## Barbara S Lahage August 11, 2022

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Text: BARBARA LAHAGE OBITUARY

LAHAGE, Barbara Susann Age 83, of Hingham, died on August 11, 2022. Daughter of the late Henry and Mary (Crossen) Lahage. Henry was president of Abe Lahage, Inc., and Mary was a registered nurse. Barbara is survived by many cousins and their families. Raised in Hull, Barbara attended Archbishop Williams High School and received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Economics from Mount Holyoke College. She went on to receive a Master's Degree in Political Science from Boston College. After college Barbara moved to Washington, D.C. She worked for Mass. Senator Benjamin Smith. From 1962-1970, Barbara was a legislative aide on Senator Edward Kennedy's staff. In 1970 when she became executive assistant to the president of Clark University. During the early 1970s she worked with Mass. Congressman Gerry Studds and as a campaign manager for Rosemarie Sansone's successful campaign for Boston City Council. In 1978 Barbara became the director of the Massachusetts Recovery Team which guided the state's rebuilding following the blizzard of 1978. In 1983 Barbara joined the Mass. Water Resources Authority as a program manager, retiring in 2002. Barbara loved good books and conversations. She relished traveling the globe with her friends and aunts. She served on the Hull Cultural Council and the Friends of the Hull Public Library. Relatives and friends are invited to greet the family during the visitation on Friday, August 19, 2022, 9:30-10:30 AM in the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, 21 Emerald St. (off Central St.), HINGHAM. See www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

Classmates Nancy Desmond Cox and friends add:

"Barbara and I were friends since college and the days when we set out to use our political science skills in Washington, DC. Barbara worked for Senator Ben Smith and then Senator Edward (Ted) Kennedy while I worked for US Congressman Hastings Keith. We lived and breathed politics. What fun and interesting few years we had! We drove my little

VW bug to work each day frequently running out of gas on Independence Avenue. We often met for lunch in the Capitol dining room and made the local papers when a chunk of plaster fell on our heads. We went to committee hearings and wrote briefs or answered legislative mail. We spent time with Nancy Edinberg Weinstein, Anne Strauss and Rocki Hill Hughes. In later years, we remained the closest of friends. She put up with my 3 rambunctious young sons in her one-bedroom apartment as we visited Boston. She loved travel, music, books, ballet, political and foreign policy discussions. She visited our condo in San Clemente, CA, several times and became a favorite of my grandchildren. Our last adventure (sadly) was a Viking River cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest. We talked, reminisced and shared ideas about loves and lives."

AA Deceasing Report

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Employer Start Date End Date Position

Self-Employed Public Policy Analyst/Ma

Mass Water Resources Authority Manager

Volunteer

Organization Start Date End Date Role

Education

Institution Degree Date Rcvd

Mount Holyoke College AB 06/01/61 MA 05/01/69

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