



Barbara Pearle Sawyer

June 14, 1943 - March 31, 2023

Barbara Pearle Sawyer, 79, of Cary, North Carolina passed away while in Hospice care at UNC Hospital Chapel Hill on March 31, 2023. Barbara was born in Lewiston, Maine to Elias and Claire Lawand. After retiring from IBM where she worked as a systems engineer, Barb spent her time doing volunteer work. Barb had a special love for, and worked tirelessly with, the 12 member woman's club called the Chrysalis Club at the North Carolina Correctional Institution for Woman. She also fought against human trafficking through awareness and prevention; loved and supported the arts; and supported the Great Decisions Series at the Women's Club of Raleigh, preferred by many in the community. She showed her support for women of all ages by the creation and support of the Juniorette Club; worked with the Juniors as well as Young Women of Achievement in our high schools; and the list goes on. To honor our veterans and their families, she also was on the boards that planned and organized the Triangle Purple Heart Dinners and the North Carolina Gold Star Family Dinner. For relaxation, Barb enjoyed spending time in her studio doing rubber stamp art, watercolors, acrylics, die cuts and other arts that caught her creative eye - all of which she shared with her friends. When not in the studio, she could be found playing bridge with friends in one of her many bridge groups. Barb is survived by her husband George, her daughter Kimberley Bentley, and brother Thomas Lawand. We will miss her, her talent, and her zest for life. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made in Barb's name to the UNC Lineberger

Foundation. Contributions can be made directly on the UNC Lineberger website: <https://give.unc.edu/donate?f=373724&p=lcgo&s=lcccot21sd0u39> You can also go to unclineberger.org and select “Make a Gift” to be directed to the same page. Friends and family can also mail a check to the Lineberger Foundation. Please put “Lineberger” or “cancer” in the memo line and send it to:

UNC Health Foundation
c/o Lineberger
123 West Franklin St. Suite 510
Chapel Hill, NC 27510

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

APR **28**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St Andrew The Apostle Catholic Church
3008 Old Raleigh Rd
Apex, NC 27502

Tribute Wall



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Mark Meyen - April 13, 2023 at 12:16 AM