



Barbara Anne Harshman

April 12, 1933 - January 7, 2023

Barbara Anne Harshman of Cincinnati, Ohio, aged 89 passed away on January 7, 2023. She was born in Crossville, Tennessee but moved to Dayton, Ohio when she was young. She was the daughter of Walter and Nina Elmore, the youngest of nine siblings.

Barbara attended The Ohio State University where she received her Bachelor of Arts degrees in Radio-Television Journalism and Education in 1957. She met the love of her life, Morton, at OSU. They were married for 64 years and remained avid Buckeye fans.

Barbara's engagement in volunteerism began early in her marriage. She became active in the medical community, eventually serving as President of the Greater Cincinnati Medical Auxiliary. Her attention then turned to the arts in Cincinnati. She was President of the Cincinnati Symphony Association in 1992. She served on the boards of the May Festival, the Society for the Preservation of Music Hall, the Friends of the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music, and the Cincinnati Opera Guild. Barbara also chaired numerous fundraisers and galas for organizations throughout the city. She was honored in 2000 as one of the Cincinnati Enquirer's Women of the Year acknowledging her contributions to the city of Cincinnati. She was also recognized by her high school in Fairborn, Ohio as a distinguished alumni in 2001.

Barbara will be remembered not only for her philanthropic dedication to the arts and other organizations, but also as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She had an infectious laugh and was always ready to greet you with a smile.

She is survived by daughters Beth Harshman Dolinger of Columbus, Ohio and Melissa Harshman (Frank Saggus) of Watkinsville, Georgia, her 3 grandchildren Bari Dolinger (Avi Gorbacz), Molly Dolinger (Phil Seper), and Stella Rose Saggus, and 4 great grandchildren Leizer, Chani, Yisroel Meir, and Moshe Chaim Gorbacz, as well as her sister Loma Corn and sisters-in-law Florence Harshman, Joan Harshman, and Sarah Rosenzweig.

Funeral services will be held at the Weil Kahn Funeral Home, 8350 Cornell Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45249 on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 1:00 pm. The service will be Live Streamed on the Weil Kahn website.

<https://www.weilkahnfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Barbara-Harshman/#!/TributeWall>

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations in Barbara's memory be made to the May Festival, 1241 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 11. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Weil Kahn Funeral Home
8350 Cornell Rd
Cincinnati, OH 45249

Tribute Wall



“ Weil Kahn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Barbara Anne Harshman



Weil Kahn Funeral Home - January 09, 2023 at 12:23 PM

BH

“ Barbara H. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Barbara Anne Harshman.



Barbara H. - January 11, 2023 at 11:00 AM

MJ

“ *Barbara,*

We were friends for over 50 years with so many wonderful memories! Our involvement with Music Hall and it's events continued throughout our lifetime. We also enjoyed the parties following the events in Music Hall ballroom even more!

We both began as members of the Symphony Association, the Opera Guild, Society for the Preservation of Music Hall and May Festival. Your leadership skills were evident from the beginning when you were elected president of the Symphony Association (CSO) and again as president of the Society of Preservation of Music Hall.

Your organizational skills were the best in forming committee's and successful events to raise the funding for Music Hall and its' organizations. You were awesome with detail!

So, dear friend, I bid you goodbye until we meet again in a better place.

Looking forward to your smiling face.

Love you dear friend,

Marlene

Marlene Johnson - January 10, 2023 at 04:22 PM

JC

“ *Barb, I saw you as your hairdresser on a weekly basis for over 30 years!! We became the best of friends. So blessed and thankful for our friendship all the wonderful conversations and laughs.. the best is when Michael and I became friends with both you and Mort..going to dinner and spending time with you both in your beautiful condo is a memory we both cherish.. our best to both of your daughters and families during this difficult time.. 🙏❤️*



Jeff Carpenter - January 10, 2023 at 06:34 AM

DM

“ *She was such a beautiful person such a light. Loved spending summers with the Harshmans. I love you Aunt Barbara, rest in peace.*

Debbie McKenzie - January 09, 2023 at 11:52 AM