



Barbara Hurston Lewis

February 20, 1931 - September 23, 2025

Barbara Hurston Lewis was born in Jackson, Tennessee, on February 20, 1931, to parents Robert Hezekiah Hurston and Katie Cloud. She passed away peacefully on September 23, 2025, at the age of 94.

Barbara was a remarkable woman known for her kindness, strength, and zest for life. She earned her bachelor's degree from Washington University in St. Louis, demonstrating her dedication to learning and growth. In 1952, she married her beloved husband, Charles Lewis Jr., and together they shared 51 years of marriage until his passing on December 23, 2003. Their union was blessed with two daughters and two sons, and her family and loving dogs was always her greatest joy.

Throughout her life, Barb's love for animals was evident as she and her family showed German Shepherd dogs for nearly a decade. After retiring from her role as a finance and payroll manager at St. Louis Community College, she wholeheartedly embraced new challenges. At age 66, she began walking marathons, inspiring many with her perseverance. She completed her last half marathon at age 80, proving that age was just a number. Similar to her Great

Aunt, Zora Neale Hurston; author and anthropologist, Barb caught the travel bug. She loved to travel either on her mystery trips, destination marathons or setting foot on six continents.

Generous and compassionate, Barb and her family helped raise over \$100,000 for leukemia and breast cancer charities, making a meaningful difference in the lives of many. Always active and lively, she even began exercising with kettlebells—always matching them to her outfit—and remained committed to staying fit well into her later years.

Barbara leaves behind a loving family who will forever cherish her memory: her children Kathryn and Robert Lewis Jr., Cindy and Steven Lechner, Steven and Marilyn Lewis, and David and Karen Lewis. She also leaves seven grandchildren—Robert III, Jessica, Michele, Angela, David, Jacob, and Abigail—as well as great-grandchildren Kiara, Robert IV, Aubrey, Elijah, Quentin, Kalya, Felicity, Chelsea, Calvin, Zaide, Jack, Sophia, and Nicole. She is also survived by her nephew, cousins, and numerous friends who loved her dearly.

A celebration of Barbara's life will be held at Archway Memorial Chapel in Hazelwood on October 24 from 3-6pm (service @ 5). In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to a charity of your choice.

Barbara's warmth, kindness, and inspiring spirit will be dearly missed but forever remembered.

Cemetery Details

PRIVATE

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

OCT **24**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Archway Memorial Chapel
111 Taylor Road
Hazelwood, MO 63042
(314) 895-3900
info@archwaychapel.com

Celebration of Life

OCT **24**. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Bell Family (Blake and family) purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Barbara Hurston Lewis.*



The Bell Family (Blake and family) - October 23, 2025 at 02:52 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Hurston Lewis.*



October 23, 2025 at 09:45 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Hurston Lewis.*



October 20, 2025 at 04:37 PM

RF

“ *Raymond Lewis and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Barbara Hurston Lewis.*



Raymond Lewis and Family - October 11, 2025 at 08:50 PM

CL

“ *Cousin Lois purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Barbara Hurston Lewis.*



Cousin Lois - October 10, 2025 at 02:26 PM

LG

“ *My cousin Barbara was one of the kindest persons I have known. Her quiet demeanor hid a great sense of humor and lots of talents, both athletic and in accounting. Barbara was our person who worked her magic on interpreting the Zora Neale Hurston Trust royalty report. She was a whiz with accounting and a gift to the Trust. She shared her humor with me when I retired. I treasure the retirement gift she sent me that had a reminder quote on it that I had retired and didn't have to do anything anyone asked me to do anymore. I also treasure the time we were able to share childhood memories when we spent time together at the Zora Neale Hurston Festivals and time together caring for our aunt, Winifred Hurston. During our time together, we shared stories of our families as well as childhood fun times at our grandparents (Dr. Hezekiah Robert and Wilhelmina Hurston) home in Memphis, TN. She loved her children and grandchildren so much and was so proud of all that they did. I always enjoyed hearing about their talents and achievements. I am so grateful for our time together, and I'll miss her always.*

My sincere condolences to David and Karen, and all of her beloved grandchildren and greats on the loss of your very dear mother and grandmother.

Cousin Lois Hurston Gaston

Lois Hurston Gaston - October 10, 2025 at 02:01 PM

KS

“ Kenneth McGhee & Archway Staff lit a candle
in memory of Barbara Hurston Lewis



Kenneth McGhee & Archway Staff - October 07, 2025 at 04:26 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the
family of Barbara Hurston Lewis.



October 06, 2025 at 01:14 PM