



Barbara J. Fallesen

September 29, 2023

At age 81, peacefully passed away at home on September 29, 2023.

Barbara was born to Audrey and Harry Jesco on Christmas Morning of 1941 in Albany, NY. She and her parents moved to Rochester in the mid 1950's where Barbara attended West High School and where she met her future husband, Jim.

In the summer of 1968 Barbara was an American Teenage Diplomat and lived abroad in Belgium. She was Co- Valedictorian of West High's Class of 1959 and a member of the National Honor Society. Barbara attended the University of Rochester. During her junior year she studied at the Sorbonne in Paris. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1963 with a degree in French.

Following graduation Barbara taught French at Pittsford Sutherland High School.

On August 27, 1966 Barbara and Jim married. In 1969 they decided to start a family, adopting a son, Jeffrey, and later a daughter, Michelle. When the children were older, she began part-time work with the Rochester Friendship Council, connecting international college students with local friendship families. Barbara later moved to full-time employment with the International Student Office at the University of Rochester. She retired from the University of Rochester in May of 2000, but not before nurturing her mother-in-law and later both of her parents in their final years and days, providing them love and support in her home.

Barbara was a devoted and loving mother and wife, and a long-time

parishioner and Altar Guild member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Rochester.

She leaves behind a loving family, her husband, Jim; children, Jeffrey (Kimberley) and Michelle; grandchildren, Parker and Reagan Fallesen; other family; Fresh Air Fund Son, Orlando Ortiz; and numerous friends in the greater Rochester community and around the world.

Private service and interment will be at the convenience of the family.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared at www.beanandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jim, Tom Hitchcock here. I remember you from army days in Germany. My prayers are with you and your family. I lost my wife 15 months ago and share your grief. May God be with you and your family. Tom*

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