



Barbara Lou Erickson

May 8, 1936 - November 7, 2021

Erickson, Barbara L (Carlson)

Age 85 of Roseville, Minnesota passed away peacefully on November 7, 2021.

Barb was born on May 8, 1936 in Duluth, Minnesota to Carl and Eunice Carlson.

Barb was a graduate of Bethel College (University), was active at Central Baptist Church in St. Paul for over 60 years, and spent many years as a nurse's aide in the Roseville school system. She is survived by her beloved husband of 62 years, Rodney Erickson, and three children: Tammie (Dean) Junkans, Todd, and Tim (Kris); four grandchildren: Erin (Carson) King, Daniel (Brooke) Junkans, Katie and Sarah Erickson, and two great grandchildren: Graydon and Cameron King. She is survived by one sister, Charlene Johnson. She is also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Barb's love for God was evident as she served in many ways at Central Baptist Church; directing children's choirs, teaching junior high Sunday School, leading the Central Women's Fellowship, planning many Advent breakfasts, singing in the choir and as a soloist, planning and leading worship, working with Living Grace Ministry, and stepping in to help with whatever was needed. Her singing extended beyond Central, as she was a charter member of the Twin Cities Masters Chorale. Her face radiated joy when she added her beautiful alto voice to any song. She loved music, concerts, musicals, and along with Rod was the biggest fan at any musical event for any of her kids

and grandkids.

Barb loved nature, especially birds. She was most happy outside, whether at home or at the cabin she and Rod owned for 33 years. She loved God's creation and shared that love with her kids and grandkids. Their cabin on Pleasant Lake was a gathering place for extended family, and was wide open for use to those who would not otherwise be able to take a vacation.

Barb was an amazing wife, mom, grandma and great-grandma, and her family loved her dearly. She had a way of making each of us know that we were truly special to her. She had a knack for choosing just the right card and writing the perfect message to express her love. She had a big smile and infectious laugh. People loved to be with Barb.

Barb's legacy of love extended to everyone she knew. As a nurse's aide in the Roseville schools she helped many kids who didn't have a physical injury - they just needed to talk with someone who clearly valued and cared about them. She showed the light and love of Christ through her actions. Barb Erickson was a blessing to all who knew her.

Visitation on November 11th, from 4:00pm - 7:00pm at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home (515 Hwy 96 W, Shoreview). Funeral service November 13, 11:00 am at Central Baptist Church (420 N Roy St, St. Paul) with visitation one hour prior to the service. Internment Roselawn Cemetery on the same day at 3:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Children's Shelter of Cebu, Adulam Ministries (Juan and Laura Salazar), or Central Baptist Church Foundation.

The live stream can be viewed November 13 at 11:00 am at https://www.facebook.com/pg/CentralBaptistChurchSP/videos/?ref=page_internal

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Lou Erickson



December 14, 2023 at 06:22 PM



“ Aunt Barb,
Some of my best memories are getting to go to Minnesota over summer break and going to the cabin and swimming in the lake with family. I appreciate the love you have given me and you will be dearly missed.



Madison Severson - January 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“ I am sorry for your loss but know that your mother/wife/sister is with the Lord and enjoying celebrating in heaven! We do not suffer as those who have no hope, even though our hearts long to join her there! Love you family!

Lily Brown - November 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ We have so many fond memories that we share with Barb and Rod, and of course the kids. Although we have been gone from the Twin Cities for over 35 years, our friendship is as warm and precious as when we first came to know you! One of our stand-out memories is the laughter we shared at a meal at your home many years ago. We digressed into a conversation that had a bunch of chemical reactions concerning some product, and you both laughed that our table conversations were rather unique -- all "those intimate conversations about atoms and molecules that no one else could follow". What a hilarious observation! We send our love and greetings to Barb's family; we rejoice with you as you are assured of her joy, now in the presence of her Savior and Lord.
Chris and Barb Lundberg

Chris and Barb Lundberg - November 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ The word that best characterizes Barb Erickson in our minds is "faithful."

