



Barbara Nicotera Prymas

September 2, 2025

DEEP RIVER, CT - Barbara Prymas of Deep River passed away on September 2, 2025 in New Haven, Connecticut. She was born and raised in Utica, New York. She was a graduate of Rosary Hill College (now Daemen University) in Buffalo, New York with a B.A. in English Literature and continued graduate studies at SUNY at Oswego and Syracuse University. She married Stanley Prymas in Utica and the couple moved to Connecticut in 1973.

Barbara and her husband were seasoned travelers, frequently visiting Europe, along with Asia and Australia. Their young lives were highlighted by a multitude of dog shows, horse shows, soccer matches and baseball games. After raising her children, Barbara then set out to expand her Family History, something that had fascinated her since early childhood. She served as a trustee of the Godfrey Memorial Library in Middletown, Connecticut for ten years, and for fourteen years, was the Director of the Family History Center there. She was a recipient of the Fremont Rider Award for Lifetime Achievement, Dedication and Vision in Genealogy. Barbara was a member of numerous historical and genealogy societies and was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church in Chester, Connecticut.

Barbara is survived by Stan, her husband of 58 years, a daughter, Caroline Black and her husband William, a son, Stephen Prymas and his wife Ashley,

and three grandsons, William Black, Lucas Black, and Holden Prymas. She also leaves a brother, Jesse Nicotera; a sister, Caroline Marino and her husband, Daniel; and a sister-in-law, Jacqueline Garncarz and her husband, Christopher. She was predeceased by her brother-in-law, Joseph Prymas, and her sister-in-law, Franca Nicotera.

Visiting hours will be held on Sunday, September 7th from 5:00 to 7:30 PM at the Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home, 34 Main Street, Centerbrook, Connecticut. A funeral mass will be held on Monday, September 8th at 10:30AM at Saint Joseph's Church, 48 Middlesex Avenue in Chester, Connecticut. In place of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the Godfrey Memorial Library, 134 Newfield Street, Middletown, CT 06457 or Endeavor Therapeutic Horsemanship, Inc., 556 Croton Lake Road, Bedford Corners, NY 10549.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home

34 Main Street

Centerbrook, NY 06409

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/funeral-homes/connecticut/centerbrook/robinson-wright-weymer-funeral-home/3477>

Funeral Mass

SEP 8. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Church

48 Middlesex Turnpike

Chester, CT 06412

Tribute Wall

CS

“ Farewell, my unforgettable and beloved cousin. One of the smartest people I've ever known. I will miss our lengthy phone conversations so very much.

Cynthia S'Doia - September 23, 2025 at 05:41 AM

KC

“ With our deepest sympathy to our families
A wonderful Life! Bravo to a Beautiful Utica Girl from Albany Street.
Kevin Vatalaro & the Vatalaro family.

Kevin Vatalaro 2nd Cousin - September 09, 2025 at 03:35 PM

CS

“ *Caroline*
I am so sorry to hear about your sisters' passing. It is always so difficult to find the right words to say when someone loses a loved one. There are no words really. It's very difficult to understand why those we love are taken from us . May all your wonderful memories of your sister help guide you thru this sad and difficult time. May God Bless her and hold her close and may He give you and your family peace.
Your friend always,
Carol Scampone

CAROL SCAMPONE - September 08, 2025 at 04:45 PM



“ *Caroline,*

I know this is heartbreaking. Sending love and good thoughts for you and your sister. I am hoping to find old black & white photos to share of Barbara in all my Mom's and Nonnie's boxes and treasures. If I find them, I will send or post them here.

Much love, your cousin Vicky xo

Vicky Bialas - September 08, 2025 at 12:53 AM



“ *Vicky Bialas lit a candle in memory of Barbara Nicotera Prymas*



Vicky Bialas - September 08, 2025 at 12:48 AM



“ *My cousin Jerry Benedetto and I were trying to figure out if we were really related . We met Barbara and she took it as her personal mission to help us . We are still not 100 percent sure but she helped us create our family tree . We will always be indebted to Barbara for introducing us to our family in the USA and Italy*

Thank you Barbara

Roger Gelfenbien - September 07, 2025 at 08:25 AM

DN

“ *I will always cherish the gift of family that Barbara represents for me. Her consistent show of love and the genealogy books given to me is an amazing example of Barbara and her loving ways. God blessed us with her.*



Dominick R Nicotera

Dominick R Nicotera - September 04, 2025 at 02:43 PM