



Barbara Ann Swenson

June 20, 1950 - October 16, 2015

Barbara Ann Swenson, age 65, passed away on October 16th at her home in Manassas, VA with her family by her side.

Barb was born on June 20, 1950 in Iowa City, Iowa to Gene and Dorothy Brugman. She completed her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education at the University of Iowa, received her MBA from Indiana State University, and was a Certified Public Account. Barb was a loving mother and wife, an ardent weaver, knitter, gardener, an excellent cook, and had a laugh that filled any room with joy.

Survivors include Barb's husband Alan Swenson of Manassas, VA, son Brian and wife Laura of Washington, DC, son Eric of Manassas, sister Bonnie Steinhoff of Alameda, California, and brother Bob Brugman of North Liberty, Iowa. Barb is preceded in death by her parents Gene and Dorothy Brugman of Iowa.

The family will receive friends at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. A second viewing will be held on Friday, October 23, 2015 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Henderson-Barker Funeral Home, 205 E. 3rd St., West Liberty, IA. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 410 Grand Ave, Nichols, IA on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow at

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to: www.piercefh.com

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of flowers or donations to: the Lung Cancer Alliance or VITAS Hospice in loving memory of Barbara Ann Swenson.

Previous Events

Family to receive friends

OCT **20**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
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<https://www.piercefh.com>

Tribute Wall

AL

“ *Barb was the best kind of friend to have in high school. Considerate, kind, loyal and always supportive. I am so fortunate to have had Barb in my life. The world is a better place because she was in it.*



Alloway - October 23, 2015 at 09:05 PM

LO

“ *My condolences to Alan and his family. I hope that memories of love, laughter, and better times provide some comfort during this time of grief and sorrow.*
Linda Owens

Linda Owens - October 21, 2015 at 12:48 PM

CN

“ *Barb was always such a wonderful friend, teacher, person. In the 20 plus years that I have had the privilege of knowing Barb, I do not remember Barb ever saying a bad thing about anyone. I know I am a better person for knowing her and having her as my friend. She has guided me both professionally and personally thru many hard times. Barb ranks among the five most important people in my life. I will miss her tremendously. I love you Barb.*

Cindy Nelson

Cindy Nelson - October 20, 2015 at 03:02 PM

WM

“ Words are completely inadequate to express my sympathy and sorrow at losing our most precious Barb. Heaven shines more brightly with her presence and I know that I am a better person for having known her. She inspired so many, a natural teacher and always earned much love, respect and admiration without ever trying to do so. As God welcomes Barb to her Heavenly home, I pray for the comfort of her family and friends. I find comfort in knowing that she lived life to the fullest, with a beautiful smile, sparkle in her eyes and unfiltered laughter.

Winona Murray

Winona Murray - October 20, 2015 at 01:08 PM

YS

“ Yunpei (Rita) Liu & Ravann Sowa purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Barbara Ann Swenson.



Yunpei (Rita) Liu & Ravann Sowa - October 20, 2015 at 12:53 AM

GM

“ Gleeanna (Lehman) McIntire lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Swenson



Gleeanna (Lehman) McIntire - October 19, 2015 at 09:57 PM

GM

I am so sorry to hear of Barb's passing. I am a WLHS classmate of Barb's and remember her fondly. She was such a sweet person and a joy to be around. My deepest sympathy goes out to the family. I am sure that you have many cherished memories of her to hold in your hearts. God bless Barb and all of her family. Sending much love to all of you.

Gleeanna (Lehman) McIntire - October 19, 2015 at 10:01 PM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to Alan and the family on the loss of your beloved Barbara. I regret that I cannot attend the visitation tomorrow because of church commitments. Alan, I know that your work family at EIA will be there to support you and your family in this time of loss. My prayers are with you for God's comfort and strength in what I know is one of life's darkest hours.*

Dwight French

Dwight French - October 19, 2015 at 09:26 PM

TS

“ *The WBENC Staff purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Barbara Ann Swenson.*



The WBENC Staff - October 19, 2015 at 02:57 PM

MB

“ *Sincere sympathy. I hold so many wonderful memories in my heart. Barb will be with me until the end of my life. Robert and Margaret Baugh*

Margaret Baugh - October 19, 2015 at 11:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Swenson.*



October 19, 2015 at 11:40 AM



“ *Alan, Brian, and Eric.*

I am so sorry to hear of Barb's passing. Barb was a great mentor to me when I was starting out in public accounting.

Christie Krouse

Christie Krouse - October 19, 2015 at 11:04 AM



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Meg (Brugman) Montford - October 19, 2015 at 10:58 AM



Barb and I were more than just cousins who grew up living next door to each other - we were good friends and like "second sisters." I'll miss her greatly.

Meg Montford - October 19, 2015 at 02:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Swenson.*



October 19, 2015 at 10:23 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Swenson.*



October 19, 2015 at 08:05 AM



“ *Barb was such a sincere wonderful friend. She was an outstanding CPA, and had such a talent for creating beautifully crafted items. I'll never forget her understanding and kind nature...and the laughs we shared during the past years. She'll be sincerely missed by so many. We thank God for putting a person like her in our lives. Memories will never be forgotten.*

*With sincere sympathy and love,
Ruth & Joe Rogalla*

Ruth Rogalla - October 19, 2015 at 07:36 AM

JS

“ Jason and Engrid Lai from Singapore purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Barbara Ann Swenson.



Jason and Engrid Lai from Singapore - October 18, 2015 at 09:42 PM

EL

“ Dear Barb,

You are so smart and so knowledgeable yet so humble and so nice. I hardly see a person with these two sets of quality.

You faces your illness with tremendous strength that I find so amazing from a tiny you.

Yes, I know I need to use past tense, but I would rather use present tense, because we are friends forever, no matter where you are.

I have already missed you badly. Dear Barb, good-bye, all the angels will welcome you on your way to our final home.

Engrid

Engrid Lai - October 18, 2015 at 10:33 AM