



Barbara Rochowiak

November 13, 1939 - November 7, 2025

Barbara (Niedbalski) Rochowiak, 85, passed away peacefully on November 7, 2025. She was born on November 13, 1939 in Detroit, Michigan. Daughter to Frank and Stella Niedbalski. Barbara married the love of her life Raymond Rochowiak on September 1, 1962 at St. Linus Parish, Dearborn Heights. She was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Raymond, who passed in February 2025. Barbara is survived by their three children: Gregory (Diana) Rochowiak, Laura (Edward) Alonso, and Christopher (Jodi) Rochowiak. Barbara was a dedicated homemaker who poured her heart into raising her family and creating a warm, welcoming home. She took immense pride and joy in her role as Nana to Spencer (Alexis), Lily, Grant, Benjamin, Ella, Samuel, Maxwell, and Helena. She cherished each grandchild deeply and delighted in hearing about their accomplishments and the happenings in their lives.

Known for her warmth and engaging spirit, Barbara was a gifted conversationalist who made everyone feel at ease. Her love of tradition and pride in her Polish heritage were evident in the customs she lovingly passed down to her children and grandchildren, creating a legacy that will live on in their hearts.

Barbara had a creative soul and expressed her talents through various crafts and projects throughout her life. She was also a lifelong dog lover, finding joy and companionship in her pets. Her love of a good burger was well known—never needing to be asked twice.

Please join us for a celebration of Barb's life; Gathering Sunday, November 23rd from 9 AM to 1 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (Between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth.

Memorial Service Sunday, November 23rd at 1PM also at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks all contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Michigan Chapter (<https://www.alz.org/gmc?form=FUNSTKLFHDM>), 25200 Telegraph Road, Suite 100, Southfield MI, 48033-7443.

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Memorial Gathering

NOV **23**. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Barb always welcomed me and my family, particularly up at Crooked Lake, where I enjoyed some of the best times of my youth. The warmness and humor, which she and Uncle Ray always showed, made you want to be there, and to be included.

I also enjoyed watching Aunt Barb and Uncle Ray interact with my parents and aunts and uncles. They exuded a joy toward their extended family, sometimes coming out in the form of humor, by foiling, with Uncle Bob, the humorous escapades of a midnight lake crossing my the Wisz's and Wallace's, who were up to their hijinks.

My heart goes out to Greg, Laura, Chris and families for the loss of their wonderful mother and grandmother. My hope is that Aunt Barb is at peace with Uncle Ray, watching the family musicians play some polkas together.

David Patrick - November 19, 2025 at 09:07 AM