



## Barbara Benson

September 26, 1937 - June 4, 2015

Benson, Barbara Dunn, age 77, of Royal Oak, Michigan, passed away peacefully on June 4, 2015, surrounded by her loving family. She will be remembered most for being a profoundly gracious and loving Mother, a spirited and sassy-fun Grandmother, a remarkable conversationalist, a fiercely intelligent and broad-minded humanitarian, and a true dear friend to many. Barbara's ability to profoundly connect with individuals everywhere leaves hearts open throughout the world. By taking the time to listen and make every individual feel valued, she inspired human beings everywhere to connect fearlessly with their own human spirit. Barbara had great zest for life. She enlivened every conversation with her own perfect mix of compassion, knowledge, honesty, fun and humor - and was always focused on the other, not herself. Her strong spirit and unique character will never be forgotten, and her unconditional love will forever ripple through many lives. She was preceded in death by her adored youngest son, Richard 'Sandy' Benson. She is survived by her loving children: Joe (Beth) Benson, Molly Madden, Sioux (Dan) Messinger, and her wonderful grandchildren: Sarah (Lorenzo) Lim, Rachel Benson, Wyatt Madden, Audrey Madden, Rebecca Benson and Bear Messinger. A memorial luncheon will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 1 p.m. at Maggiano's Little Italy, 2089 West Big Beaver Troy MI 48084. All are warmly invited and, if needed, family can be reached at 707-939-8181. The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, bring a card/photos with a story, fond memories or special thoughts of Barbara to the memorial; the same may be

sent to Joe Benson, 2505 Oliver, Royal Oak MI 48073. May all beings be peaceful, may all beings be happy, may all beings be free from suffering.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

JUN 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

Maggiano's Little Italy  
2089 W. Big Beaver Road  
Troy, MI 48084

# Tribute Wall

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“ To the family of Barbara Benson: Please accept my sincere sympathy for the loss of your loved one. While we don't know one another, experiencing the devastation of losing a loved one is something we all face in our lives. The Bible promises a time when "death will be no more" (Rev 21:3.4) and assures us that God hears our prayers (Ps 55:22). I hope this brings you some peace during this difficult time.

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**Wanda** - June 11, 2015 at 07:09 AM