

## *Barbara Udel Mittelstaedt Berven*

**Hometown/Other places I have lived:** Born in Highland Park, IL; Menomonee Falls, WI; Grand Ledge, MI; Madison and Waunakee

**Children/Grandchildren:** Step daughter - Jennifer

**Education/Career Experiences:** BA - Linguistics (UW-Madison). Worked as a legislative analyst and speechwriter for the Republican Caucuses in both the Wisconsin Assembly and the Michigan House of Representatives. In 1984, I joined the Wisconsin Utilities Association as Vice President - Programs. Retired in 1997.

**Membership in other organizations/Volunteer work:** Attic Angel Association, Vasa Order of America (Swedish-American organization - served as financial secretary for four years); enjoyed volunteer experiences with the Madison Area Literacy council and Meriter Hospital (ER and Special Care Nursery. *Board member - Attic Angel Association, Madison Area Crimestoppers, Madison Symphony Orchestra, Madison Symphony Orchestra League, Friends of the Overture Concert Organ.*

**Hobbies:** Needlework, beading, stamping, reading, interior design, travel, playing the piano and harp (but not very well!).

**Family members in P.E.O. (past and present):** None

**Officer positions held:** Vice President and President

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