



Barbara Robinson Brown

December 28, 2020

Barbara Robinson Brown, age 98, died peacefully at the Mennonite Home in Lancaster, PA on Monday, December 28, 2020. Born November 23, 1922 in Quincy, Massachusetts, Barbara was the daughter of the late Harold F. and Vera (Keyser) Robinson.

She grew up in Braintree, MA. Barbara graduated from University of Michigan in 1944 where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She earned a graduate degree in Clinical Psychology from Millersville University.

After raising three children, Barbara worked as the Mental Retardation Services Coordinator for York (PA) County, Director of Lancaster (PA) Crisis Intervention Center, and in retirement as Jurors' Bailiff at the Lancaster County Courthouse. She was a longtime member of St. James Episcopal Church in Lancaster where she served on the vestry, sang in the choir, maintained parish membership rolls, volunteered in the office, and was active in retreats, book study groups, and forums. She had also been an active member at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in York (PA).

Barbara had a quick wit and dry humor, loved reading, learning, and language, interests she imparted to her three children. Barbara was a warm, responsive person who loved conversation and maintained many lifelong friendships. Her interests included classical and big band music, Lancaster

Symphony Orchestra Concerts, Fulton Theatre productions, and dogs of all sorts, especially Boxers and Border Terriers. Her favorite vacation spot was Nantucket Island. She could always be found with a crossword puzzle in-process and wrote humorous doggerel poetry for social events.

Barbara worked to maintain an open, discerning mind and accepting heart throughout her life. Barbara was a beloved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, aunt, sister, and friend.

Barbara is survived by her three children: son, Jeffrey (Sharri) Brown Farmington, NY, daughter, Janet Brown, Lititz, PA, and son, Steven Brown (Judy Kassel) Brooklyn NY, a sister, Judith Kidder, Groveland MA, four granddaughters: Elizabeth Brown, Barbara Drinkwater, Rebecca Brown, and Allison Brown, two step-granddaughters Kerry Johnson and Jody Levison Johnson, and two step great-granddaughters, Katherine Johnson and Julia Johnson. She is also survived by eight nieces and nephews and their families. She was preceded in death by two brothers and sisters-in-law: Tommy and Jean Robinson, Jack and Ruth Robinson, and a brother-in-law, Russell Kidder.

Barbara's family would like to thank the Mennonite Home, particularly the staff of Trout Run and Meadow Run, the Social Work, Therapy and Dietary Departments for their comprehensive and compassionate care for their mother. The family would also like to thank the staff of Masonic Village Hospice which provided support and care during the last months of Barbara's life.

The family requests that donations in Barbara's memory be made to: Mennonite Home Communities Benevolent Fund, 2001 Harrisburg Pike Lancaster, PA 17601.

Friends and family are invited to A Rite of Christian Burial for Barbara Robinson Brown, who passed away December 28, 2020, on Saturday, June 26, 2021, at 1:00 pm at St. James Episcopal Church, 119 N. Duke Street, Lancaster, PA 17602. Private interment will be held at St. James Memorial Garden.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUN **26**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. James Episcopal Church
119 N. Duke Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Robinson Brown*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Barbara was a warm and caring person who put others first. She was an incredible listener who gave serious thought to what she was hearing. She was always calm and measured in her response and was never judgemental — that is a true gift! She was such a loving friend to Meg and Ed. Our thoughts are with her family and hope soon they will have a celebration of her life. Chris and Lynda Mabbs-Zeno*

Chris Mabbs-Zeno - January 16, 2021 at 04:15 PM



“ *Barbara has always been a member of our family since before I was born. I remember her wisdom and counted on it many times, not the least when I showed up on her doorstep at 1:30 am in 1989! I see her sitting on the deck on Nantucket with each beautiful sunset and I model my closest friendships after her and my mother.*
Meg Mabbs

Meg Mabbs - January 16, 2021 at 01:44 PM

CW

“ *Barbara had my back from 2001 through 2005, day in and day out, in the office at St. James. She gave me counsel, helped me navigate the maze of parishioners and clergy, answered the phone for me when I participated in the Daily Office, made me laugh, advised me in difficult decisions, proofed the bulletins for me, endured with me the unending onslaught of details during the Great Big Episcopal event of the Rt Rev Nathan Baxter's installation, kept me in good spirits, helped me understand appropriate and useful responses to the people coming to ask for aid, told me fascinating stories of her own life, listened to mine (we knew we were fascinating people), played word games with me, made me glad to come into the office every day. I admired her greatly. May her memory be a blessing to each of her children, grandchildren and family.*

Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer - January 12, 2021 at 10:57 AM

FB

“ *Your Mother was a wonderful person. I had the privilege of working with her when she was the Jurors Bailiff. She was so good with the prospective jurors. I did keep in touch with her when she retired. You have many good memories to warm your hearts.*

Fay Binzen

Fay Binzen - January 10, 2021 at 10:48 PM