



Barbara Sharon Roether

August 31, 1945 - March 27, 2024

Roether, Barbara Sharon
Saline, MI

Barbara Sharon Roether, age 78, passed away on Wednesday, March 27, 2024. Barbara was born on August 31, 1945 to the late Harry Yellen and Mary (Sinai) Yellen in Detroit, Michigan. Her parents were immigrants who spoke Yiddish as their primary language. On August 11, 1968 she married Robert H. Roether at Temple Israel in Detroit. She is survived by her loving husband of 55 years, Robert; her three sons Geoffrey (Sue) of Golden Valley, Minnesota, Andrew (Lisa) of Henderson, Nevada and Matthew (Julie) of Chicago, Illinois; she was a devoted grandmother to her five grandchildren, Max Roether, Ella Roether, Gabby Roether, Cole Roether and Quinn Roether. She is also survived by her brother Joel (Charna) Yellen and many friends and relatives. Barb received her Bachelor's Degree from Wayne State University and worked most of her career as a personal shopper of designer fashion clothing. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and instilled in her children the importance of family over everything. Her children are extremely close with one another. She had many hobbies and interests, antiques, knitting, gardening, exercise, travel, visiting family and friends including her very close friends Samra Robbins, Sheila Shulman and lifelong friend Rena Leibowitz.

Barbara's funeral will be held Monday, April 1, 2024 at 10:30 AM, graveside at

Oakwood Cemetery, 227 W. Michigan Avenue, Saline, Michigan. Rabbi Chelsea Feuchs will officiate. A memorial will be held in early May with details to follow. In lieu of flowers please make donations to either of the following that were important to Barb: Evangelical Homes of Michigan <https://ehmss.org/foundation/donate-now/> or the American Cancer Society <https://donate.cancer.org/>. To leave a memory you have of Barbara, to sign her guestbook or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

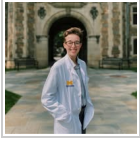
Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 1. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ While I know my sharing of this memory may be belated, I hope that it serves as a reminder of the many ways Barb's memory lives on. I will forever remember Barb as witty, independent, so devoted to her family and especially Bob, and a person whose warmth radiated even in difficult times. I love her curiosity about others and her uncanny way to ask about someone's life and passions. She was a connection-maker with that special ability to make someone feel like the most important person in the world. I think of Barb and Bob, and their loved ones, often. May her memory be a blessing.

Sincerely,
Hailee Nielsen

Hailee Nielsen - June 04, 2024 at 10:49 PM

AZ

“ I was so sad to see the post on Facebook about our world losing my beautiful friend Barb.

Barb and I met later in her life when she was in a transition looking for something new to do after leaving the retail world. She and I were part of an Ann Arbor News experiment to include locals to write about their expertise on their new news website. Her enthusiasm for this new adventure was inspiring! She was just an all-in kind of person, and brought such fun and passion that you couldn't help but catch it. And yes, she was a character.

We stayed in close contact for a while, and despite our paths diverging, I still, as many do, count her as one of my dear friends.

The world has lost a good one but boy we were lucky to have her for as long as when we did. Rest in peace, dear Barb. You will be missed.

Annie Zirkel - April 03, 2024 at 07:48 AM

BR

Thanks so much Anne. She loved being with you.

Bob Roether - April 06, 2024 at 12:12 AM

CM

“ Barb was like a second mother, aunt, and friend all wrapped into one! Thinking of bob, geoff, andy, and matt, and of course Barb's lasting legacy.

Craig Meklir - April 02, 2024 at 01:14 PM

RR

Thank you so much Craig. Barb loved you and your brothers and sister. Your comment means a lot.

Robert h roether - April 02, 2024 at 09:02 PM

AA

“ Dear Bob and Roether family...Gavin and I send our deepest condolences. Barb was an amazing woman, role model and so adored her family, friends and her community. I am so happy we rekindled our cousin relationship over the past 5 years. She and my mom were very close and I felt the same way about Barb. Even though we didn't speak that often, I felt very close to her and always so enjoyed our long chats. She will truly be missed. Sending lots of love. Gavin & Alison Awerbuch

Alison Awerbuch - April 01, 2024 at 02:48 PM

RR

Alison. Barb was so happy you all reconnected. As sad as it was, her funeral was such a tribute to her.

Robert h roether - April 02, 2024 at 09:04 PM

SR

“ We knew Barb through a relative of Bob's and were fortunate as a family to get to know her and Bob together as a couple. Every time we were able to connect, she brightened our day with her quick wit and intellect. She very much enjoyed life, family, and friends. We are thinking of Bob and his family.

