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Barbara Liselotte (Langheinrich) Pfefferkorn, was born to Ingeborg and Hans Langheinrich on November 22, 1945, in a small village in Thuringia, Germany. She grew up in Borken, Westphalia, West-Germany, with her parents and three siblings Franziska, Karolina, and Ralf.

She studied English literature and history at the University of Muenster in West-Germany, where she met her husband. She received her master's degree in English literature from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

In 1969 she married Hermann Pfefferkorn and lived with him in Urbana, Muenster, Philadelphia, and Heidelberg: with most of their life spent in Philadelphia.

Barbara was a kind and caring person with a wonderful sense of humor. She was very knowledgeable about English Literature and talking to her often prompted friends and family to pick up yet another novel by Faulkner, Austen, Thomas Hardy, etc.

She also had a creative side (she loved to paint) which came in handy in her role as stay-at-home mother. She loved and cared for her children very much. In her free time, she was active in the Women's Auxiliary of the German

Society of Pennsylvania, the International Women's Club of Philadelphia, and Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. She was particularly proud of the time she spent at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church where she led the Dimensions in Literature group for seven years.

As the children grew older, she shifted gears and worked closely with her husband as his editor and assistant. They traveled the world together, visiting various geologic field research sites, including many in Peru and China. Her love of travel was not only limited to those field trips. There were many family adventures to the Atlantic Coast and throughout the world to museums, beaches, and other historical sites.

Barbara's last years were overshadowed by Alzheimer's Disease, which ultimately took her life. She died on Saturday, June 11, 2022. Barbara is survived by her husband Hermann of Philadelphia, son Frank (Nancy) of Madison, WI, daughter Clara of Philadelphia, sister Karolina of Wuppertal, Germany, and brother Ralf of Borken, Germany.

A private celebration of her life and graveside service will be held at a future date.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Penn Memory Center at <https://penmemorycenter.org/gifts/donate/>

Tribute Wall

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“ *Khaluv sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara L. Pfefferkorn*



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“ *Hello, I was one of Mrs. Barbara home health care workers. She was such a loving person great person so loving an arts an crafts was out favorite thing to do an read. She has a very loving family who taught me how to eat better my grandchildren love her I took her to there plays at school an also went out to eat walk an enjoy the weather while getting exercise too. I really miss them it was the best experience in the world because she had alzheimers an my mom end up getting sick as well with dementia although there different it still help me recognize things that I learned from being in the Pfefferkorns home unfortunately my mom passed away this year 6/24/2024 but I had the opportunity to help my mom until the end came so to Ms.Clara her daughter, Thanks for sharing things an conversation most of all thanks for sharing your mom an dad with me. Mr. Pfefferkorn if you out there know that I got much love for you for all you do as a very great person I wish I could give you a big hug for giving me the opportunity to learn an take care of your wife you taught me alot you such a great person pray I get to see you again but if I don't please know yall meant alot to me an my family not sure if I said to much but just want to say thank you so much. Love Lakeesha*

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