



Barbara Gamble McEachron

July 16, 1929 - May 10, 2024

Barbara Gamble McEachron passed away peacefully with her family around her on May 10th 2024. Barbara is survived by her husband, Andrew; children Scott (Debbie) McEachron, Sandra Hintz and Catharine Meitus; grandchildren, Chris(Cady), Laura (Chris), Rachel(Tom), Mara(Bill), Max(Monica), Alex(Megan), Caroline(Seth), Nic(Mara), William, Timothy, & Meghan; great grandchildren; Lilly, Caleb, Brody, Kelsi, Brooke, Kennedy, Cameron, Grace, Ellie, Drew, & Charlie. There was nothing more important to Barbara than her family!

Barbara was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin July 16, 1929, daughter of William Wallace & Marion Stone Gamble. She grew up with her two brothers (Bill & Peter) in White Lake, WI. This is where she grew to love the outdoors & dogs. There wasn't much that Barbara couldn't do. She was always up for a challenge and willing to try new things. Barbara graduated with a BA degree from Beloit College in 1951. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi Fraternity & homecoming queen. She worked in the Audit Dept. for Employers Mutual in Wausau, WI until her marriage.

She spent her summers in Sayner, WI with her grandparents and that is where she met the love of her life, Andy. Barbara and Andy spent 69 amazing years together. They traveled to many different places in the world, but their

favorite place to spend time with their family was at their homes on Pokegama & Tomahawk Lakes in the Minocqua, WI area. Barbara instilled her love of the outdoors in her children and grandchildren. Many days were spent outside, down at the lake, swimming across the bay, picking strawberries, or taking walks with the dogs. Barbara was an avid sportsman. She loved music, Broadway musicals, hunting, swimming, biking, skiing, golfing, and exploring the wonders of nature. Barbara was also an accomplished cook and baker. Her cookies and treats were the favorites of everyone who tried some! Barbara never backed down from a challenge. She always made the group have fun in every activity.

She volunteered her time & talents to numerous charitable organizations & her churches in Wausau, WI, Brookfield, WI & Winter Park, FL. She supervised drivers for the Red Cross in Milwaukee & was a troop leader for the Girl Scouts. In Winter Park, FL, Barbara was a member of Council 101 for the Orlando Museum of Art, fundraised for and a patron of the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra, and hosted annual Faculty Show Cases for The University of Wisconsin Foundation. Barbara took up golf at age 55 & won numerous trophies as a long time member of both Minocqua Country Club in Minocqua, WI and a founding member of Interlachen Country Club in Winter Park, FL. Barbara and Andy established 2 funds for the University of Wisconsin Foundation to benefit the forests at Kemp Natural Resources Station and the lakes at the Trout Lake Station.

She had a heart of gold, and everyone around her felt welcomed and loved. Her sense of humor, love of life, and wonderful personality will be missed by all who knew Barbara. Her family extends our love, heartfelt thanks & sincere appreciation to her caregivers Tess Lisner, Nancy Stowe, Hannah Weborg & Aspirus Hospice Services Nurse Jeanie Takala, Social Worker Sara Sedo, Chaplin Michele Rein, Kristen Wickman, Music Therapist & Jammie Woller, CNA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to “Aspirus Hospice Services”, c/o The Aspirus Health Foundation, 425 Pine Ridge Blvd. Wausau, WI 54401, 715-847-2478 or ahf@aspirus.org. A celebration of Barbara’s life will be held on June 1st 2024 at the Minocqua Country Club, Minocqua, WI between 1:00 & 4:00 pm.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 1. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Minocqua Country Club
9299 Country Club Road
Minocqua, WI 54548

Tribute Wall

SM

“ From the time I first saw a beautiful, smiling, animated photo of “Barbie” as an attendant for Barbara Stone Craig’s wedding, she captured the vibrancy of life:-) Any time seeing her just made the day better & brighter! Thank you for sharing her and Thanks be to God for loving peace for her and strength to surround her dear ones~. In heartfelt thoughts and prayers, <3Sarah Smith Miller

Sarah Miller - May 26, 2024 at 11:41 AM

MJ

“ Aunt Barbara brought so much Joy, love and laughter to all the lives she touched. She was the favorite Aunt at the family celebrations and occasions with her radiant smile and magnetic personality. So very blessed to have had her in my life. I will forever be grateful for the many visits that Uncle Andy and Aunt Barb made to White lake when our Dad was sick, they immediately lifted both of our spirits and brought many smiles talking about memories they shared. I will always hold that close to my heart. My deepest condolences. Love and prayers to all of your family. ❤️🥹, Margy Gamble Jeffers

Margy Gamble Jeffers - May 15, 2024 at 07:32 PM

WG

“ Aunt Barb was a favorite, family , friends and those she may have just met. Always showed up for family events and celebrationsplus, her personality, laugh, kindness and competitive spirit in all things just a few of her many qualities. A 24 hour drive (bathroom breaks only) was never a big deal. Our condolences to Uncle Andy, Scott, Sandra & Catharine....plus 11 grandkids and 11 great grandkids. Rest in peace.

William B Gamble - May 15, 2024 at 11:55 AM

LQ

“ Mrs McEachron had the unmatched ability to make everyone feel like family. I loved her laughter, sharp wit, no nonsense personality. She'd shoot straight from the hip. Her family and all dogs knew no better friend. She will be missed.

Lisa Quinones - May 14, 2024 at 06:24 AM

BS

“ Aunt Barbara was a “dandy” (as my dad, and her brother Bill always use to say!) She was beautiful, inside and out, and had the best laugh!!

Sending love and hugs to the family 🙏🥹

Becky Gamble Skibo

Becky Skibo - May 12, 2024 at 07:38 PM