



## Helen Lucinda (Cinda) Armstrong Barton

February 21, 1944 - April 23, 2025

Helen Lucinda (Cinda) Armstrong Barton, 81, of Grove City, Ohio passed away on April 23, 2025 after a brief illness. She was born on February 21, 1944 to the late Harold (Buck) and Ruth (Rochester) Armstrong in Portsmouth, Ohio. She was a lifelong educator, serving in the Columbus Public Schools for more than 30 years. Cinda earned an Associate Degree from Virginia Intermont College, a Bachelor's of Elementary Education from Rio Grande College, and a Master's of Education from Ashland University. She was a 1962 graduate of Portsmouth High School. Cinda was a Founding Member of Alpha Mu Beta at Rio Grande College and a long-standing member of Alpha Delta Kappa, Clintonville Woman's Club, Daughters of the American Revolution, Ohio Mayflower Society, and Columbus-Grove City B.P.O. Elks Lodge #37. She was a lifelong adventurer who traveled extensively, befriended everyone she met and lived her life to the fullest every step of the way. Cinda was preceded in death by her parents, beloved brother Charles

Rochester

Armstrong, her sister Dorothy (Dottie) Armstrong Watkins and brother-in-law H  
Kenyon

Watkins. She was also preceded in death by her long-time companion  
Thomas Coon

and his son Darren Coon.

Cinda is survived by her daughter Jill (Barton) Strode, son-in-law Mark Strode,  
and

grandsons Jackson and Cooper Strode. She is also survived by Thomas  
Coon's

children Troy (Lindsey) Vinson, Tara (Dave) Smith, their children and  
grandchildren, and

Darren Coon's son, Thomas (Brittany) Coon. Cinda also leaves behind a wide  
circle of

cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends.

Visitation will be from 3:00 – 5:00 PM, April 30 th 2025, immediately followed  
by a prayer

service at Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home in Worthington, Ohio.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to a charity of  
your

choice in honor of Cinda.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 30. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home  
515 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085

## Prayer Service

APR 30. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Worthington, OH 43085

# Tribute Wall

MP

“ I met Cinda 61 years ago when she came to live with me in Davis Hall at Rio Grande College. Ralph Seward, a neighbor from my hometown Coshocton, was in class with her. She was looking to move to campus. He introduced her to me. She had been in a girl's school in Virginia for her previous years. Had to remind her she was in a co-ed school -like you can't wear pj/night gown to class. Our friendship continued after graduation, marriages, work in central Ohio. I remember seeing Jill right after she was born and Cinda saying she can't play cards or do much but sleep. Told her most would be happy that a baby could sleep. After Jill's marriage and she and Mark lived away, Cinda and I would do lunch, and she would catch me up on family. I knew her sister-in-laws' because they attended Rio. After my husband passed in 2003' Cinda would call often. Since Tom's death we talked every day. We both were checking on each other. I gave her a wakeup call each day. I will miss my best friend and all the great time together. She stayed with me in Florida and my fiends there will miss her also. She is now with Polly are other friend who was with us in AMB. Bye love you always "Curdy" Mary Pierce



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**Mary Pierce** - May 03, 2025 at 01:26 PM

CS

So beautiful Mary! AMB Love❤️

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**Cheryl Baylor AMB sister** - May 06, 2025 at 05:40 PM

CW

“ To Cinda's family: Cinda was a strong woman and a lot of fun. She will be GREATLY missed by her Rio friends and Alpha Mu Beta family. I am so blessed that our paths crossed 60 years ago, and we were able to enjoy lunches and reunions in recent years. May you find peace and comfort in lasting memories. Chris (Bahr) Williams

Christine (Bahr) Williams - April 30, 2025 at 12:02 PM

CW

“ Christine W. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Lucinda (Cinda) Armstrong Barton.

Christine W. - April 30, 2025 at 11:49 AM

MV

“ Maryadele, Hilary, Valerie T., D'Anne V. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Helen Lucinda (Cinda) Armstrong Barton.



Maryadele, Hilary, Valerie T., D'Anne V. - April 28, 2025 at 02:45 PM

TW

“ Taz and Deb Watkins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Lucinda (Cinda) Armstrong Barton.