Barb was steadfast in love, affection, and devotion to her family, her friends, her faith community, and the organizations, including the Twin Cities Master's Chorale (formerly Cantati Evangelica) to which she committed her musical talent; she was loyal. She adhered to her promises, observing her duty to fulfill them; she was conscientious. Whatever service she gave she provided to others with cheerfulness and with the assurance that her promises would be fulfilled; her promises were binding. She also lived her life true to her Christian commitment as a believer and follower of Jesus Christ.

Barb was also "full of faith." She possessed firm belief, assurance, conviction, and confidence in her hope and trust in the risen Christ, her Lord and Savior. As his faithful servant, she has "entered into the joy of the Lord," and awaits resurrection to life eternal with Him in the new heaven and the new earth.

John and Evonne Halvorsen

John and Evonne Halvorsen - November 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

HK

“ Praying for you and your family as you mourn the loss of a woman who has clearly touched so many. Grieve well and know that you are loved and cared for by me and so many others, especially during this difficult time.



Harvey Kern - November 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Thinking of you today, Rod and family. Sorry for you loss. I'm thankful for the times you came to visit as it was special. Love, Cuz Lillian

Lillian Nelson - November 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Kris, Tim, Sarah and Katie; I'm so sorry for your loss. Barb was a special lady and I'm sure you will miss her.

Sue Anderson - November 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ For your longstanding Pleasant Lake Association support and membership, \$50.00 has been donated to Abdullah Ministries in your honor.

Kathy Petersen (Membership Director)

Pleasant Lake Association - November 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ We can see that you come by your love and service comes from. You had a godly mother who modeled this.

We are sorry for your loss. We pray that you sense God's loving comfort in the days ahead. We are sure you were a real jewel to your mom!

*Sending our love and prayers,
Linda & Duane Perry*

Duane & Linda Perry - November 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Barb Erickson played a significant role in the lives of our family for many years. Her delightful spirit, reflecting her love of God and others, had a major influence on both of our daughters as well as us. This began in Central Baptist Church's children's programs when our daughters were young through her involvement in their weddings many years later. It also included her musical contributions at church services and related events as well as deep engagement in our growth group readings and discussions spanning numerous books and years. Finally, she has remained a steadfast supporter of the important work done by Adulam Ministries in Juarez, Mexico.

She lived so well the guidance from 1 John 4:11: "Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another."

Beth and Barry Sullivan

Beth and Barry Sullivan - November 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Peace be with you and your family Todd..



Patrykus John - November 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *Barb was my children's choir director and Jr. High Sunday School teacher. She's the one who first gave me a big role as "Goliath" in "David and His Hot-Shot Slingshot."*

I, along with countless children in the Twin Cities, owe a great debt of gratitude to the hours of time she invested into our lives. I'm blessed to have known her and the wonderful family she lead.

Praise God that she has received her eternal reward!

John 11:25 Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life.

Brad Klostreich - November 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *My condolences to the entire Erickson family during this most difficult time as you mourn the loss of Barb. May God richly bless you and give you His peace.*



Dan Leggett - November 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ *My deepest sympathies to all of the Erickson family for the loss of your precious Barb. My prayers are with you all of you.*

Dara Northfield - November 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Barb was a genuine delight! She always took time to say hi and ask about my son, even at the grocery store. This obituary says it all- that smiling face was a welcome site! Sincere condolences to all. She will be missed. God's kingdom has welcomed a special soul.*

Judy Morneau - November 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ *Barb will be greatly missed. She was a blessing to everyone who knew her.*

Terry Johnson - November 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *You will be missed by so many. You are a much Loved woman*



Cathy Lecy - November 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Barb was certainly a bright light, shining wherever she went - full of joy, words of encouragement and wisdom! I am blessed to have known her. May God's comfort enfold all her dear family members.*
Ruth

Ruth Conard - November 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ *So sad to hear of Barb's passing. Julie and I have often remarked that she was among the most positive people we've excerpted know. Please know of our prayers for your family as you make your way through...*
With much fondness,
Will

Will Healy - November 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of this beautiful woman! Heaven has gained a great addition to the heavenly choirs.
Praying for peace and comfort in this time of sorrow for the whole family and all the many people who call her friend.*

💔💔 Much love,
Theresa Martinson



Theresa Martinson - November 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM