



## Barbara A. Cherrington Mendelson

March 19, 1935 - February 14, 2019

Barbara A. Cherrington Mendelson, 83 of Zanesville, died 12:05 AM, Thursday, February 14, 2019, at Genesis Hospital following a brief illness. She was born March 19, 1935, in Zanesville, the daughter of Paul Cherrington and Fern (Glaub) Cherrington. She married Warren J. Mendelson in 1975, who preceded her in death, and she was a member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church.

Barb was very active and dedicated to both St. Nicholas and St. Thomas churches. Barb was a graduate of the Good Samaritan School of Nursing, and received a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing, a Master's Degrees in Nursing and a Master's Degree in Art History, all from Ohio University. But most of all, Barb was known for her care, understanding compassion and excellence as a registered nurse. She was an integral component advancing the development of local healthcare. Barb was instrumental in the development of the first Critical Care Unit in Zanesville. She has been a respected nursing leader both in the acute care and the academic settings. She has dedicated her life to her family, her nursing, and her community, and through example has clearly demonstrated the powerful influence of women.

Even into her retirement from Good Samaritan Hospital, Barb continued to influence young nursing students in teaching and training of the next

generation of healthcare professionals. You could often find her in the halls of local nursing homes with her students in tow, eagerly leaning from her advice and vast experience.

Barb also quietly worked behind the scenes in many organizations giving back to the community she loved and served. She willingly and cheerfully was dedicated to her community to improve the lives of others. 2nd Corinthians 9:7 says "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" and Barb exemplified that in her daily life. She was involved in Eastside Community Ministry, The Alumni Association of Good Samaritan Nurses, Christ's Table, Salvation Army, United Way, and many others.

Barb received several awards and honors throughout her long career. Two that were very special to her were the Good Samaritan "Bob and Delores Hope" award in 1997 and the Muskingum County Women of Achievement "Josephine Phillips Health Care" award in 2008.

Barb is survived by her daughter: Jennifer M. Mendelson of Cincinnati; two sisters: Dixie Kreissl of Cincinnati and Polly (Dick) Brown of Zanesville; two sisters-in-law: Susan Cherrington of North Carolina and Florida and Lydia Mendelson of Metairie LA; one brother-in-law: Ronald (Myrna) Mendelson of Metairie, LA; eleven nieces; five nephews and several great nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Barb was preceded in death by her husband: Warren J. Mendelson; two brothers: Robert Cherrington and Paul (Dolly) Cherrington and several brothers and sisters-in-law: Stanley (Frances) Mendelson, Jr., Harold Mendelson, Allen Mendelson, Howard Mendelson, Ellen (Norman) Tooley, and Roy Kreissl.

Friends may call from 4:00 to 8:00 PM, Thursday, February 21, 2019, at the Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville, where a Christian Vigil will be held at 7:45 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:30 AM, Friday February 22, 2019, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 955 East Main Street, with Fr. Martin J. Ralko as celebrant. Barb will be laid to rest beside her husband, Warren in Mt. Olive Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 955 East Main, Zanesville, Ohio 43701 or Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, 2409 South Alverno Road, Manitowoc, WI 54220, in Barb's memory.

To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note please visit [www.hilliscombsnestor.com](http://www.hilliscombsnestor.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olive Cemetery

2057 East Pike  
ZANESVILLE, OH 43701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home  
935 Forest Avenue  
Zanesville, OH 43701  
(740) 452-5494  
directors@hilliscombsnestor.com  
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## Prayer Vigil

FEB 21. 7:45 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Mass

FEB **22**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Nicholas Catholic Church  
925 Main St.  
Zanesville, OH

# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara A. Cherrington Mendelson*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss, I worked with Barb at Good Sam when I first started, she was patient and understanding in teaching the way to work in the critical care area. She was a good friend then and later. Know she was loved and cared for by many and will not be forgotten.*

**Tami** - February 18, 2022 at 08:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss and the world's loss. I remember you from Barbara Ann Black's dance classes, Jennifer. But I remember your mom as the loving nurse who cared for me in the 70's when I made so many visits to Good Samaritan. She always made me comfortable being there and I loved her smile. I saw her a few years ago at the hospital and she remembered me!! Flora Blackstone Waite*

**Flora Waite** - February 24, 2019 at 07:45 PM



“ *I am sending love and prayers to my dear friend Jenny Mendelson at this trying time of loss. I never met Barbara, but I have heard Jenny speak about her lovingly and with so much respect for all of her accomplishments. May her memory be for a blessing. David and I wish you, Jenny, warm memories and life lessons that you will always carry with you.*

*Love,  
Abby and David*

**Abby Schwartz** - February 21, 2019 at 03:51 PM

AG

“ Jenny,  
Remembering your Mom's kind, genuine  
nature. Thoughts and prayers to you and your  
family.



