



Barbara Heubach Snyder

November 18, 2023

Barbara Heubach Snyder, 81, of Lancaster, passed away at Hospice & Community Care on Saturday, November 18, 2023 after a nearly four-year battle with pancreatic cancer. The daughter of the late John Robert Heubach, and Geraldine Doyle Heubach, she was born in New York City but grew up in Springfield, MA.

She was married 55 years to John Edward Snyder. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Thomas, wife of Matthew, of Macungie, grandchildren, Paige Thomas and John Thomas of Macungie, and Layla Snyder of Merrimack, NH, and sisters, Dr. Geraldine McArdle of Fort Myers, FL and Gail Young of Leesburg, VA. She was predeceased by her son, John Wesley Snyder II.

Barbara was a graduate of the former Ursuline Academy in Springfield, MA, and Elms College, Chicopee, MA. She had also completed extensive graduate work at several universities and held a Master's equivalency with Penn Manor School District.

She taught elementary school for 30 years, the last 24 at Central Manor Elementary School in Washington Boro. She loved to teach, and her students loved to learn. She charmed the most reluctant learner with her energy, enthusiasm and radiant smile. Two generations of Manor Township students

and their parents will fondly remember her number games, classroom plays, gingerbread houses and monthly poems to memorize.

Barbara was a long-time member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster where she continued her love of teaching in the church's faith development program until her recent illness. She also served on the church's Membership Committee for several years.

Above all, she was a loving wife, devoted mother and grandmother. An accomplished cook and baker, Nanny's home was always the go-to destination for Thanksgiving dinner and other festive occasions. The family would like to thank the doctors and staff of Ann B. Barshinger Cancer Institute and Hospice & Community Care for their wonderful care during her illness.

A Memorial Service celebrating Barbara's life will be held at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, (corner of W. Orange & Pine Streets) Lancaster, PA on Saturday, November 25, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. with The Rev. Steve Jones officiating. The family will receive friends at The Groffs on November 25, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a memorial gift to Ann B. Barshinger Cancer Institute, 2102 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601 or to Hospice & Community Care, 685 Good Drive, P.O. 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I took care of Barb many times throughout her years at Ann B Barshinger Cancer Institute. She always put a smile on my face with her bright smile (and yellow neon rain jacket she loved to wear!)

Maddy Hartman - December 03, 2023 at 10:17 PM



She fought a long battle and I will miss her so much. Prayers to her family and those who loved her.

Maddy Hartman - December 03, 2023 at 10:19 PM



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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - November 28, 2023 at 02:04 PM

CR

“ Barbara and I spent many wonderful years together at Ursuline Academy and the Elms Collage. She was always so upbeat and positive and fun to be with. She always spoke so warmly about her family especially Jennifer, Paige, John, Layla and her sisters Gerry and Gail. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Carol Fradet Raffaele

Carol Raffaele - November 27, 2023 at 05:26 PM

RH

I am so sorry to read this obituary. I met Barbara at the Elms in 1961. She was such a beautiful person. And she was a loyal Elms graduate. She and John attended all of our reunions and we'd sit together and catch up. John had served in the Navy and stationed in Rhode Island where I'm from so we'd have a lot to talk about. Reunions will not be the same without Barbara.

Rae Holland-Long - November 27, 2023 at 09:27 PM

MT

“ *Michael & Jennifer Thomas purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Barbara Heubach Snyder.*



Michael & Jennifer Thomas - November 25, 2023 at 02:00 PM

MR

“ *Barb was a wonderful, special, friend of mine since high school days. She was always a source of support and encouragement to me, even in my most difficult situations, She was a loving wife and mother, and a superb teacher. Her students were fortunate indeed to have her in their classrooms. I count having known Barb as a honor and a privilege. She was a class act from start to finish. Rest in peace Barb. Mary Doyle Rabot, Mississauga, Ontario*

Mary Doyle Rabot - November 25, 2023 at 12:21 PM

MR

It's a lovely photo of Barb--it really shows her positive outlook that so many recall with fondness.

Mary Doyle Rabot - November 26, 2023 at 06:47 PM



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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - November 24, 2023 at 02:22 PM

CF

“ *Barbara was a true friend and neighbor. She influenced her students, friends and family, Particularly her Daughter and grandchildren with whom she shared many experiences. She will be missed by all.*

Sandie & Colin Freund

Colin Freund - November 24, 2023 at 09:38 AM

SK

“ *Barb was always a generous, caring, loving friend with a super positive attitude and outlook.*

Sue Kabrhel - November 22, 2023 at 10:32 AM

DT

“ *David T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Heubach Snyder.*

David T. - November 21, 2023 at 05:51 PM