



## Barbara Jean Spencer

November 27, 2020

Barbara Jean (Jacobs) Spencer, passed away peacefully on November 27, 2020. She was 85.

Barbara was born in Clinton, North Carolina, to Frank Jacobs and Bertha (Royal) Jacobs. She was the second youngest of four sisters.

Barbara's first job in high school was scooping and serving frozen treats at her hometown ice cream parlor. She graduated from Sampson High School in Clinton, NC, where she was talented majorette. She continued her education at North Carolina Central University.

A few years later, she met a soldier, Cecil Spencer, who was stationed at Fort Bragg in North Carolina. The couple fell in love, eloped, and moved across the country to Oregon. They had three children: Marcelena, Jeffrey, and Joy.

Barbara was a stay-at-home mom for several years before joining the workforce. She spent more than two decades with the Internal Revenue Service. She retired from the IRS as Equal Employment Opportunity Officer for the Western Region. After retirement she embraced her passion for fashion and style, working part-time at Nordstrom.

Barbara was an extremely loving and dedicated mother, grandmother, sister,

and friend. She devoted much of her time and energy to her one and only grandson Jacob, who she adored endlessly.

Barbara loved to travel. Italy, China, and Egypt were among her favorite destinations, as well as annual summer trips to her beloved hometown in North Carolina. She was an avid bird watcher and loved country music. Barbara will be remembered for her kindness, grace, compassion, generosity, impeccable taste, quick wit, and affable sense of humor.

She was an active member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, a U.S.-based international women's organization with a primary focus on providing educational opportunities for female students worldwide.

Barbara is preceded in death by her husband Cecil, and son Jeffrey. She is survived by her two daughters, Marcelena Spencer and Joy Spencer; grandson Jacob Spencer; sister Ruby; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any charitable donations be made to Oregon Episcopal School, 6300 SW Nicol Road, Portland OR 97223, or <https://www.oes.edu/support-oes/make-your-gift>; or to P.E.O. Foundation, c/o Margaret Garrett, 19472 Olson Avenue, Lake Oswego 97304. P.E.O. donations will be directed to a scholarship fund in Barbara's honor.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so very heart broken for the lost of a friend for many years, she was what a friend is about. She will be missed My sincere condolences to the family. Rest Barbara Jean. 🌹🌹🙏🙏

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Crystal F Huffman - December 14, 2020 at 02:00 AM

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In the center background is Sharon Shull, a P.E.O. sister from Chapter BG

Mary Shultz - December 14, 2020 at 01:23 PM

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“ During my holiday vacations in Clinton with the family, I always enjoyed my conversations with Barbara. She seemed so genuinely interested in entrepreneur pursuits.

Sammy P Robinson - December 11, 2020 at 09:37 AM



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*Please accept my deepest condolences and sympathy. I will continue to pray for your family's strength during this time. Respectfully yours,  
Taigi Smith*

**Taigi Smith** - December 10, 2020 at 09:17 PM

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*Barbara was my very best friend. A wonderful neighbor and P.E.O. Sister.  
Bill and I loved Barbara. We will miss her. Love to her family. Bill and Carlene Sim*

**carlene sim** - December 13, 2020 at 03:02 PM

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*Our hearts and prayers go out to you girls, Jacob and Barbara's extended family. Barbara was a good friend and PEO sister. We have many fond memories, and I will share a few and some photos with you privately. Barbara will be missed by so many. LIPEO, Crystal Huffman*

**Crystal F Huffman** - December 14, 2020 at 01:48 AM

BE

*My heartfelt sympathy and love go to you, Marcelena, Joy and Jacob. Your mother was a special woman as a mother, grandmother, friend and P.E.O. Sister. We will miss her greatly.  
Love and hugs, Barbara Eakin*

**Barbara Eakin** - December 15, 2020 at 10:50 PM