



Barbara Lois Thotland

February 19, 1946 - December 4, 2025

Barbara Thotland passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 4th, 2025, at her residence in Burnsville, MN.

Born in Minneapolis to Wally and Lois Goulet, Barbara had a full and interesting life. She led a varied career which led her finally to school-aged care where she could really put her heart into her work. She also took on many hobbies and activities including stage acting, ice skating, photography, bird watching, wood carving, gardening and clowning- including adopting the persona of Rainbow the Clown. Barbara has always stayed young at heart, often playing with children and joking with family and friends. She spent much of her life connecting with family and friends; visiting, going to shows, games and recitals, family reunions and much more. She was loved by all and will be deeply missed.

Preceded by:

Parents Wallace and Lois Goulet, brother Lee Goulet, sister Reneé Graffi, bother-in-law Tom Martinez, stepdaughter Annette Morgan, grandson Tony Morgan, sons-in-law Art Thrune, Joel Carlson and Sam Morgan, ex-husband Dick Thotland.

Survived by:

Sister Rita Martinez, son Jeromy Thotland (Andrea Grant), sister-in-law

Marriane Goulet, stepdaughter Lynn Carlson, stepsons Tim and Todd Thotland, grandchildren Alice and Qwynn Thotland, Tricia (Kelvin) Gobardhan, Vanessa (Paul) Richards, Amanda (Derek) Morgan, Tim (Jessica) Dropik, many greatgrandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

While flowers are accepted, in lieu of flowers please consider making donations to the Kids in Need Foundation <https://www.kinf.org/donate>

or Hospitality House Youth Development <https://hhyd.org/donate/>

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

DEC **14**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Barbara Lois Thotland.*



December 12, 2025 at 09:10 PM



“ *From your son's friend planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Lois Thotland.*

From your son's friend - December 12, 2025 at 09:10 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Lois Thotland.*



December 11, 2025 at 09:55 AM



“ *The CMRR Engineering Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Lois Thotland.*

The CMRR Engineering Group - December 11, 2025 at 09:55 AM

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“ *Love, Paige purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Barbara Lois Thotland.*



Love, Paige - December 09, 2025 at 06:56 PM