys her life.

Barb was preceded in death by her husband of over 62 years, Roger Cersine, her parents, sisters Juneal Schroeder and Idell Lawrenson, and her beloved dog Bo. She is survived by her son Michael Cersine (Rita), daughter Amy Smith (Jerry), and her precious granddaughters Jeannie Smith (special friend Cris Welch), and Jackie Smith (special friend Sam Guite). In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the P.E.O. Foundation, P.E.O. Chapter AF, or Lake Harriet UMC.

Barbie-Doll, Grandmops, Barbzilla, Mommy-O ... whatever you called her, Barb was a perfect example of kindness, generosity, and how to be a good friend. She was the best wife, mom, and grandma anyone could ever ask for, and we will always 'love her more and most'. A party to celebrate Barb's life will be held at a future date.

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ I had the pleasure and honor of serving with Barb on the Educational Loan Fund Board of Trustees. She was an incredible mentor and dear friend and sister to me. She had a warmth and smile that lit up a room. She was very wise and understanding to me, the "newbie" and knowing her brought me many joys and blessings of a very special friendship. I loved her dearly and will greatly miss her.

*Jane Roth*

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**Jane Roth** - February 26 at 03:08 PM

LB

“ Condolences to the family. I am so sad to hear of the loss of such a lovely lady and kind person. I will always remember her visits to TruStone for an event or to wait for Roger after some meeting. Sometimes she would sit and read in the lobby and it was such a joy to see her, hear what she was up to, and a get a bit of humor. Everyone who knew her is certainly fortunate and better because of it!

*Blessings, Lori Baldwin*

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**Lori Baldwin** - February 20 at 01:05 PM

TF

“ Tricia Bowman Lawson and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara Ann Cersine.



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**Tricia Bowman Lawson and Family** - February 19 at 05:49 PM

MS

“ I was so saddened to hear of Barbara’s passing. For many years, we were part of a group that met regularly for coffee at Panera, and it was there that I truly got to know her. She brought such warmth and wit to our table. Her sense of humor was wonderful, and she added so much to our conversations and to our friendship. It is hard to believe that just three or four weeks ago we were all together, laughing and enjoying our time, and now she is gone. I will truly miss her — especially her thoughtful text messages and the holiday greetings she faithfully sent each year. Those small gestures meant more than she probably knew. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to her daughter and son, and to their families. Barbara will be deeply missed.  
Mary Shields

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**Mary Shields** - February 19 at 11:34 AM

MI

“ Oh Amy, I am so sorry! I adored both your Mom and Dad! They truly helped me feel comfortable when I started my career with TruStone. They made me smile and laugh every time they walked in the door or gave me a call! Your family has a wonderful sense of humor which I appreciate more than you know! Please let me know if you need anything! Hugs! Michelle

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**Michelle** - February 19 at 11:03 AM