



## Barbara Lawrence

February 16, 2023

Barbara J. S. Lawrence, age 72, of Pennsville was called home to be with Jesus, on February 16, 2023. She was born in Salem, NJ, the daughter of the late Robert O. Smith Sr. and Jean C. Smith of Pennsville, NJ. She was married for 43 joyful years to her childhood sweetheart Robert Lawrence Jr.

Barbie was the valedictorian of the 1969 graduating class of Pennsville Memorial High School. She graduated from Evangel College with dual Bachelor's degrees in Math and Art, and earned her Masters in Education through Marygrove College. She was a dedicated teacher in the Pennsville School District, where she retired in 2011 after 40 years of service. She, and her late husband Bob were class advisors for the PMHS Classes of 1983, 1994, and 2002. For many years, they served in the community as youth leaders of Seed of Abraham Ministries and advisors to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Baccalaureate, and Rotary International's Interact youth community service club. During her retirement, she enjoyed spending time with family, going to the movies and family trips to Disney World, and playing with her grandson.

Barbie was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was a gentle, strong and wise woman, the best of friends, a talented painter and calligrapher, a spiritual mother to many, and a faithful disciple of Christ whose life was an inspiring testimony of grace and selfless service to others. Her steadfast and

comforting presence will be sorely missed.

She is survived by her son Dr. John R. Lawrence, M.D., daughter-in-law Kimberly Lawrence, grandson John Paul “Jack” Lawrence, her brother Robert O. Smith Jr. and family.

# Tribute Wall

JA

“*Mrs. Lawrence was one of my favorite teachers. She was a kind and caring person and teacher. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Lawrence and Smith family.*

Janet Ayars - March 02, 2023 at 10:31 AM

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“*My condolences to the family. She was a beautiful person and I loved having her as my teacher and advisor in school. Prayers for the family and her friends.* 🌹🙏



Erin Parten (Greco) - February 23, 2023 at 11:25 AM

BA

“*Our sincere condolences to family and friends. Our town has lost one of the most passionate educators to have graced our communities children with her wisdom kindness caring giving and loving ways. She was one of my favorites. Never one to limit a child because of the background or upbringing rather one to promote for them and show them their self worth. She was instrumental in my life's path encouraging me when I expressed my desire to join the Navy when others smirked and quietly thought he will never make it. I am forever grateful to have crossed he road in life. I truly believe it was her short visits with me that ultimately changed my life course. Had she not taken the time out of her busy schedule to spend time with a kid most had written off I doubt I'd still be here today so thanks Barb for you. Make sure ya tell all the other teachers up there I told ya so about that one lol. Until we meet again.* 🙏🙏🙏  
*for all those suffering silently over her loss. Such a wonderful soul heaven has gained.*

Barry Ayers - February 23, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Lawrence.*



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February 22, 2023 at 02:55 PM



“ *I was fortunate to have known and worked with Barbara. She touched many lives along the way. My thoughts and prayers to the Smith and Lawrence Families.*

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**Mark Jones** - February 21, 2023 at 11:06 AM



“ *Her Legacy will live on forever. Her kindness, generosity and unconditional Love transformed many young lives including my own. Bobby and Barbara were well known for their Faith and Love of God allowing that Spirit of Love to overflow to everyone who knew them! I miss my Friend but I believe we will again have that tea sharing joys and laughter in the Presence of Love. Barbie, you are my Forever Friend!!!* 💖🙏

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**Tracy Scull** - February 20, 2023 at 04:40 PM



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**Jen Nifer Mc** - February 20, 2023 at 09:49 PM

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“ I am very sorry to hear of Barb’s passing. She was an amazing teacher and good friend to all who knew her. My deepest sympathy goes to her family.

Donna Dickhart - February 20, 2023 at 05:48 AM

TM

“ To our class of ‘94 Mom, Advisor! Mrs. and Mr. Lawrence were parents away from home!  
I can’t thank Mrs. Lawrence enough for taking the time to help me understand the equation until I fully understood it and for correcting the students that were laughing at me! Mrs. Lawrence was always cheerful and smiling! She could solve any of our issues! My love and prayers to her son, my classmate John.

Tiffany Marino-Kelly - February 19, 2023 at 10:49 PM

KB

“ Mrs. Lawrence one of my favorite teachers. She cared deeply for her students. My deepest sympathy goes out to the family. R. I. P.

Kim (Data) Bradshaw - February 19, 2023 at 08:39 PM

TS

I am so sorry for the family's loss. Mrs. Lawrence was a great teacher! I graduated from Pennsville in 1983 (Tina Fulks) and had both Mrs. Lawrence and her brother Mr. Smith. May your memories keep her close to your heart.

Tina Smith - February 19, 2023 at 10:45 PM

JE

“ I will miss you always! Love- Your Jean Elizabeth

jen - February 19, 2023 at 08:15 PM

JE

“ I’m so so sorry for your loss, John. Your mom was larger than life and the most wonderful human imaginable. She took care of me like her own and gave me stability and some of the most memorable years of my life. I will always feel like her Jean Elizabeth, as she called me. Love to you and your family. Much comfort and peace. Thinking and praying for you all. XO

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**jen** - February 19, 2023 at 07:16 PM

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“ I was in her first math class, when she took over for Mrs. Kilmer, and I was her 2nd cousin, which didn’t help.

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**Wendell Carpenter** - February 19, 2023 at 06:10 PM

FH

“ Barbie was a dear, sweet friend. She was a responsible-catalyst-party for the union of my husband (Chuck) & I. For many moons she would lay hands on and pray over my picture and Chuck’s - that she placed on her fridge. She knew - in her spirit, that we would be a great union :) We are forever thankful to her dedication as a faithful, sincere woman of prayer. To one of her many glories and victories here on this earth, Chuck & I celebrate 37 beautiful years of marriage this year, and will always be grateful for the role she played in our young lives - way back then. I will miss her laugh. She always knew how to brighten up a room. Our sincere condolences are extended to her precious family.

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**Francine Herrmann** - February 19, 2023 at 05:19 PM



“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you during your time of loss. I was in Youth Group as a teen with both Barbara and Bob as our leaders. She was a kind and charitable woman. May God give you comfort.*

*Kim Friant Roberts*

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**Kim Friant Roberts** - February 19, 2023 at 03:34 PM

EH

*we had prayer meeting before school. with her thats when pray was still in school. she will be missed. 🙏🙏 for all that loved her*

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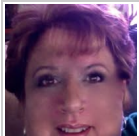
**ellen. eanest homan** - February 19, 2023 at 07:41 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to her family and loved ones. Rest In Peace*

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**Joe Nazar** - February 19, 2023 at 03:28 PM



“ *Such a wonderful Christian colleague and friend. Barbie will truly be missed and never forgotten. She and Bob headed a youth group for years that the HS kids loved being part of. Thinking of her family. God bless.....*

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**Darlene Kowal** - February 19, 2023 at 03:25 PM

KV

“ *I am so sorry to hear this sad news. Barb was a great teacher and such a happy person. My sincere sympathy to John and family.*

*Kathy Villanelli*

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**Kathy Villanelli** - February 19, 2023 at 02:49 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Dr Lawrence and family.*



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**Carol Molinari Monks** - February 19, 2023 at 10:03 AM



“ *So sorry to hear this. Barbie was such a great friend and a loving person. So sorry John and family.*  
*Lorraine Wheatley Locuson*

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**Lorraine Wheatley Locuson** - February 18, 2023 at 05:57 PM