



Barbara Margaret Whitlock

June 22, 1944 - November 12, 2024

Barbara "Barb" Margaret Whitlock (née Nelson), of Excelsior, MN, formerly of Southwest Minneapolis and Edina, passed away peacefully on November 12, 2024 surrounded by family.

Barb was preceded in death by her parents, Margaret Ann (née Hillesheim) and Nestor Nelson of St. Peter, MN, and by her sister, Marilyn Cavara of Edina. She is survived by her daughters, Sarah Whitlock, Molly Whitlock, Emily (Ben) Nelsen, and Maggie Whitlock (Patrick Winkle); her beloved grandchildren, Maxwell, Amelia, Luciana, and Caroline; her sisters, Jeanne McGill and Carol (Lawrence) Panozzo; nephews, Jason (Julie) Jezek, Justin Jezek, and Lawrence Panozzo; and four grand-dogs.

Born in San Diego, CA, Barb grew up in St. Peter, MN, and graduated from the College of Saint Benedict in 1966 with a degree in elementary education. She went on to touch countless young lives through decades of teaching. Her career took her to classrooms in Minnetonka, MN; San Mateo, CA; Shaker Heights, OH; and Tanglen Elementary in Hopkins, MN, where she taught for many years. After retirement, she remained devoted to education, volunteering in the Richfield Public Schools.

Barb was a vibrant spirit full of creativity, curiosity, and adventurousness. For her 50th birthday, she celebrated by skydiving. She volunteered at the

Sundance Film Festival and journeyed to China, where she offered her time and heart at an orphanage. Barb had a true passion for music, interior design, and history - but what she cherished most was time spent with the people she loved. Her friendships were deep and lasting, and above all else, she was an extraordinary mother: devoted, nurturing, and unforgettable.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 16th at Lakewood Memorial Chapel, 3600 Hennepin Avenue South, with visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will follow immediately in the Lakewood Garden Mausoleum. Interment will take place at Calvary Cemetery in St. Peter, MN, on Saturday, May 17 at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Lakewood Memorial Chapel
3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Barbara Nelson and I shared an apartment in San Mateo, CA in 1969. We were both teachers in Hayword, CA. We marveled that we both grew up in Minnesota. We reconnected years later and have shared visits, phone calls and Christmas cards ever since. Fortunately, my sister notified me of Barb's death today. I feel so fortunate to have known Barb. We always had so much fun when we were together. My condolences to the family she loved. Beth McLaughlin Davison - Satellite Beach, Florida*

Beth Davison - May 12, 2025 at 11:47 AM

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“ *I remember our junior year at St. Ben's. Rosie Shimek, Colette Linnihan and myself shared a triple room next to Barb, Patty Leonard and Eileen Sullivan. We had many laughs and good times and late nights! Many good memories!! Barb will be missed by everyone who knew her. Rest in peace. 🙏*

Judy Baker Gillham - May 07, 2025 at 07:09 PM