



Barbara Joan Nellermoe

January 12, 1944 - November 14, 2025

Medina, MN - Nellermoe, Barbara (Hanson)

A bright light has stopped shining on this Earth. Barbara passed away peacefully on November 14, 2025, at home in Medina, MN after a courageous 14-month journey with Stage IV pancreatic cancer. Barbara was 81. She was preceded in death by her parents and many dear family members.

After finishing her first career as an educator, Barbara graduated from St. Mary's University School of Law in 1983 and was admitted to practice before the US District Court for the Western District of Texas, the 5th Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court. Barbara served for 12 years as a civil court judge for the 45th District Court in San Antonio, Texas. Barbara continued as a senior visiting judge until fully retiring and moving to Minnesota in 2020. Prior to taking the bench, Barbara worked as the staff attorney to the 4th Court of Appeals in TX, and a corporate litigation attorney in private practice.

Prior to moving to Texas, Barbara taught American History and Women's History at Waldorf College (Forest City, IA); she was a secondary history teacher and elementary school teacher in Iowa, Minnesota and Oregon in her early post-college years.

Barbara received her JD in law at St. Mary's University, San Antonio, TX (1983); an MA in history and sociology at MN State University, Mankato, MN (1976); and BS in education at Concordia College, Moorhead, MN (1965) where she sang in the concert choir.

Barbara is survived by her loving and supportive husband of 60 years, John; her daughter Sara Nellermoe and her husband Steve Clement; grandson John Lawrence, brother Douglas Hanson and many wonderful nieces, nephews, cousins, all their children and dear friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests gifts be made to: The Judge Barbara Hanson Nellermoe Law Scholarship at St. Mary's University School of Law (San Antonio, TX); Concordia College (Moorhead, MN); Oaks Indian Mission (Oaks, OK); Texas Lutheran University, (Seguin, TX); or the charity of your choice.

A Celebration of Life will be held in both Minnesota and Texas at later dates.