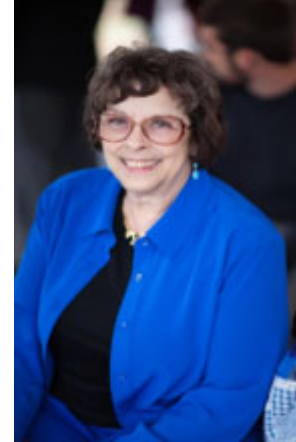


Susan Barbara LeVine Robinette

Susan Barbara Robinette, a beloved mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully in her home in Albany, California on February 26, 2026 at the age of 82.

Born on October 11, 1943 in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Susan was the daughter of the late Bernard and Evelyn LeVine. She was known for her kindness and listening, her profound love of books and learning, her appreciation of vibrant arts and crafts, a passion for good food and wine, and her dedication to her children and family.



Susan graduated from Newton North High School in 1961, joined the Mount Holyoke freshman class in fall 1961 and later obtained an AB in American History from Mount Holyoke College in 1966. She returned to school later in life to pursue a Master of Liberal Arts and Science degree at Vanderbilt University, graduating in 1994.

She was a dedicated homemaker who took active volunteer roles in her children's schools and soccer organizations and was a longstanding member of several book clubs. She and her beloved husband, the late Charles Robinette Jr., had a passion for cooking, taking cooking lessons early in their marriage and experimenting with recipes throughout their 35 years together, often in the company of their close friends. Susan enjoyed travel throughout her life, taking road trips across the US, visiting National Parks, and adventuring internationally to Europe, India, Africa, and Central Asia. She brought a spirit of openness and a joy in trying new things.

For as long as she could remember, Susan loved books and could never pass a bookstore without going in. She was an avid book collector and read widely, with a deeper passion for mystery novels. Just a few days before she passed, she made a significant effort to visit the library where she lived to get started on her next book club book. She was an avid crossword puzzler and loved a variety of word games, an activity she did together with friends and family.

Susan will be profoundly missed by her children: Michael Robinette and wife Margaret Lin Robinette of Los Angeles, California and Rachel Robinette and husband Mike Castellanos of Berkeley, California.

She was a proud and loving grandmother to Maddy and Simon (Michael's children) and to Charlie and Felix (Rachel's children) for whom she always had another excellent reading recommendation.

She is also survived by her sister and members of her husband's family and many loving nieces, nephews and dear friends including two elementary school friends from Newton, Massachusetts. A memorial service was held on March 29, 2026 at Temple Ohabai Sholom in Nashville, Tennessee. Friends and family were invited to attend and celebrate Susan's life. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made in her honor to the Nashville Public Library Foundation (nplf.org).

Source: Prepared by Rachel Robinette.

Additional Information:

At Mount Holyoke College Susan was active in the Outing Club, the Fellowship of Faith and the Young Republican Club. She spoke, read and wrote French. In summers during her college years, she worked at the Newton Free Library, Newton, Massachusetts. She also attended Boston University for two summer sessions and one fall session.

Following Mount Holyoke, Susan lived in Boston and then Washington, DC with her two close Newton elementary school friends. There she met and married Charlie Robinette and moved with him to Seattle where he was an engineer with Boeing. When Charlie decided to switch to the field of medicine, they moved to St. Louis where he graduated from Washington University School of Medicine. They then moved to Nashville, Tennessee where Charlie completed his radiology residency and pursued a career in radiology.

The *Spring 1982 Quarterly Alumnae Magazine* class notes carried the following information: "Susan Barbara LeVine Robinette and Charlie are located in Nashville, TN where he is finishing his residency in radiology at Vanderbilt. Their children are Michael, 6, and Rachel, 4."

Charlie, Dr. Charles Leonard Robinette, Jr., was a practicing radiologist in Nashville, Tennessee until his death in 2006. Susan remained in Nashville in the house they designed and built, moving to Albany, California in 2023 to be near her daughter and her family.

Photo: provided by Rachel Robinette, Susan's daughter.

Sources: Mount Holyoke College Archives and Special Collections, Rachel Robinette, *MHC Quarterly Alumnae Magazine*, Spring 1982.

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