



## CLOSING REMARKS

BY PATRICK D. DEMPSEY, BARBARA'S SON

**Dear family and friends,**

Once again, thank you for being here virtually today to celebrate the life of my Mom, Barbara Ann Seneca. Grieving is always a difficult process, and even more so in the middle of a global pandemic. We wanted to thank all of you for being so kind and generous to us as we walked through the tragedy and trials of Barbara's illness and passing.

Hearing the reflections shared today and reading the comments in the chat, I know my mom is smiling down on this time we are spending together. May her love live forever and her soul be at peace. As we prepare to end our time together, I will read Psalm 23:

### **A Reading from the Book of Psalms (Psalm 23)**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.





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You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my  
life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

### **This is the Word of the Lord.**

I will end the service now with a brief quote from another very  
important book- one of my Mom's favorites. The words are  
spoken between a brave hobbit and a great wizard. Whenever I  
read this story, I think of my mother - her bravery, kindness and  
wisdom.



"I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo. "So do  
I," said Gandalf, "and so do all who live to see such times. But that  
is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with  
the time that is given us."

- J.R.R. Tolkien - The Fellowship of The Ring



We will now listen to a couple of songs and share  
more pictures up to my mom's passing. Please stay  
with us for this. Afterwards, go in peace and live well.

