



Barbara J. Angeli

September 9, 1930 - April 14, 2026

ANGELI, Barbara J. Tuesday, April 14, 2026. Age 95. Dearest mother of Alicia "Lee" (Dennis) Erfourth, Benjamin (Dee) Tefend, Mary Sue (Frank) Nagy, Laura Jean (the late Rev. Matthew) Montgomery, and Gregory (Sherry) Tefend. Cherished grandmother of 11, and proud great-grandmother of 3. Barbara is preceded in death by her parents Henry and Adeline Angeli, and her siblings Gloria (Fred) Wiggins, Betty (Peter Vanbeers, Henry (Polly) Angeli, and Tom (Ione) Angeli.

Barbara spent her youth with her four siblings and parents at her family's lake home in Lake Orion, where she enjoyed both swimming and boating. As a student, she played the violin in her school orchestra and was drum majorette in high school. Having extraordinary talent, especially in art, she won the National Scholastic "Draw Me" contest, which included a scholarship. Thereafter, she transferred to Cass Technical High School in Detroit where she majored in art.

After attending high school, Barbara secured several art commissions (usually portraiture) from both professionals and clergy, as well as extended family. Her realistic style in both paint and colored pencil, being so precise, was often mistaken as a photograph.

Art was not her only passion. In addition to her lifelike paintings, Barbara

mastered sewing such that she was able to make many outfits for her children and grandkids. She also dabbled in woodworking, which she utilized to construct built-in bookcases, display cabinets for her 'Art and Home' business, a bed for her first grandchild (Jeremy), and decorative wall carvings. These are but some of her many achievements.

Raising five children by herself somewhat limited her career aspirations, which resulted in her working as a floral designer among other short stints. Nevertheless, she enrolled in writing courses and had poems published in several poetry anthologies, contributed to many Opinion Articles in the Oakland Press, and even wrote a novel "The Godmother" (yet to be published). Barbara was passionate about everything she purposed to do — from bowling to baking or Scrabble to chess — her standard was excellence and competition fierce.

As Barbara saw our country heading in an immoral direction, her patriotism and love of our Lord Jesus "compelled" her to write to Congress, which was her fifty year endeavor until her ninety fifth birthday. Notwithstanding her zeal for God and country, it was her family who was the ultimate recipient of her loving devotion, which she gave her all to until her strength and sight no longer allowed.

Visitation Tuesday, April 21st, 2026 at 10am until time of Funeral Service at 11am at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile Rd). Barbara will be laid to rest at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery in Troy, Michigan.

Donations preferred to the American Center for Law and Justice.

Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at WujekCalcaterra.com

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W Long Lake Rd
Troy, MI 48098

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling
36900 SCHOENHERR RD
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Funeral Service

APR 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GM

“ Aunt Barbara holds a special place in my heart. As a child, she was always there for me. I remember her helping my mother with birthday parties for me and my siblings. As an adult, she always made sure to call me to stay in touch. When I was going through my cancer treatments, each week I would receive a call and a greeting card with prayers and wishes. Her artistic talents were amazing. The landscape mural she painted in my parents home was so realistic you felt you could walk into it. She loved God with all her heart and was a dedicated patriot of our country. She was compassionate and loving. There was no doubt how much she loved her family. I will truly miss talking with her. May God bless and comfort her children and grandchildren. Heaven is celebrating her arrival!

Gail McClung - April 20 at 12:37 PM

DK

“ Dlorah and Dennis Koenig purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Barbara J. Angeli.



Dlorah and Dennis Koenig - April 20 at 12:20 PM

~J

“ ~ JB purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Barbara J. Angeli.



~ JB - April 20 at 10:02 AM

~J

“ ~ JB planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara J. Angeli.

~ JB - April 20 at 10:02 AM

DR

“ The Angeli-Tefend household was my home away from home growing up. I can still remember each and every room. I loved eating over when Barbara made her homemade cake with cooked frosting that melted in your mouth and also her sloppy Joe's. My mom never made sloppy Joe's and Barbara taught me how to make them. I remember nights when I slept over hearing Barbara play the piano, lulling me to sleep. And then decades later, staying with Barbara in her apartment where the Scrabble Queen reigned supreme. Rest well, lovely lady. Until we meet again. ❤️ Debbie



Debbie Reynolds - April 19 at 09:08 PM

MF

“ Malthaner, Wallace, Haynes, Laufer fams purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Barbara J. Angeli.



Malthaner, Wallace, Haynes, Laufer fams - April 19 at 02:01 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Angeli.*



April 18 at 09:32 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara J. Angeli.

April 18 at 09:32 AM



“ *Salim and Jennifer Salloum purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Barbara J. Angeli.*



Salim and Jennifer Salloum - April 16 at 08:59 PM



“ *Salim and Jennifer Salloum planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara J. Angeli.*

Salim and Jennifer Salloum - April 16 at 08:59 PM



“ *Judy M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara J. Angeli.*

Judy M. - April 16 at 10:59 AM

FF

“ From G McClung, D & G Yezbick & families purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Barbara J. Angeli.



From G McClung, D & G Yezbick & families - April 16 at 10:35 AM

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“ From G McClung, D & G Yezbick & families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara J. Angeli.

From G McClung, D & G Yezbick & families - April 16 at 10:35 AM