



Barbara J. Braspennickx

November 21, 1941 - October 12, 2025

Barbara J. Braspennickx, 83, of Norway, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 12, 2025, in Hobart, WI, with her children beside her.

She was born on November 21, 1941, in Laona, Wisconsin, daughter of the late Chester and Beatrice (Lillvick) Sturm.

Barbara graduated from Kingsford High School in 1959 and pursued her passion for education, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Central Michigan University. She later obtained her Master's in Library Science from CMU.

On July 10, 1965, she married Robert Braspennickx at American Martyrs Church in Kingsford, and the couple settled in Norway in 1976. She was a long-time member of St. Mary's Church in Norway.

A dedicated educator, Barbara taught business at Kingsford High School for many years before transitioning to the role of librarian at the same school, where she shared her love of learning until her retirement in 2002. Barbara was an avid reader, especially her passion for Chicken Soup for the Soul books. She enjoyed her bus trips to the casino with her friends and playing poker for many years with the poker group. Above all, was her love for her children and grand-children, where she would travel to the many grand-child events and supported them like only a Grandma can do.

Her warmth, intelligence, and zest for life left a lasting impact on those who knew her. She had a wonderful heart and soul and was always there for those who needed it.

She is survived by her son, Kevin (Maribeth) Braspennickx of Green Bay; her daughter, Kerry Bengtson (boyfriend Kirk) of Norway; four grandchildren, Bryce (Kearsten) Braspennickx of Neenah, Wisconsin, McKenna Braspennickx of Green Bay, Paeyton Bengtson (boyfriend Tanner) of Green Bay and Tyler Bengtson (fiancée Maggy) of Kingsford; one great-grandson, Jaxson Bengtson; her brother, Gary Sturm of Kingsford; brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Barb Partenen of Kingsford; nephews, Chris (Susan) Sturm of Kingsford and Gary Sturm (girlfriend Ginger) of Menominee; and nieces, Vicky (Brad) Williams of Green Bay and Alison Partenen of Pigeon Forge, TN.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her infant daughter, Cammie, and her sister-in-law, Lois Sturm.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, October 18th from 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will follow at noon at the funeral home. Msgr. Joseph Gouin will officiate. Private Burial will follow at Norway Township Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of Barb Braspennickx may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Norway Twp. Cemetery

Norway, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
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Tribute Wall

JM

“ I taught with Bras for many years at KHS. It was an honor and a privilege to do so. My condolences to the family. John Meyer

John Meyer - November 13, 2025 at 11:41 AM

JF

“ I'm so sorry to hear Mrs. Braspennickx has passed away. Taking her classes helped me succeed in life. I enjoyed running into her when she still lived here in town and we would reminisce. I am truly sorry I missed your services; I thought they were Sunday the 19th. My deepest sympathies to her family, and I hope you know how much of a difference she made in so many of us. May she rest in peace.

Jennifer Flynn - October 19, 2025 at 01:59 PM

AO

“ Dear Braspennickx Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Braspennickx was my high school typing teacher. I am thankful every day for the skills that were taught in her classroom!

Andrea Oman - October 16, 2025 at 08:56 PM

TS

“ Dear Kevin, Maribeth and family, sending our love and prayers. Remember visiting with Barb after sporting events at BayPort, always enjoyed her company, may she now rest in peace, hugs to all. Cooie and Terry

Terry and Cooie Sayen - October 16, 2025 at 03:55 PM

MW

“ So sorry to hear about your mother's passing. When I used to see her she was always smiling . My thoughts are with you.

Mary Williams - October 16, 2025 at 03:30 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Braspennickx.



October 16, 2025 at 12:35 PM

TF

“ The Meyer Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara J. Braspennickx.

The Meyer Family - October 16, 2025 at 12:35 PM

JJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. She was an amazing teacher and librarian at the high school. I was honored to spend my senior year as one of her aides and became really close to her. She turned me on to “Chicken Soup” books and taught me sometimes things in small towns are good, even when I said I was moving away when I could. She will truly be missed and my heart hurts for you all.

Jenn Johnson-Gonzales - October 16, 2025 at 11:07 AM

PH

To Kevin and Kerry and family, so deeply sorry for your loss. We grew up together in Kingsford. Great memories. God Bless Patricia (Bray) Heinke

patricia heinke - October 19, 2025 at 12:04 AM

DP

“ *Condolences to your family. Barb always was such a kind and caring lady. RIP Barb.*



Debby and Pat - October 15, 2025 at 09:48 PM

LC

“ *So very sorry for the loss of your sweet mother. I remember her as a teacher at Kingsford. She was a beautiful lady inside and out. May she rest in peace.*

Leila Canavera - October 15, 2025 at 07:44 PM

PH

Dear Kerry and Kevin, So very sorry to hear of your Moms passing. We grew up together in Kingsford. May she rest in peace. God Bless your family Patricia (Bray)Heinke

pstricia heinke - October 15, 2025 at 11:16 PM