



Barbara Roche

March 6, 1927 - December 26, 2020

Barbara Roche, 93, of Hartford died December 26, 2020 at St. Francis Hospital. Born March 6, 1927 in Hartford the daughter of John L. and Viola M. Roche. She was a graduate of Mt. St. Joseph Academy and the Teachers College in New Britain now Central CT State University. Barbara was a long time teacher in the Hartford School System, she was chosen as one of the outstanding teachers to open a new model school, Anne Fisher. Outside of work she had a passion for adventure, and travel which she rolled into teaching stints at USAF bases in Japan and Germany. Her travels further took her to Alaska driving with 5 friends along the old Alcan Highway which at the time was a gravel road. Soon after she and the same group of friends would drive south to Mexico City. In fact she became a pilot further showing an undaunted personality. This spirit of adventure was an inspiration to friends, and family, and holds an especially strong memory for her nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers John and Harold, and is survived by her brother Kenneth and his wife Mary Roche of Old Saybrook as well as friends, family and her beloved nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held May 11, 2021 at 10:30 am at St. Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant St. West Hartford. Molloy Funeral Home, West Hartford has care of arrangements. Online expressions of sympathy and memories may be shared at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 11. 10:30 AM (ET)

Church of St. Peter Claver
47 Pleasant St.
West Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall

MA

“ I feel want you all to know that this woman was not a good teacher at all to me when I was in her third grade class. She abused me and would slap me in class and lick me up in supply closet. I was totally destroyed by her actions. She hurt me so much I've never will forget her name. Barbara Roche. I was a student in Annie fisher school. I forgive you for hurting me but I hope you get what you deserve a monster who tormented a little Hispanic nine year old.

Marisol - April 19, 2022 at 07:33 AM

MS

“ *Ken and Mary*
I am so sorry to have learned of your loss.
Barbara was an amazing person and what a remarkable life.
I feel lucky to have known her!
With love
Mary Ann Souza

Mary Ann Souza - January 04, 2021 at 04:45 PM

DL

“ Dear Mary and Ken,

I did not know your sister Barbara, but I know there is suffering and grief. I think that

the reassurance of Karl Rahners (Jesuit theologian), that our dead are "not

absent.....but living near us, TRANSFIGURED..INTO LIGHT...AND LOVE." is a comfort.

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you

Diana Longchamps

DIANA K LONGCHAMPS - January 03, 2021 at 06:08 PM

PT

“ *My mother, Irma Landerman was a good friend to Barbara. Living in Atlanta, I never met her, but knew my mother treasured their friendship.*

Pamela Tinter - December 31, 2020 at 05:26 PM

CS

“ *To my beautiful Godmother who always touched base with me throughout her life! She was an inspiration to us all. My mom Helen Bucior was her close friend and we enjoyed visiting Barbara at her home last year. May you Rest In Peace and your memory be a blessing* 💜💜

Carrie Bucior Shaw - December 27, 2020 at 02:54 PM

MB

“ A recent memory I have which will probably go down as my most treasured is a couple of years ago when the family went over to celebrate Barbara’s birthday. The party was supposed to last a couple of hours from 2-4. We were all sitting around the table and the storytelling and jokes just started rolling. The next thing we knew hours had flown by and hesitantly we decided we better call it a night at around 9:30. I know if Barbara had her way we would have stayed all night! So many tears of laughter flowed that night and it will be one I will never forget. Rest In Peace Aunt Barbara.

maureen bednarz - December 27, 2020 at 01:45 PM