



Barbara Susan Hirsch

November 11, 1953 - April 25, 2026

Mineral Point - Barbara (Barb) Susan Hirsch, age 72, of Mineral Point, Wisconsin, passed away Saturday, April 25, 2026, after a courageous three-year battle with pancreatic cancer.

Barb was born November 11, 1953, to Richard Sr. and Lois (Juhl) Bishop at Tripler Hospital in Hawaii, while her father was serving in the Navy. The family later settled in Lewis, Iowa. She graduated from Griswold High School in 1971 and went on to attend Barnes Beauty School in Council Bluffs, Iowa, where she met her future husband, William (Bill) Hirsch, who was stationed at Offutt Air Force Base near Omaha, Nebraska. They were married March 27, 1976, in Wiota, Iowa a union that would last 50 years. Together they had three sons: Jason, Dustin, and Nathan.

Bill and Barb made their home in Iowa and Wisconsin. Barb worked as a beautician for several years before beginning a 32-year career with Lands' End in Dodgeville, Wisconsin, from which she retired. The couple cherished their winters in Florida and were devoted travelers who enjoyed many cruises, including two trips to her birthplace in Hawaii. Barb also treasured her annual girls' weekend trips to the Amana Colonies with her sisters and nieces. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who beamed with joy whenever she spoke of her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard Sr. and Lois Bishop; her son Dustin, who died in infancy; her parents-in-law, Clyde and Hazel Hirsch; her brother Richard Bishop Jr.; her sisters-in-law Donna Novinski and Dorothy Hirsch; and her brothers-in-law Jerry Hirsch and Pat O'flahrity.

She is survived by her husband, Bill; her children Jason (Lisa) Hirsch and Nathan (Dianna) Hirsch; her grandchildren Levi, Dane, Kenzie, and Nathan Hirsch II; her beloved dog, Shadow; her brother Kenneth Bishop; her sister Carole Christensen; her sisters-in-law Bonnie Bishop, Jane O'flahrity, Judy Mills, and Doris Wehrenberg; her brothers-in-law Donald Hirsch, Terry Mills, and Dick Wehrenberg; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2026 at 11:00 AM at the FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH in Mineral Point. A visitation will be held from 9:00 until 11:00 AM at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Iowa County Cancer Coalition would be appreciated.

Barb will be remembered for her kindness and her deep, abiding love for family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Atlantic Cemetery

63119 White Pole Rd.
Atlantic, IA 50022

Tribute Wall

TC

“ Troy / kim connell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Susan Hirsch.

Troy / kim connell - May 07 at 09:11 PM

TC

“ Troy / kim connell purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Barbara Susan Hirsch.



Troy / kim connell - May 07 at 09:11 PM

YF

“ Your DaVita Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara Susan Hirsch.



Your DaVita Family - May 07 at 09:41 AM

RH

“ Although we have never met Barbara, Dorie and I wish to pass on our condolences to the Hirsch family. I remember the Hirsch family were a daily part of my childhood between milk deliveries (Jerry) and classmate (Bill). She fought a courageous battle and brought many cherished memories to those she loved.
Rick and Rhodora Halverson



Richard Halverson - May 04 at 05:59 PM

DH

“ DaVita Eagle Highlands purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Barbara Susan Hirsch.



DaVita Eagle Highlands - May 04 at 11:59 AM

SF

“ Salisbury and family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Barbara Susan Hirsch.



Salisbury and family - May 04 at 10:29 AM

BB

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Barb's passing. I worked with her at Lands' End for many years. My sympathy to her family.

Brenda Beighley - April 28 at 04:36 PM

DT

“ I knew Barb through the the First United Methodist Church in Mineral Point. She was a very kind and giving soul. She bought stuff to my house to donate for organizations I was collecting for. I will always remember her for being a very caring person.



Donna Toay - April 28 at 08:26 AM

BC

“ We met and enjoyed each other's company at the Blue Parrot in Florida. We were always amazed at her upbeat spirit and will to not give up. We admired Bill's continued support and willingness to bring her to Florida in between treatments. Our very deepest sympathy. 🙏💔 Roland and Becki Charles

Becki Charles - April 27 at 09:04 PM

MF

“ We met Barb and Bill at the Blue Parrot in Florida. Amazing friends. Barb was the most courageous person we have ever met. Her strength and positive attitude is an inspiration. Plus we loved all the things she made for us. Rest now my friend.

Mary Beth and Fred - April 27 at 02:08 PM

KB

“ Barb and I went to school together Jr. High and High School. She was always quiet but a true friend. I have many good memories and photos of her and I was glad we kept in touched. She will be missed...she fought a good fight and can now rest.

Kristi Bequette - April 27 at 11:57 AM