



Barbara Ann Edwards

February 17, 1945 - October 8, 2025

Barbara Ann Edwards (1945 – 2025)

Barbara passed away on October 8th, peacefully in her sleep. She was born to Leona and George Shultz and grew up in Hazelhurst on the family's farm, Shultz's Sprucehaven Farm. In middle school, the family moved to Phoenix, spending the school years in Arizona and summers back in Wisconsin. She graduated from ASU, where she met Crew Schmitt, father to her two girls. Barbara had a lifelong career in finance and accounting with Motorola, where she later met her second husband, Jon Edwards. She transferred with him to National Semiconductor and spent four years working in Germany before returning stateside—and back to Motorola—where she retired at the age of 48. After her mother's passing in 2005, Barbara was finally able to return home to her beloved Northwoods, where she immensely enjoyed watching the deer and birds, particularly chickadees and cardinals, and lived her happiest years. She had a heart of gold, an impish wit, endless spunk, and a vast wealth of knowledge. Her generosity knew no bounds—from quietly helping those less fortunate to championing every underdog she met. Nothing meant more to her than dogs—especially her own, of which she had many throughout her life. In lieu of flowers or gifts, please consider making a donation in her name to the Oneida County Humane Society or your local no-kill shelter. Barbara was preceded in death, most importantly, by Sans, Neewa, Prince, Misty, Chandra, Shadow, and Sadie, as well as by her parents and half-brother Colin F. Shultz. She leaves behind her last furbaby Missy;

dearest sister Rosalie Lyall; devoted daughters Jennifer (“best ex ever” Robie) Strickland and Tiffany (“best son-in-law ever” Neil) Fletcher; cherished nephews Wayne (Sue Norden) Lyall and Mike (Lilly) Lyall; beloved grandsons Joshua Fletcher (girlfriend Arielle) and Jordan Fletcher (fiancée Kali); best friend Sallie Bishop; and her two angels, Shannon and Kristin, who made her final weeks everything she wished for. A Celebration of Life will be held at Norwood Pines on April 25, 2026 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. Until then, keep your sense of humor—and find your peace and joy.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **25**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Norwood Pines

10171 WI-70

Minocqua, WI 54548

Tribute Wall

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“ I roomed next door to Barbara at Windsor Mt school in Lenox Ma. We were friends. Once she wanted to buy a pair of white Earth shoes from me and later, I thought to look at the bills , only to discover her dad's signatures. We had a laugh about it.

Roberta Jordan - December 01, 2025 at 09:07 PM

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“ My heart aches for the loss of a very dear friend. Barb was such a gift to so many people with her generosity and caring. She was a big part of my growing years and we had so many good times together. The miles we put on our bikes going to Big Carr Lake, and we were the only teenagers in beginning swim lessons together. She left me with so many wonderful memories on the chicken farm in Hazelhurst and she will be in my heart and thoughts until we meet again.

Marilou Peterson - November 08, 2025 at 10:36 PM