



Barbara Salsini

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Barbara Salsini, 90 years old, passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 21, 2026. She earned a degree in journalism from Marquette University, where she was co-editor of the Marquette Journal. She was a feature writer for the former Milwaukee Journal, and later an editor in the media and communications department at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Barbara was an avid reader, a fashion connoisseur, and a lover of all things cat-related.

Surviving her are her sons James (Rita) of Charlottesville, VA, John (Asia) of South St. Paul, MN, and daughter Laura (Doug) of Newark, DE. She is also survived by granddaughters Natalie (Nick), Stephanie and Jenny, and a grandson, John; sister, Marianne Kaiser of Chicago and sister-in-law Marie Kienlen of New Braunfels, TX, as well as many nieces, nephews, friends, and her cat Rosie. She was predeceased by her parents, Marcus and Eleanor Kienlen, her husband Paul, her brother James and her sisters Donna and Lois.

The family is grateful for the dedicated care of her aides at the Milwaukee Catholic Home, as well as her two devoted friends, Pat Laing and Kathy Busch.

A celebration of her life will be held later this summer at the Milwaukee Catholic Home. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Wisconsin Humane Society or the Milwaukee Public Library.