



Barbara C. Symanko

July 10, 1926 - February 21, 2024

Barbara Phyllis Cerulli Symanko (97) passed peacefully on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 with her family by her side. She was born on July 10, 1926 to Marion Nagot Cerulli and Anthony Vito Cerulli in Ossining, New York. Raised in the South End of Stamford, Barbara would gladly tell you today that she grew up in Harbor Point! Barbara married William P. Symanko on November 21, 1948 and began a loving marriage of 69 years and an amazing family story. She was a loving mother, devoted grandmother and proud great-grandmother.

Barbara is survived by her three children, Lawrence Alan Symanko and wife Cynthia Shulga, Susan Symanko Ely, and Jacqueline Symanko Williamson and husband Scott Williamson. She is also survived by her six loving grandchildren, Justin William Ely and wife, Dipali Patel Ely, Sage Alexandra Williamson and husband, CJ Arnold, Brooke Ely Miller and husband, Robert Miller, Evan Scott Williamson and wife, Gabriella Williamson, Logan Paul Williamson and wife, Samantha Williamson, and Lara Gabrielle Ely, and two great-grandchildren, Niall Kenneth Ely and Nora Lee Arnold. Barbara is also survived by her sister Dorothy Cerulli Mulholland and many nieces and nephews who loved her immensely.

She was predeceased in death by her mother, Marion Nagot Cerulli, her father, Anthony Vito Cerulli, her husband, William Paul Symanko, sister, Mary

Grace Cerulli Kupec, brother, John J. Cerulli and son-in-law, Kenneth Norman Ely Jr.

Barbara worked as a hairdresser in Stamford, Connecticut for many years before starting her 20-year career as an Administrative Assistant at Pitney Bowes, retiring to be a full-time grandmother. She and her husband were avid volunteers at the St. Leo's Fair, while also volunteering for many years at St. Leo's School and Stamford Catholic High. Barbara and her husband were charter members of St. Leo's Parish in Stamford, Connecticut.

Known to many as "Mimi", she was devoted to her faith, family, children and all who knew her. Barbara was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, extraordinary grandmother, aunt and friend to so many. Her memory will live on in our hearts forever as we remember her for the legacy she instilled in each of us, her servant's heart and her hospitality. She never asked for anything, only what she could do for you. Mimi adored hosting others, including her caring neighbors, Karen and Richie, for a glass of wine and her famous deviled eggs. She was known for her epic Christmas Eve gatherings, her fabulous pierogi and chrusciki, exquisite beading skills and admiration for antiquing and collecting.

A mass in celebration of Barbara's life, well lived, will be held at 11AM on Monday, February 26, 2024 at St. Leo's Church, 24 Roxbury Road, Stamford, CT. Interment will follow at Fairfield Memorial Park, 230 Oaklawn Avenue, Stamford, CT.

The family has entrusted Barbara's final care to Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, in Stamford, CT. To express condolences for the family online, please visit the family guestbook at www.bosakfuneralhome.com or www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome

Cemetery Details

Fairfield Memorial Park

230 Oaklawn Avenue
Stamford, CT 06905

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Leo Church
24 Roxbury Road
Stamford, CT 06902

Tribute Wall

GL

“ *Larry, Susan, Jackie and Family*
I was so sorry to hear of Mimi's passing...I will miss seeing her at Karen's house, and will remember all of those times with great fondness. May she rest in peace and may God bless her, your father, and your whole family.
Love, Gail

Gail Lamoureux - February 29, 2024 at 10:32 AM

MP

“ *Deepest Condolences on your loss. Thoughts and prayers for all.*

Michael Portanova - February 27, 2024 at 08:23 AM

CK

“ *I remember, Mrs Symanko baking bread and always bringing a loaf to 8 o'clock mass to give to my parents.*
She was such a gentle lady and very caring
I am so sorry for your loss. May she rest in peace.
Cappy Poczabut Kane

Cappy Kane - February 26, 2024 at 07:41 PM

NM

“ *We are so sorry to hear the passing of Mimi, she was such a wonderful and loving woman and spoiled Logan and Kayleigh every time they visited her. We are so blessed to have had her in our lives and will always be remembered in our house as an amazing Mimi.*
Sending love and prayers to the entire family, Love, Nicole, Graham, Logan and Kayleigh

Nicole MacKenzie - February 25, 2024 at 10:05 AM

JB

“ I was saddened when I learned of Barbara's passing. I remember her from my days growing up on Long Hill. She was a lovely woman. I hope you will accept my deepest sympathy. Janis Bender

Janis Bender - February 25, 2024 at 09:44 AM

JS

“ So sorry to here of Barbara's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.
Joan Cerulli Schacht and Fred Schacht



Joan Cerulli Schacht - February 25, 2024 at 08:38 AM

KP

“ Larry, Susan, Jacque and families
We are so sorry for the loss of your matriarch of the family, our Mimi. She was a wonderful mom, grandma, great-grandma, wife, sister and neighbor who will be sorely missed.
We had some wonderful times at the Symanko residence: our pizza dinners, happy hours, New Year's Eve celebrations with Mimi and Willie And playing our dice game "Left Right Center " With Dorothy as well.
May you rest in peace Mimi and enjoy your time with Willie again.
Love ❤️, Richie and Karen.

Karen Pizzicara - February 25, 2024 at 07:15 AM