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**Amy Guss** - February 21, 2019 at 01:48 PM

MB

“ Marcia Bowman lit a candle in memory of  
Barbara A. Cherrington Mendelson



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**Marcia Bowman** - February 21, 2019 at 09:44 AM

MB

*Barbara was one of a kind. She was my teacher, mentor, and friend.  
She empowered you to provide the best for your patients and family. A  
true Angel on earth. Always a smile on her face. Barbara will be missed  
by many. I will miss her.*

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**Marcia Bowman** - February 21, 2019 at 09:50 AM

CY

“ Cynthia lit a candle in memory of Barbara A.  
Cherrington Mendelson



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**Cynthia** - February 20, 2019 at 04:50 PM

LS

“ *Linda Seevers lit a candle in memory of Barbara A. Cherrington Mendelson*



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**Linda Seevers** - February 20, 2019 at 04:01 PM

LS

“ *I always felt that Barb would live forever. She worked with my mother, Jean Bone, and they started the first Coronary Care Unit on 5WB at Good Sam. She gave me my first job as a cardiac monitor watcher in 1972, She always called everyone "kid". Hey kid how are you doing? She and of course my mother, inspired me to become a nurse. and as soon as I completed 2 years on 7WA, she welcomed me back into CCU/ICU. She always had a smile on her face no matter what. When my mother got sick and Dr. Wehr and Barb came into the unit and told me the bad news that she had lung cancer. Barb held me while I cried. I will never forget her generosity, loving for everyone who worked for her, her empathy, and how she would do anything to help you when you needed help She was a very special person to me and I will miss her dearly.*



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**Linda Seevers** - February 20, 2019 at 03:47 PM

TL

“ Barb was the light of my life from the time I was 2 years old. . . .she worked at Good Sam Hospital with my dad, Clarence Shumate. . . . No matter what she did, where she went, how happy or how sad she was, there was always a wonderful beautiful smile on her face. Even when the times were hard, she smiled. . . . that smile will be so hard for me to forget. . . . I hope and pray that you, her children, remember her and do something in honor of her. She was a wonderful lady, full of spirit, full of life, full of wonder.

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**Tricia Shumate Lewis** - February 20, 2019 at 02:31 PM

TS

“ Jenny,  
I know you will miss your Mother terribly. She loved and adored you. Our precious memories will forever be in our hearts. I'm so sorry I cannot be there as we are out of the state now. Please know I am praying for you and your family.  
Blessings and Love,  
Tami & Carroll & Summer

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**Tami Swope** - February 20, 2019 at 01:24 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara A. Cherrington Mendelson.



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February 19, 2019 at 07:45 PM

BP

“ Jenny,

*Our sincere condolences for your loss. Our prayers are with you and the family. The Pardo family.*

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**Bob Pardo** - February 19, 2019 at 07:03 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Barbara A. Cherrington Mendelson.*



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February 19, 2019 at 06:46 PM

BR

“ *Barb Rinkes lit a candle in memory of Barbara A. Cherrington Mendelson*



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**Barb Rinkes** - February 19, 2019 at 04:36 PM

BR

*RIP Barb, your journey is over here on earth. You were an awesome nurse and I am proud to say I knew and worked with you.*

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**Barb Rinkes** - February 19, 2019 at 04:38 PM

BS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. God Bless*



Barbara Schumacher - February 19, 2019 at 02:17 PM

GM

“ *A lovely person who was dedicated to her family, her profession and her hometown. She will definitely be missed.*

Gail Madden - February 19, 2019 at 12:11 PM

RK

“ *Toni and I never had the honor of meeting your mom, Jenny, but we certainly know, admire, respect and love her daughter. How proud she was of your accomplishments, and the incredible devotion you had to her.*

*Barbara lived her life touching others with her concern, care and commitment. She taught her daughter well to walk in those same footsteps.*

*Best love and prayers, Toni and Ken*

Rabbi Ken Kanter - February 19, 2019 at 10:30 AM

RF

“ *Rabbi Hecht, the Dean's office & your HUC family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Barbara A. Cherrington Mendelson.*



