



# Barbara "Barb" Gwendolyn Rowe

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**B**arbara Gwendolyn "Barb" Rowe, age 88 of Millsboro, DE passed away on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at Renaissance Healthcare, in Millsboro, DE. She was born on March 28, 1935, in Cleveland, OH, daughter of the late Howard J. Rowe and Helen (Black) Rowe.

Barb lived in Cleveland until she was about eight years old when her father was transferred to Pittsburgh. Her father was an accomplished mechanical engineer with ALCOA and had several patents. Barb's mother was trained as a nurse and did significant volunteer work during WW II.

Barb earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Denison University in Granville, OH. She then furthered her education obtaining a master's degree from Walsh College. Barb's education propelled her towards an illustrious career as a virologist, working for such companies as Parke Davis Pharmaceutical Company (now Pfizer) for over 20 years, as well as working in the lab at Children's Hospital, retiring after many dedicated years in the pathology field.

Barb's hobbies were active and constructive. Beginning early in life, she enjoyed running, photography, traveling, orienteering, and was an avid rock and gem collector. She believed in giving back to her community and offered her time often to those in need volunteering with AARP to prepare people's taxes for free. While living in Rehoboth Beach for the past 20 years, she volunteered at Beebe Hospital and Rehoboth Beach Public Library, and sang in the Epworth United Methodist Church Chancel Choir.

A nurturer at heart, Barb was a devoted animal lover, and had many pets in her lifetime. Her presence will be dearly and genuinely missed by all who were fortunate enough to know and love her.

In addition to her parents, Barb was predeceased by her longtime companion, Pat Hansen. She is survived by her sister, Linda Rowe, and her best friend Judith Brooks, both of Palms, MI; and several cousins.



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Barb's family would like to acknowledge and thank Cathy Benson and Susan Jimenez for their loving care of Barb over the past few years as her health declined, as well as members of Epworth United Methodist Church who visited and sent cards and letters to her.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 11:00 AM at Epworth United Methodist Church, 19285 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE, where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



## Events

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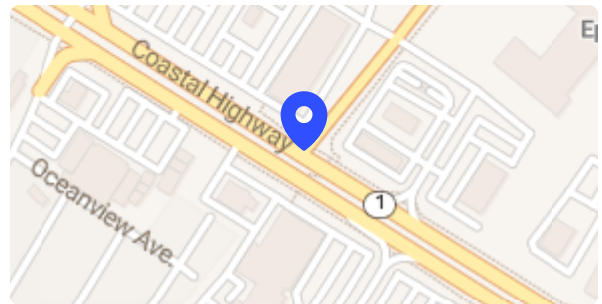
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### Visitation

 **Wednesday**, December 13, 2023


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Epworth United Methodist Church**  
19825 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach DE

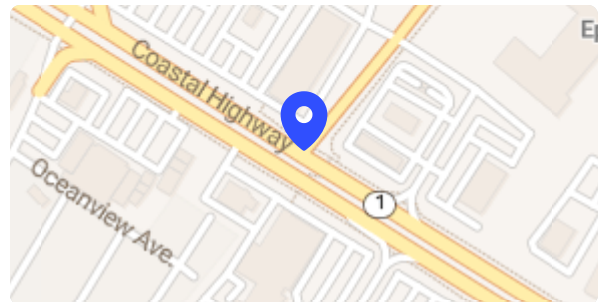


### Memorial Service

 **Wednesday**, December 13, 2023

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

 **Epworth United Methodist Church**  
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## Tribute Wall

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CB

**Cathy Benson** posted:

Barb and Pat were our neighbors when we both lived in Rehoboth Beach Yacht & Country Club. We also went to church together at Epworth. While we knew them casually, we became closer to them both when they each experienced significant health issues beginning with Barb's stroke in 2018. It was an honor and a privilege to help them navigate life until Pat died a couple of years ago, then to ensure that Barb was cared for as her health steadily declined. Barb was an accomplished, amazing woman, who was ahead of her time. Rest now, good and faithful servant. We love you.

November 24 at 4:54 AM

CC

**Carolyn Cattafi** posted:

I became associated with Barb (and Pat) after I relocated to Rehoboth Beach in 2010. Within a few months of visiting the Epworth UMC, I joined and became a member of their wonderful Chancel Choir of which Barb and Pat were long time members some years before I became part of it. Singing together; getting together at their home some holidays when the choir had in-house Christmas parties, and sharing lunch out with them and others from the Choir after church was a delight. Pat was up front and direct in conversations and Barb was very quiet and subdued. After Pat passed on, I learned more about Barb when she was residing at the Truitt Homestead here in R.B. - a lovely facility for Assisted or Independent living. Her friends Cathy and Susan looked after her when left alone to meet her needs. They got her into Truitt after the house was sold - and arranged for a lovely Birthday Party luncheon in her honor - inviting many of her church friends and neighbors. It was a delightful event, and she was so thrilled. It was then, that her background was revealed. She was a very smart woman that had many credentials with a long list of accomplishments. I took over the Card Ministry for the Choir when Pat retired from that duty - and have had the pleasure to keep in touch with Barb via greetings from her choir friends until her health worsened. All I can say, it was a pleasure to know and share time within 13 years with Barb and Pat. Thankful that Barb has finally reunited with her to begin a 'new' eternal life together. Rest in peace friend. Carolyn Cattafi

November 18 at 12:55 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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