



## Barbara A Swenson

April 10, 1928 - September 12, 2019

"Late Fragment"

And did you get what  
you wanted from this life, even so?  
I did.

And what did you want?  
To call myself beloved, to feel myself  
beloved on the earth.  
-by Raymond Carver

Exeter - Barbara Swenson, indeed was beloved by family and friends. In her quiet way she moved through life being kind to others and taking an interest in all that was presented to her. She was a progressive 91 year old who believed in the goodness of others and she treated others with equanimity and she followed the Golden Rule.

Barbara had many talents. She showed great creativity throughout her life. She was an excellent seamstress, quilter, and embroiderer. Textiles and craft activities were always a part of her life. She was also a fantastic baker who could often be found in the kitchen whipping up treats.

Barbara was quiet and primarily an introvert, so she did not join many organizations, but she did enjoy being a member of the Hampton Walkers, the Seacoast Chorale and she enjoyed singing in the First Congregational Church of Hampton choir.

She was a woman who took pride in her home and did not pine for travel. After moving to Hampton Falls in 1970 she worked to create a home in the newly built house on Sanborn Rd. Later, after the death of her husband, Arthur, she moved to Hampton Meadows in Hampton and began the process of creating a home for herself there. Finally, health issues brought her to Cornerstone Assisted Living in Hampton where she once again transformed an apartment into a home.

Her children Sandra A. O'Neill, Karl Swenson, and Lynn Newman will miss her dearly as well as daughter-in-law Linda Swenson and son-in-law Matt Newman. Barbara leaves seven grandchildren: Sean O'Neill, Kerry O'Neill, Rob O'Neill, Kristin Pillay, Katie Swenson, Molly Feltner, and Lucy Newman. She also leaves three adorable great-grandchildren Saundy Pillay, Lily Pillay, and Addy Pillay. Family was the center of Barbara's life and that family is grateful that we were lucky enough to have her in our lives for so long.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara A Swenson*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Barbara Swenson's passing has touched me and all who knew her deeply. She will be sorely missed. The kindest best mother, grandmother and friend, a great lady. My condolence to her family, Sandy, Karl, Lynn and all the grandchildren. Patricia Newman Sarasota.*

**Patricia Newman** - September 21, 2019 at 11:34 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara A Swenson.*



September 19, 2019 at 11:13 AM



“ *We will always remember Barbara's face when ever she greeted our family with a twinkle in her eye, a big warm smile, a welcoming hug. She carried her quiet spirit like the lady she was: a loving mother & grandmother, independent & always kind. Sending much love to Sandy, Karl, and Lynn, and to all the family she cared for so very much.*

*The Sherborn Newmans, Jonathan, Patti, Max & Nick.*

**patti roberts** - September 15, 2019 at 07:58 AM

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“ Sweet Swenson Family, I spoke with your wonderful mom last summer, when my husband Joe was diagnosed with cancer. So many wonderful memories of Uncle Art and Aunt Barbara growing up. My mom and dad, Bob and Bette Johnson loved her so much. She and Sandy visited my mom in the hospital and was so sad to have missed them both, a wonderful lady. My deepest sympathy to you all. Drove up many times with my mom, on Saturday's in 1988 when she so lovingly cared for your sweet dad, they are together now. Blessings, Cindy Johnson Bellevue

Cynthia Johnson Bellevue - September 15, 2019 at 12:33 AM

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“ Cynthia Johnson Bellevue lit a candle in memory of Barbara A Swenson



Cynthia Johnson Bellevue - September 15, 2019 at 12:26 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara A Swenson.



September 13, 2019 at 01:54 PM