



Barbara Mary Leonard- Kocsmaros

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Barbara Mary Leonard-Kocsmaros (nee Bender), age 86, passed away peacefully on May 17, 2025. Born on January 10, 1939, to the late Leo T. and Rosemary Bender, Barbara lived a life defined by compassion, strength, and unwavering devotion to her family.

Barbara was the beloved wife of Michael Kocsmaros, with whom she shared many cherished years. She is preceded in death by first husband, Dennis Leonard of 27 years, and raised five children: Cynthia (Jeffrey) Leonard-Krinsky, Barbara (Larry) Doyle, Cathy (Robert) DeCoske, Dennis (Michele) Leonard, and John Leonard. She was a proud and loving grandmother to Natasha Krinsky, Alexandra (Vince) Krinsky - Popolizio, Cynthia (Grant) Johannessen, Kate Washburn, Stephanie (James) Agee, Adam DeCoske, and McKayla Leonard. She was also great-grandmother of Emma, Carrie, Lucy, and Camille Washburn, Henry Agee, and Audrey Johannessen who brought her immense joy and pride. Cherished sister of Leo (deceased) (Judy) Bender, David (deceased) (Marjorie) Bender, Mary (deceased) (Anthony) Hilinski, Rosemary (deceased) (Sam) Magee, Margaret Bender (deceased), Joe (deceased) (Rosemary) Bender, Anne (Tom) Behrend, Arthur (Marianne) Bender, and Tom (Lynn) Bender. Her deep bonds with her family were a cornerstone of her life.

Barbara had a long nursing career and was also a pilot, church choir member, girl scout leader, camp nurse and a member of the Cleveland Hiking club. She enjoyed the outdoors her entire life. Her warmth and enduring kindness touched all who knew her. She will be remembered for her gentle heart, her generous spirit, and the love she gave so freely. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Barbara's name to Lake Erie Girl Scout Council or Lake Erie Nature and Science Center.

A funeral mass will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 10 AM at St. Angela Church, 20970 Lorain Road, Cleveland, OH 44126.




Events

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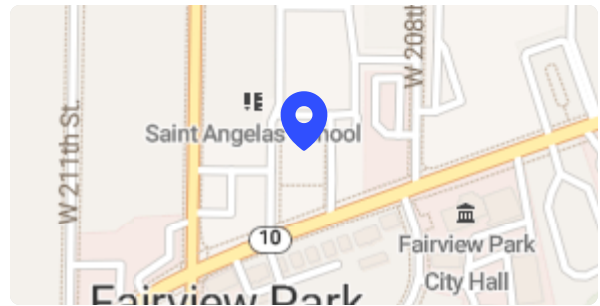
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Funeral Mass

 **Thursday**, May 22, 2025


 10:00 AM ET

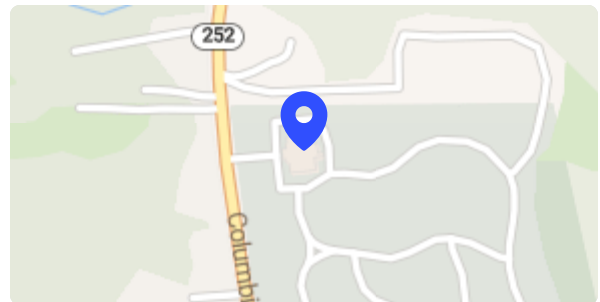
 **St. Angela Merici**
20970 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park OH



Cemetery Details

 **Sunset Cemetery**
6265 Columbia Road, North Olmsted OH 44070

 **(440) 249-6256**





Tribute Wall

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Sandra Walrath posted:

Aunt Barb will always be a part of me.RIP

May 21 at 8:30 PM



Your Nokia Family sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Leonard-Kocsmaros family.

May 21 at 11:45 AM



The Spitznagels sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Leonard-Kocsmaros family.

May 21 at 8:59 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Leonard-Kocsmaros family.

May 21 at 4:04 AM



Sandra Walrath lit a candle in honor of Barbara.

Sandra Walrath lit a candle in memory of Barbara Leonard-Kocsmaros

May 20 at 10:48 PM



Sandra Walrath posted:

Thank you for taking care of me. You will always be a part of me.R I P

May 20 at 10:48 PM



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Kate Washburn shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

To the best grandma (and GG!) that has ever been. If I'm half the grandparent you were to me, I'll consider myself an amazing grandma. You set the bar incredibly high and I'll always strive to reach it. I love you Grandma. You made my childhood and life so wonderful. Love, Kate

May 20 at 11:54 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Leonard-Kocsmaros family.

May 20 at 11:54 AM





Media

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May 20 at 4:12 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Barbara by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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