



Barb McNeely

March 18, 1951 - July 30, 2020

McNeely, Barbara Ann Cunningham Stensgaard Barb was born on March 18, 1951 in Minneapolis, MN and went to be with the Lord on July 30, 2020 after a stroke. She is preceded in death by father, Harry Martin Cunningham; mother, Ruth Dorothy Lindquist; stepfather, Harold Boyer; and first husband, Roger Stanley Stensgaard. She is survived by husband, Douglas Crawford McNeely; stepson, Sean McNeely; stepdaughter, Lea McNeely Pickford, son-in-law Scott Pickford, grandsons Caleb Pickford and Milo Pickford, granddaughter Alana Pickford; brother, Gary Cunningham (wife Beverly); Godchildren, Matthew Cunningham, Megan Cunningham Giersdorf, Shannon Cunningham and Kyndall Krog; and many nieces and nephews. Barb grew up in South Minneapolis and attended Minneapolis Central High School. She worked at Methodist Nursing Home during high school and while attending Metropolitan State College. She started working for LaBelle's Catalog Showroom for 21 years after which time it was acquired by Best Products out of Richmond, VA. Barb had a career in Information Technology, programming, telecommunication and quality control. Her next employment was Best Buy in IT starting the new Quality Control Department where she would verify and validate all new computer applications. She remained at Best Buy/Accenture for 22 years. In 2008, Barb started working with Doug as partner Collateral Auditor for McNeely Financial Services, Inc for 11 years. She recently retired at the end of 2019. Barb would love to spend time with all her grandchildren, nieces and nephews and she would seem to make all children part of her life.

She felt that it takes a village to raise children and she was apart of it. She would always try to attend all programs, concerts, debates, games and special days for her grandchildren. Being a part of their lives was number 1. She also enjoyed volunteering at Methodist Hospital/Park Nicollet clinic for 6 years and was a member of Mended Hearts and Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) of Minnesota. Being a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church was extremely important to Barb and her wish is for memorials to be given to Bethlehem in her memory. Barb wishes for you not to mourn for her, but to celebrate all of the years you were together and looks forward to seeing all of you in heaven. Public visitation will be held at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel from 4-7pm on Friday, August 7, 2020. Per invitation only, Private Celebration of Life will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (BLCTC) Minneapolis campus, 4100 South Lyndale Avenue, Minneapolis, MN at 11am Saturday August 8, 2020. The Celebration of Life will be live streamed on the church's website. Everyone is invited to the burial to follow at Acacia Park Cemetery, 2151 Pilot Know Road, Mendota Heights, MN at 12:30 pm. The graveside service will be live streamed on Washburn-McReavy's website. Masks required at all events and outside if not able to distance. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436
(952) 920-3996
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Graveside Service

AUG 8. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Acacia Park Cemetery
2151 Pilot Knob Road
Mendota Heights, MN 55120

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Webcast in memory of Barb McNeely



Washburn-McReavy - August 08, 2020 at 10:36 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Barb McNeely.



August 07, 2020 at 04:24 PM

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“ When I started at Best Buy, I watched Barb spend most of her days traveling from building to building for meetings. After three months of working there, I started saying to her at least twice a week, “Barb, you need help with your work” not a question but a statement. With her friendly smile she would reply. “I can handle the work, Myra”. After a year and half, I think I wore her down 😊, but her workload had expanded that she really needed help.

I was finally assigned to help Barb part-time and as her projects grew, I started working with her full-time. Not only did Barb share her knowledge about the company and the job responsibility, she shared her kindness, her family, and her love.

When Barb told me that she was retiring from Best Buy, I cried, because I would miss our 6:30 AM coffee talk, tasks for that day or the week, her bowling and golfing events. Her telling me that I have the knowledge to do the work. Most importantly, hearing the joy in her voice when she talked about her family.

Myra Grady - August 07, 2020 at 11:53 AM

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Thank you so much for all you did with Barb. Thank you also for your kindness, love and having us over at your home to share time with your whole family. We truly loved that young lady. May God Bless You and your wonderful family. All My Love, Doug

Douglas McNeely - August 09, 2020 at 10:00 AM

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“ Myra Grady and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Barb McNeely.



Myra Grady and Family - August 07, 2020 at 11:14 AM