



Barbara Jean Perry

April 2, 1957 - November 25, 2024

Barbara Jean Perry, age 67 of Vadnais Heights, passed away on Monday, November 25, 2024.

Loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister, and Friend. Preceded in death by her father and mother, Harvey and Gladys Hartung, her sister Sandy Hartung, and her mother-in-law Freddie Perry. Survived by her devoted husband of 45 years, Steve; her daughters Kristen Perry and Erin Edge; sons-in-law Colin Hall and Jon Edge; grandchildren Bennett, Parker, Logan, and Nora; siblings Joe (Vicky) Hartung, Patty (Rob) Dowd, Bill (Dannell) Hartung, Mark (Debbie) Hartung, and Mary (Dean) Grundstrom; additional family members and dear friends.

Barb was the eldest of seven children born to Gladys and Harvey Hartung of Brooklyn Center, MN. As a young girl, she was an avid reader, musical, athletic, and studious. She met Steve at Park Center High School in 10th grade biology - they started dating in 1973 and were married in 1979. She began her professional career as a medical assistant and later became a Registered Nurse. Barb was proud to be a nurse and worked in the Emergency Room of Unity Hospital in Fridley, MN for many years.

Barb's greatest love was her family. She epitomized what it meant to be an 'eldest sister.' Her greatest pleasure was to be a mother to Kristen and Erin,

cultivating their confidence, individualism, competitive spirit, and curiosity. You could often find her cheering on her daughters at their soccer games, volunteering at their schools, or teaching catechism at St. Odilia. She was equally as fond of her grandchildren and was never more at peace than when she was holding a baby. Barb loved gardening, camping in the BWCA, and sailing on White Bear Lake. She had a great passion for planning family vacations and cooking (and eating!) desserts. Barb shared Steve's love of music, specifically Elton John, and adored her miniature golden doodle, Cooper.

Her children and grandchildren will carry on her love for nature, especially the North Shore, and the importance of a heartfelt inscription tucked inside a card or a book.

While disease took Barb from us far too early, her legacy will carry on eternally through the love she had and shared with those she held dear.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11am on Wednesday, December 4th at St. Odilia Catholic Church in Shoreview with visitation for all family and friends one hour prior to Mass. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the Brain Research Foundation at www.thebrf.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Odilia Catholic Church
3495 Victoria Street N.
Shoreview, MN 55126

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Odilia Catholic Church
3495 Victoria Street N.
Shoreview, MN 55126

Reception

DEC 4. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Odilia Catholic Church
3495 Victoria Street N.
Shoreview, MN 55126

Tribute Wall

PS

“ Steve, our condolences to you and your family for the loss of Barb.
Pete & Lisa Stopfer.

Pete Stopfer - December 06, 2024 at 01:12 PM

JK

“ Barb & I became fast friends in 5th grade while attending St Alphonsus Catholic School in Brooklyn Center & have always remained great friends. Can't tell you how many sleepovers we had or how many times we practiced our cartwheels in the Hartungs front yard. We thought the fact that Barbs dad loved Limburger cheese was unbelievable & used to recoil every time we'd see it in the refrigerator!!

We loved the show "Lancer" & as I recall one Johnny Lancer was our favorite crush! (actor James Stacey) I moved away shortly afterward.. but our friendship never waivered.

I'll miss you Barb Perry! Know that you will always hold a special place in my heart❤️

Johnny Lancer forever!!

Xxx

Judy

Judy Korzenowski - December 03, 2024 at 07:39 PM

AS

“ I met Barb at Park Center. There were a group Of us that stayed friends all thru and sometime after high school. Barb and I always joked that we were cousins because my mom's maiden name is Hartung. Rest in peace Barb. Prayers and blessings to Steve and the family.

Ann (Sawyer) Schlegelmilch - December 03, 2024 at 05:09 PM

PH

“ *Barb was one of my best friends in high school. Sadly we lost touch over the years. I was hoping to see her at our next class reunion. My deepest sympathy to Steve and all of Barb’s family.*

Pam (Sheehan) Hegarty - December 03, 2024 at 01:43 AM

PD

“ *Patty & Rob Dowd purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Barbara Jean Perry.*



Patty & Rob Dowd - December 02, 2024 at 10:29 PM

NK

“ *Nicole K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Jean Perry.*

Nicole K. - December 02, 2024 at 07:47 PM

HD

“ *Heather Darke lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Perry*



Heather Darke - December 02, 2024 at 05:31 PM

MP

“ Mike and April Pinder purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Barbara Jean Perry.



Mike and April Pinder - December 02, 2024 at 02:25 PM

MP

“ Mike and April Pinder planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Jean Perry.

Mike and April Pinder - December 02, 2024 at 02:25 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Perry.



December 02, 2024 at 02:23 PM

AP

“ April P. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Jean Perry.

April P. - December 02, 2024 at 02:15 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Perry.*



December 02, 2024 at 01:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara Jean Perry.

December 02, 2024 at 01:32 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Perry.*



December 02, 2024 at 11:12 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara Jean Perry.

December 02, 2024 at 11:12 AM



“ *Hartung Brothers purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Barbara Jean Perry.*



Hartung Brothers - December 02, 2024 at 10:54 AM

TF

“ *The Perry and Thiebault Families purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Barbara Jean Perry.*



The Perry and Thiebault Families - December 02, 2024 at 08:31 AM

TF

“ *The Perry and Thiebault Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Jean Perry.*

The Perry and Thiebault Families - December 02, 2024 at 08:31 AM

TD

“ *Steve and family I am so sorry you lost Barb I only have great memories of our friendship. My heart goes out to your family. I am unable to attend funeral but your family are in my prayers. Love Terri and Jerry Dudley*

Terri Dudley - December 01, 2024 at 10:03 AM

TP

“ *Kristen, I'm so sorry for the loss of your mother. Sending a warm hug and lifting you and your family in prayer. - Terri Price*

Terri Price - November 30, 2024 at 07:35 PM

TF

“ *The Hartung Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Barbara Jean Perry.*



The Hartung Family - November 30, 2024 at 10:46 AM

AD

“ *Kristen and family I am so sorry to hear the news of your mother's passing. Holding you in my thoughts.*

Abby Dawes - November 29, 2024 at 05:31 PM

BB

“ *Kristen and family you have my deepest condolences and are in my thoughts and prayers. -Bryan Bolton*

Bryan Bolton - November 29, 2024 at 05:13 PM