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Barbara Orson, 88

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Barbara Orson died on July 19. An accomplished American stage actress, Barbara Orson co-founded the Trinity Repertory Company in Providence. She was born in New York on May 19, 1929. In 1956, she married Dr. Jay M. Orson and raised three children: twin daughters, Beth and Diane, and her son, Ted.



Orson appeared in more than 100 productions at Trinity Repertory Company in a wide spectrum of roles, and toured with the company to the Edinburgh Festival in Scotland in 1968. Other professional credits included roles at the Yale Repertory Company, the American Repertory Theatre, the Dallas Theatre Center, and the Williamstown (Mass.) Theatre Festival.

In addition to her husband and children, she is survived by sons-in law Robert W. Elner and Tim Moran and daughter-in-law Iris van der Walde; and grandchildren Joshua and Jacob Orson; and Emily and Max Moran.

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