Taz and Deb Watkins - April 28, 2025 at 02:25 PM

TW

“ *Taz and Deb Watkins purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Helen Lucinda (Cinda) Armstrong Barton.*



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**Taz and Deb Watkins** - April 28, 2025 at 02:25 PM

DW

“ *Aunt Cinda...you are loved and will be missed by both Taz and Deb Watkins. Thank you for all the wonderful memories...visiting your Hocking Hills home, showing us around Columbus and all the beautiful homes, taking me, Deb, to The Ohio State University shoehorn stadium, and, of course, the fun at the casinos. I think we can keep that tradition going in your honor. Again, thank you for all the help you gave us. Taz and I send out our condolences to Jill and her family. RIP Cinda, you are blessed.*

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**Debra L Watkins** - April 28, 2025 at 02:14 PM

HP

“ *The Columbus Colony Mayflower Society extends our sympathy to the family. Helen was a member since March 6, 2009, her Pilgrim ancestor was William White.*

*Hilda Pappas  
OH Mayflower Society  
Columbus Colony  
Corresponding Secretary*

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**Hilda Pappas** - April 28, 2025 at 01:05 PM

SH

“Cinda, this world will surely miss your smile and laughter. I first met you at a southern Ohio auction, one of many that we attended over the years. You never met a stranger, always kind and inquisitive. You made everyone feel as if they were the most important person in the room. You could pull off any outfit as being chic and fashionably bohemian. And yet so down to earth in conversation. As a friend, I loved you dearly. You taught me the art of thrift shopping, looking for the best bargains. My funniest memory: We were going somewhere together (don't remember exactly where to) but we stopped for gas in the middle of a snow storm. We went inside, purchased two hot dogs and stood outside in the snow eating those hotdogs and laughing so hard we could've easily choked. So funny to remember that but anyone who knows Cinda, I am sure has had similar experiences with this beautiful soul of a lady. So many stories over forty years of knowing you, so much joy and funny times we shared. I love you dear sweet friend.

God bless and keep your soul.

The Hartzler Family (Tom, Sherry, Steph and Eric and their respective families)

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Sherry Hartzler - April 28, 2025 at 12:08 PM

CE

“It was a joy having Cinda as an aunt. Witty, fun, creative, and caring. I'm not much younger than Cinda so I clearly remember the first time she visited the Bartons at 50 W. Brighton Road. After Cinda left, we all talked about how cute she was. I have so many wonderful memories... and who could forget that laugh? My thoughts are with Jill, Mark, Jackson, and Cooper as well as the rest of us who loved Cinda dearly.

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Chris Barton Emmons - April 28, 2025 at 11:50 AM

JG

“ I grew up with Cinda in Portsmouth. First across the street and then right next door. We spent a lot of time in each other’s homes. I have wonderful memories of playing in the backyard, going on walks, and sledding with her and her brother, Charlie. She was so bright, energetic, kind and loving. She will surely be missed.

Joan Du Puy Glass - April 28, 2025 at 08:25 AM

JT

“ Jill, I am so sorry for your loss. I am so thankful for your Mom. We had so many laughs and good times together. This picture is from Christmas 2024. The smile on Cinda’s face shows the laughter and fun we were all having.



Jacquelyn Turner - April 27, 2025 at 04:07 PM

JA

“ Saddened and shocked to read the passing of a long time friend -Cinda and I grew up in the same church in Portsmouth, Ohio. My sincere condolences to Jill and family and her many friends  
Fly high, Lucinda . ❤️



Judy Amos - April 27, 2025 at 03:59 PM

JT

“ Jackie Turner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Barton.

Jackie Turner - April 27, 2025 at 03:58 PM

JT

“ Jackie Turner purchased the *Be My Love Bouquet* with Red Roses for the family of Helen Lucinda (Cinda) Armstrong Barton.



Jackie Turner - April 27, 2025 at 03:58 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Helen Lucinda (Cinda) Armstrong Barton.



April 27, 2025 at 01:16 PM

TF

“ The Cardenas Family purchased the *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* for the family of Helen Lucinda (Cinda) Armstrong Barton.



The Cardenas Family - April 27, 2025 at 12:00 PM

BR

“ Beth Reeves purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Helen Lucinda (Cinda) Armstrong Barton.



Beth Reeves - April 26, 2025 at 11:42 AM