Sarah Rauk - March 31, 2024 at 11:08 AM

BR

Thanks Sarah. We both enjoyed the time we spent with you and your family. I can't believe Barb is gone.

Bob Roether - April 02, 2024 at 09:05 PM

RJ

“ I would run into Barb at random places. It always made my day. Heavy heart over here. She was one of the good ones. Rest easy.



Realtor Brandon Jones - March 30, 2024 at 05:45 PM

BR

Thanks so much.

Bob Roether - April 02, 2024 at 09:06 PM

LM

“ *It was an honor to have met Barb. She taught me about compassion, patience, priorities, and acceptance. I will forever remember her warm smile and fashionable glasses. The kisses she blew always made me smile. Barb, you gave your all in every way, and so I hope your rest is especially peaceful and sweet.*

*Sincerely,
Lindsay Ma*

Lindsay Ma - March 30, 2024 at 11:11 AM

JF

Oh, Barb. What a bright light you shone on all; most especially your family. I met Barb in a mosaic class. Sitting next to her was great fun and she made wonderful pieces of Art. I'll remember her laughter and warmth and those glasses. She invited me into her life where I met the wonderful Bob and learned of her deep devotion to her 3 boys and their families. We lost contact over the last years but I knew she

Julie Frick - March 31, 2024 at 09:22 AM

BR

Lindsay, you were so compassionate and informative during Barb's last hospital stay. You touched her deeply and when she said she loved you, she meant it.

Julie, we will both miss Barb so much. You were a true friend of hers.

Bob Roether - April 02, 2024 at 09:09 PM

CR

“ *Sending much love to all of you. I have such clear memories of Barb at happy times over the past many many years. Love from Claudia and Mark Richman.*

Claudia Richman - March 29, 2024 at 04:22 PM

BR

Thank you so much for those comments.

Bob Roether - April 02, 2024 at 09:07 PM

NR

“ *My sincere condolences to the Roether family 🙏 I worked with Barb at Saks Fifth Avenue.. She is a Beautiful person May she RIP..*
Nancy Rice

Nancy Rice - March 29, 2024 at 11:38 AM

BR

Thank you Nancy. Barb's time at Saks was long ago but she felt fondly towards all of you.

Bob Roether - April 02, 2024 at 09:10 PM

SS

“ *I remember Barbara as a little girl, and a wonderful woman and cousin.*
Cousin Stuart Sinai (Carole). Our sincere condolences to Bob, the children and grandchildren, and brother Joel.

Stuart Sinai - March 28, 2024 at 05:25 PM

TK

We offer our deepest condolences to Bob and the entire family. Barbara was a very good, kind lady.
Kathleen and Tom Killeen

Tom Killeen - March 29, 2024 at 07:22 AM

BS

So sorry for your loss!

Beverly Stone - March 29, 2024 at 03:46 PM

AG

Our deepest sympathy to Bob and all the family. We will always remember Barb. She was a wonderful friend.

Joe & Toni Grinnan

Antonia F. Grinnan - March 29, 2024 at 04:25 PM

CS

I met Barbara when she would bring the boys to Bob's office for a visit. She was a joy to be around and you could sense her devotion to her family. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and I hope that your memories will bring comfort to you during this time. Carol Sales

Carol Sales - April 02, 2024 at 10:37 AM

BR

Stuart: You and Barb were of that generation in the family and she loved her time with you.

Tom, I'll be seeing you and I am very grateful for your thoughts of Barb.

Bev: You were so helpful as our kids went through school. Thank you very much.

Toni, Barb loved and I love you and Joe. Thanks for being at the funeral.

Carol, so good to hear from you. Send me your address on by Facebook messenger or email. Thank you very much for your thoughts about Barb.

Bob Roether - April 02, 2024 at 09:13 PM

RM

Barbara, my mother and I knew one another when my mother managed the Al la Mode Teen Shop on Coolidge in Oak Park. Barbara was so beautiful inside and out - a very smart lady and I remember when she married Bob. We lost touch over the yrs. but not forgotten. When I was reading the Jewish News - and saw her obituary I was so upset. She was truly a real lady and I remember such deep conversations with her. God has another angel. May your beautiful memories bring you comfort and she will not be forgotten. Roslyn David Mendelson

Roslyn Mendelson - April 04, 2024 at 07:31 PM

RM

Roslyn Davis my mother was Eve Davis

Roslyn Mendelson - April 04, 2024 at 07:32 PM