Rabbi Hecht, the Dean's office & your HUC family - February 19, 2019 at 10:14 AM

JW

“ *Barb was a wonderful and caring person and the most compassionate and knowledgeable nurse! Everyone that knew her had the utmost respect for her! Prayers to her family.*

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**Janet Watton** - February 19, 2019 at 10:08 AM

LW

“ *Barb was a true angel on earth!! Those who knew her were blessed. She was a true friend to both my parents. Her love of family was evident. Jennifer is the legacy of love that will continue to shine for those who share her sadness. Heaven is smiling to receive such a beautiful soul!!*

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**lisa wampler** - February 19, 2019 at 08:58 AM

JH

“ *Judith Hatfield, RN lit a candle in memory of Barbara A. Cherrington Mendelson*



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**Judith Hatfield, RN** - February 19, 2019 at 12:36 AM

JH

*What a special nurse & person who helped move Critical Care into our lives, She was a great help to nurses, physician's, & First Responders with her vast knowledge & dedication to nursing & her community. SHE WILL BE MISSED*

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**Judith Hatfield, RN** - February 19, 2019 at 12:40 AM

KG

“ *Barb will be missed by her fellow nurses. So sorry for your loss. She was an excellent nurse and person.*

*Karen and Don Green*

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**karen green** - February 19, 2019 at 12:11 AM

VW

*I met Barb when we were standing in line to buy Beenie Babies at the Hallmark store. She always had a smile for me and I enjoyed her company. So sorry for your loss. Vicki Whitacre, MD*

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**Vicki Whitacre** - February 19, 2019 at 08:10 PM

JC

“ *It was an honor to work with and know such a wonderful and loving person. Barb took care of my Grandma and I remember her patience, expertise, and compassion she always showed her and other patients. I had the joy of working with her. She always treated patients with dignity, compassion, patience, and provided excellent care. She always had such a radiant smile that she shared with others. She attended my wedding and later surprised me with a photo album that she put together as a gift for me. She was always doing nice things for others. Prayers for her family.*



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**Jodie C** - February 18, 2019 at 09:49 PM

HM

“ She was the best, she gave me my first break as a heart monitor watcher/ward clerk/nursing aide, taught me my first course in heart rhythms and mentored me into my first RN job at Good Sam (Genesis) Zanesville, Ohio. She introduced me to my second mentor Carol May. I will always remember Barb and will forever be grateful for the opportunity to work in CCU and for her sharing her knowledge, love, support and kindness over the years. I learned so much from her which carried over to my nursing career. Heaven has gained another outstanding angel. Nursing has lost one of the best and you will be missed by so many many lives you have touched.

*Holly Todd Ronshausen Moorehead*

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**Holly Moorehead** - February 18, 2019 at 06:59 PM

TJ

“ I worked with Barb at good Samaritan. She was one of the most caring giving person I ever met there She was so dedicated to Good Samitian. and her patients.staff. She ran Critical care Unit Barb Also turned out some very good nursing students I sure heaven is applauding her coming. Theresa Jacobs

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**Theresa Jacobs** - February 18, 2019 at 06:59 PM

KS

“ Jennifer, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mother was a wonderful kind person and I was fortunate to know you and her.

*Karen Spriegel*

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**Karen Spriegel** - February 18, 2019 at 06:36 PM

BR

“ Jenny,  
My deepest sympathy on your Mother's passing.

Babbette Risen - February 18, 2019 at 06:24 PM

AH

“ Such an amazing woman and one heck of a nurse that dedicated her life to helping others ❤️ Rest easy barb, so blessed to have known you. Prayers to you Jenni and all the family!

Allison Hill - February 18, 2019 at 06:01 PM

CN

“ Barb was an amazing lady. One of a kind. 💖 Sending Prayers of peace and comfort for the family.

CHERYL NADER-BYNUM - February 18, 2019 at 06:00 PM

JB

“ Have had the pleasure of knowing Barb for many years as our daughters were class mates at Rosecrans. Terrific lady, wonderful nurse and compassionate human being. So sad for your loss 🙏

JANET BLAND - February 18, 2019 at 04:31 PM

DQ

“ Barb was a beautiful person and I remember when she and Warren got together, it was a great thing. So sorry for your loss and send you prayers

Diane Quinn

Diane Quinn - February 18, 2019 at 03:13 PM