



## Barbara Ann Langin

November 3, 1954 - August 19, 2024

Barbara (Cousineau) Langin, 69, of Pembine, WI, crossed the Rainbow Bridge Monday, August 19th, 2024. Though she struggled with illness in her last years, she would want to be remembered as that wild woman always looking for an adventure. Barbie and her sequin hats and boisterous laugh never failed to make an impression. She lived her life entirely on her own terms, right until the end, and her dauntless spirit will not soon be forgotten.

Barbie was born in Iron Mountain, MI, on November 3, 1954, to John and Joyce Cousineau. In her career as a registered nurse, Barbie provided compassionate care to patients in many area clinics and hospitals; however, it was Barbie's life outside of work that defined her. Throughout her life, she enjoyed many interests and hobbies, from gardening to biking to dog sledding, but horses were Barbie's first and longest lasting love. Barbie's dream from childhood was to have a horse, and she attained this in spades, creating a life that could be traced from one great horse to the next. Barbie was never more at peace than when she was riding through the woods on her white Arabian, Tazzy, and this is the image that will come to mind for so many of her closest friends when they think of her.

Outside of horses, Barbie's other great passion was her family. She married Michael Langin in 1976. Mike did not enjoy horses, but such was their love that he spent their 48-year marriage helping care for horses for both Barb and

their two daughters, Roweena and Kerry. Barbie provided a rich childhood for her children, including them in her hobbies and taking them on many trips to visit her large network of family and friends. Later, when her health declined, she found great joy in creating scrapbooks to archive her adventures, as well as to preserve memories of her loved ones and ancestors, including her dear grandmother Margaret, whom she called her angel looking out for her. Given Barbie's focus on family, it is a great comfort that she was able to live long enough to meet her baby granddaughter, the newest addition to her legacy of love.

Barbie is survived by her husband, Michael; her daughters, Roweena (partner Steven Hilty) and Kerry (husband Jonas Swedberg); grandchildren, George and Rose Swedberg; siblings, Dave (Lynn) Cousineau, Sue Cousineau, Kathy (Jim) LaDuke, and Carol (Joe) Monteforte; and many other family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents, parents, and brother, Rick Cousineau.

A celebration of life for Barbie will be planned at a later date.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Barbara Langin online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Tribute Wall

LM

“ So sorry to hear of Barb’s passing. Praying memories of her brings you all comfort. She sure had a wonderful laugh.



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**Laura Mainville** - September 10, 2024 at 11:18 PM

CS

“ To all the Cousineau Family. Sorry to learn of Barbara and Rick’s passings. I’m sure your parents and Rick were there waiting to welcome her home. It’s been a long time since we all lived on Cedar Avenue and G Street. Lots of great memories of your parents working in the cafeteria at the high school, and especially for me, my friendship with Carol. I would love to reconnect with her sometime. My email address is: [toody61@gmail.com](mailto:toody61@gmail.com). Hug each other and remember all the good times.

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**Carol Scott** - September 07, 2024 at 08:33 PM

KC

“ Barb and I were old friends from high school and college. Although we did not see each other often, we were always happy to see each other. In recent years, we were able to connect when she visited her mother in AZ while we wintered there. I am so sorry to read about her death. What a beautiful obituary honoring a dear person.

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**Kitti Costa Colassacco** - August 25, 2024 at 08:44 PM

JD

“ I had the privilege of working with Barb during the night shift at Maryhill. Her warm and lively personality, along with her contagious laughter, made working through the nights an enjoyable experience. I truly cherished the stories she shared about her horses and dogs. We often spoke about going riding together, although unfortunately, it never came to be. I offer my deepest condolences for the loss of your wife, mother, and grandmother. Barb was not only a remarkable nurse, but also someone I called a friend. I have thought of her often through the years and wondered how she was doing. I was so sad to see that she had passed. Again, I am deeply sorry for your loss.

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**Jackie Dillabough** - August 23, 2024 at 07:00 PM

MV

“ Mary V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Ann Langin.

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**Mary V.** - August 21, 2024 at 07:52 PM

MV

“ So shocked and saddened to hear of Barb’s passing. We were housemates for a couple of years at NMU. Have wonderful memories of riding horses with her and visiting her and Mike at their cabin with the wonderful sauna. We shared many of the same friends and went to many places and parties. I always will remember her zest for life and adventure, her huge, beautiful smile, her love of horses, and especially the love she shared with Mike and her girls. Too soon old friend.



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**Mary (Smith) Vought** - August 21, 2024 at 07:37 PM

DK

“ Debra Krueger lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Langin



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**Debra Krueger** - August 21, 2024 at 02:46 PM