
Barbara Park Goldschmid

Obituary

October 12th, 1941 – January 10th, 2026



Barbara Park Goldschmid (Barby) passed away peacefully on the morning of January 10th in Tucson, AZ. Born in Columbus, Ohio, to Howard Courtland Park and Barbara Carter Park on October 12, 1941, she attended *Columbus School for Girls* (Class of 1959) and graduated from *Bennett College* in New York with a teaching degree. She started her career in New York city, teaching at the *Church of the Heavenly Rest Day School* and married soon after (William M Duncan II). They had three children whom they raised in New York City and then Greenwich, CT. They were married for many years and remained friends after their divorce. In Greenwich, Barby was an active volunteer for many, many organizations and worked for two decades as director of youth ministries at *Christ Church*.

In 1984 she married her second husband and the love of her life, Charles Robert Goldschmid (Chuck). In 1992 they moved to Breckenridge, Colorado, where Barby continued her passion of teaching at *Breck Kids*, and was very active at *St. John's Episcopal Church*. She and Chuck spent a year in Honduras living as volunteers at El Hogar Orphanage, an experience she cherished. She was a gifted, caring and passionate teacher who touched the lives of generations of children and teens wherever she was.

That gift was no more evident than when she became a grandmother. Granny B was truly the world's best! She was a model of compassion, kindness and love and she filled her grandchildren's lives with all kinds of adventures. Elaborate camping trips, cookie baking and lemonade stands were some of the favorites.

She and Chuck eventually settled in Tucson, AZ. She was a very active volunteer at *St. Phillips in the Hills*, *Grace St. Paul* and *The Zambian Children's Fund*, where she served as director for many years. She also put her big heart and teaching skills to work as a director of *St. Phillip's After School Music Program*. It was there that she was awarded a Ben's Bells (a local organization that highlights those who make a difference in the world by promoting kindness and community involvement). Her nominator stated, "It's Barby's leadership, continued support, gentle spirit and infectious joy that makes the program a huge success".

To borrow the words of a dear friend: "Barby's energy, even when she had little reserve, was remarkable. She lived for others, she gave to others, it was who she was to her core."

Her leadership, support, spirit, joy and energy will be greatly missed by all those whose lives she touched. Barby is predeceased in death by her sister Patty Bowman. She is survived by her beloved husband, Chuck Goldschmid, her children, Joby Duncan Koren (Michael) of Lone Tree, CO, H. Park Duncan (Whitney) of Greenwich, CT, William Millen Duncan, Jr. (Annie) of Skull Valley, AZ, her five grandchildren, Jake Koren, Lilly Koren, Sydney Duncan, Robby Duncan, Will Duncan, her nephews, Courtland Bowman (Cheri), Alec Goldschmid (Maggie Hanson), her niece, Daedra Unsicker (Neill) and her brother in-laws, Bill Bowman and John Goldschmid.

A live ZOOM Memorial Service will be held for both Barby and Chuck on May 2nd 1:00PM EDT (10AM Arizona /PDT) – the following link will take you to the service. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86280176679>

Following the service on Zoom will be a virtual reception where participants are welcome and encouraged to interact with stories and memories of Barby & Chuck.