



## Barbara "Ma" LaRose

May 25, 1936 - January 11, 2026

This won't be a typical obituary, because how could a standard obituary do justice to such an extraordinary woman? How can someone so wonderful be summed up in a paragraph or two?

Ma, or Mama, fulfilled many roles - wife, mother, friend, and grandmother - the latter being the thing she cherished above all else. It was her entire reason for being, and she excelled in it beyond measure.

Ma was the type of person that from the moment you walked through her door, no matter where you came from or what you did, you were family and you were loved. She would tell you, "I'm Ma." And she meant it. Love is all she had in her heart, and nobody had a bigger heart than Mama. Her warmth, kindness, and charity was beyond measure. It was infectious, radiating off of her, leaving nobody any choice but to return it all - and then some - right back to her. That's all she ever wanted in this mortal life. To love and be loved. And she was.

She was an avid reader, a passion which could only be rivaled perhaps by her love of food. Ma loved cooking and baking. Her mac n' cheese, pies, and cheesecakes were legendary among friends and family. She always made sure everyone was fed when she was around, often insisting upon it. Ma was also a proud supporter of St. Jude's Children's Hospital, donating every year,

despite her own meager funds, because that's just the kind of woman she was.

Ma peacefully departed from this world on January 11, 2026, surrounded by her entire family, which was everything to her. She leaves behind 3 children, 3 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren, all of whom she was exceptionally proud of.

There's never been anyone in the world quite like Ma, and there never will be.

A celebration of life will be held on May 25, 2026. Her 90th birthday.

In lieu of flowers and gifts donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

# Tribute Wall

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“ 12 years of memories. Olivia used to love playing her piano...no matter how rough it was lol and Hunter loved the water. Ma took over being my grandma when my grandma was no longer with us. Without either of them, I feel lost. She will definitely be missed forever and always.



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**Meghan Ellis** - January 16 at 07:15 AM

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“ My beautiful and loving Ma on our wedding day and Hunters first Christmas. I love you so much and you will be so deeply missed every day. I love you Ma.



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**Sean LaRose** - January 15 at 05:01 PM

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“ There will never be another Ma...



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**Heather LaRose** - January 15 at 01:31 PM



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**Curtis Coffey** - January 15 at 01:05 PM