



## Ms. Barbara A. Kalnins

March 1, 1946 - May 19, 2026

Ms. Barbara A. Kalnins, of Pittsfield and Brooklyn, NY, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, just months after celebrating her 80th birthday. Born in Pittsfield, MA, on March 1, 1946, daughter of the late Edwin and Barbara Hanley Raney, she graduated from Rockford University in Rockford, IL.

Barbara worked as a teacher at Oxford Middle School. Prior to that, Barbara taught school in Aux en Providence in France, French being one of a number of languages she spoke. Her career was cut short by a tragic car accident in 1972.

An animal lover, Barbara treasured her cats and was a major supporter of the Animal Dreams program, as well as the Humane Society. Her generosity extended to many local agencies, and she took great joy in visiting them, staying abreast of new programs and developments. Though she suffered from head trauma and used a cane, she always had a smile and stayed busy attending plays and concerts both in Brooklyn, NY, and at her Pittsfield home.

Barbara is survived by her brother, Robert Raney (Phyllis), as well as her nieces, Carrieann Sikking and Windy Lee Hughson and their children, Christopher, Brandon and Amber.

Funeral Notice:

A graveside service for Barbara will be Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 11am at the Pittsfield Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to the Berkshire Humane, Society, 214 Barker Road, Pittsfield MA 01201.

# Cemetery Details

## Pittsfield Cemetery

203 Wahconah St.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201

# Upcoming Events

## Graveside Service

JUL 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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