

BARBARA ELIZABETH OESER (HOYT)



Barbara E. Hoyt, 79, of Varna, N.Y., died peacefully surrounded by love on November 29th, 2022. Barb is the niece of the late Edward and Hazel Bush. She enjoyed golfing and bowling. Barb was an avid Mets fan and enjoyed the entertainment at various casinos. She loved her dogs. Barb is best known for her warm heart and many friends.

Barb graduated from Ithaca High School in 1961. In her early days, she worked at Montgomery Ward. She ran Ide's Bowling Center for many years, including the Dick Ritger Bowling Camp. In 1988 she moved to Lake George to manage Lake George Bowl. She returned to Ithaca and Ide's in 1991. In 1994 Barb founded El-be's Deli with her business partner Laurie. El-be's closed to make way for Barb and Laurie to run five Subways around the Ithaca area. She retired in 2014. During retirement, Barb would dabble at P&C and Tops, among others.

Barb was a member of Immaculate Conception Church and later St. Catherine of Sienna. She held various roles in the Church, including Eucharist Minister, catchiest sponsor, and greeter. She ran bingo at the school, participated in hospitality and fellowship committees, and volunteered her time, talent, and treasure.

When her boys were young, she was wherever they were as a scoutmaster, coach, fundraiser, chaperone, or prankster. Barb was the neighborhood mom to so many.

She is survived by her three sons, Roland Hoyt, Kenneth (Erika) Hoyt, and Robert "Rocky" Hoyt; cousin Terri (Al) Stone; long-time special friend, Laurie Foster; buddies Wren Finley and Luke & Bailey Ryan; godson Jeffrey (Lauren) Ryan; and many others who cherished and loved her. She is predeceased by her grandson Dakota Robert Hoyt.

We will celebrate Barb's life with a Funeral Mass at St. Catherine of Sienna on December 19th, 2022, at 11:00 am. Fr. Joe Marcoux will celebrate the mass.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Barb's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church.