



Barbara Joan Parrish

January 21, 1933 - July 28, 2024

Barbara J. Parrish passed from this life into the presence of her Lord and Savior on Sunday, July 28, 2024 at the age of 91 years.

Barbara Joan (Higginbotham) Parrish (and her twin sister, Betty Semenyina) were born on January 21, 1933 to Edward and Gertrude Higginbotham. A younger brother, Ronald, followed a few years later. She grew up in Camden, New Jersey, where she met her husband of 69 years, Curtis A. Parrish, in elementary school. They waited until they graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School to get married on October 20, 1951. They were blessed with four sons, born within six years. Barbara's boys kept her happily busy at home, and she had plenty of stories to tell about those days.

In 1969, Curt's job transferred them to Bloomington, Minnesota. The whole family was thrilled to be out of the city and living near so many lakes, wide open spaces, and fresh air. Barbara thoroughly enjoyed their many visits to the North Shore of Lake Superior, and family camping trips in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area were among her favorite memories.

After raising their four sons, Barbara and Curt were blessed with six granddaughters and one grandson. They all lived nearby, and Barbara started many traditions with them, such as coloring Easter eggs, Christmas crafts, and visits to the Nature Center.

Barbara had a wide variety of interests and was always eager to learn. She will be especially remembered for her love for nature, crafts, gardening, flowers, creative writing, classical and gospel music, travel, her pet cats, biology, Hebrew studies, End Times prophecy, as well as for her special holiday baking traditions, her prayers for her family, and for never coloring her dark hair.

Faith in Jesus Christ was central to Barbara's life. She experienced the love and forgiveness of Jesus at a young age, and she was always eager to share her faith with others so that they might experience it, too.

Waiting for her in heaven were her husband, Curt, her parents, twin sister, her brother, and many other dear extended family members.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law: David (Cindy) Parrish; Stephen Parrish; James (Ann) Parrish; and Robert (Caryn) Parrish, Grandchildren: Melissa Parrish: Amy (Matt) Sederstrom; Joni (Luke) Mockler; Lisa (Edwin) Hahn; Daniel (Lauren) Parrish; Jenni (Ross) Fettig; and Renae (Benjamin Cassidy) Rentz. Great- Grandchildren: Violet, Zachary, Everett, Audrey, Summer, Tate, Caleb, and Wilder.

A family service is being planned.

Tribute Wall



“ *I will always remember Mrs Parrish as a wonderful neighbor. Along with the other Mom's in the neighborhood, she watched over all the kids . I am grateful we stayed in touch after her family moved away and always looked forward to her yearly Christmas letters. Love and hugs to her family. Pat Lynch Weber*

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