



Barbara Louise Bentley

April 30, 1936 - February 20, 2026

Barbara Louise Senn Bentley, 89, of Davidson, NC, passed away peacefully on February 20, 2026, at her home. Born on April 30, 1936, in Laurens, SC, Barbara was a cherished daughter of the late Charles Arthur Senn II and Louise Rowland Senn.

Throughout her life, Barbara dedicated herself to serving others, retiring as a devoted Librarian and English teacher for the US Department of Defense Overseas School System. Her passion for knowledge and love for literature was only matched by her vibrant spirit and commitment to her community. An active member of Davidson College Presbyterian Church, she found joy and fellowship in her faith, and involvement with her Davidson Book Club and Film Club further reflected her enthusiasm for the arts.

Barbara had an adventurous soul, delighting in classical music performances, theatre outings, and travel that spanned the globe. She found joy in the creative process, whether making pottery, practicing tai chi, swimming, or engaging in yoga. Above all, she cherished the moments spent with her family.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Joel Bentley, who had filled her life with love and companionship.

Barbara is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Matthew and Terry Bentley; her son, Charles Derek Bentley; her brother, Charles Arthur Senn III, and his wife, Patty; as well as her adoring grandchildren, Ethan, Caroline, and Joel Bentley, who will miss her dearly.

To honor her life and the love she shared, the family will receive friends on Friday, February 27, 2026, from 7 - 9 PM at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home in Mooresville. A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at 11 AM in the Lingle Chapel of Davidson College Presbyterian Church, with The Rev. Dr. Peter Henry officiating. Following the service, she will be laid to rest in Mimosa Cemetery, Davidson, NC.

In this time of sorrow, we invite all who knew and loved Barbara to join in these ceremonies to celebrate her remarkable life and the endless love she shared with those around her. The family appreciates your thoughts and prayers and invites you to express your condolences online at www.cavin-cook.com

Cemetery Details

Mimosa Cemetery

Davidson, NC 28036

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

FEB 27. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Funeral Service

FEB 28. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Davidson College Presbyterian Church
100 N Main St
Davidson, NC 28036
(704) 892-5641

Graveside Service

FEB 28. 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM.

Mimosa Cemetery
Davidson, NC

Tribute Wall

EA

“ Emily and Patrick Ahern purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Barbara Louise Bentley.



Emily and Patrick Ahern - February 27 at 03:32 PM

EA

“ Emily and Patrick Ahern planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Louise Bentley.

Emily and Patrick Ahern - February 27 at 03:32 PM

FF

“ From the Senn Families purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Barbara Louise Bentley.



From the Senn Families - February 27 at 09:45 AM

FF

“ From the Senn Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Louise Bentley.

From the Senn Families - February 27 at 09:45 AM

RH

“ Ryan Hornyak purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Barbara Louise Bentley.



Ryan Hornyak - February 26 at 06:26 PM

RH

“ Ryan Hornyak planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Louise Bentley.

Ryan Hornyak - February 26 at 06:26 PM

CS

“ Classmates ay Laurens High School purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara Louise Bentley.



Classmates ay Laurens High School - February 26 at 02:33 PM

CS

“ Classmates ay Laurens High School planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Louise Bentley.

Classmates ay Laurens High School - February 26 at 02:33 PM

FM

“ Her Laurens High School classmates are shocked and saddened by the news. She was the brightest person in our class and a remarkable woman. She will be missed. Frank Martin

Frank Martin - February 26 at 02:26 PM

SP

“ Steve and Jodie Pollis purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Barbara Louise Bentley.



Steve and Jodie Pollis - February 25 at 07:54 PM

TB

“ The Booklovers purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Barbara Louise Bentley.



The Booklovers - February 25 at 03:56 PM

FD

“ Barbara was a loyal and beloved volunteer for WDAV during our donor campaigns. Her presence in the phone room was warm and welcoming, and we will miss her greatly. Our hearts go out to her family and friends who shared our esteem for her gracious and generous spirit.

Frank Dominguez - February 25 at 10:23 AM

RS

“ Rachaelprice. Sugarman purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Barbara Louise Bentley.



Rachaelprice. Sugarman - February 24 at 10:44 PM

RS

“ Rachaelprice. Sugarman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Louise Bentley.

Rachaelprice. Sugarman - February 24 at 10:44 PM

DM

“ I had to delightful fortune to meet Barbara when she joined the PW retreat in Montreat one recent year. I learned about her interesting life story and she learned to play Bunco with us! I am grateful to have known her and I'm certain we are all better for knowing her.

Diana Merrifield - February 23 at 06:15 PM

SH

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Barbara through Book Lovers. She was a delightful, kind, thoughtful person who loved books, who loved community, and whose hospitality was always gracious. She was a gem and will be missed.

Shireen - February 23 at 10:28 AM

JG

“ *Barbara was an incredible person who will be sorely missed! From greenway walks, tea time, art and travel musings to concerts in town... she was up for anything. Such an intelligent and kind person. Our deepest sympathy to her family.*

Jessica Gordon - February 22 at 08:02 PM

SS

“ *Barbara was a certainly a beloved member of Shalom! I remember how astounded I was to learn how dedicated she was to swimming her laps at the rec center.*

Susan Schmidt - February 22 at 04:17 PM

RL

Barbara and I have been friends for four decades. She was a warm, kind person with many interests. On a given day she might be cooking a wonderful southern dinner, reading about cultural differences in the Middle East, volunteering at the local library, and staying close to one of her grandchildren. Hers was a life well lived.

Rose LaCasse - February 25 at 12:29 PM