



Barbara Ann McDowell

August 2, 1938 - July 15, 2024

Barbara Ann McDowell, 85 years of age, of Grant, Alabama passed into the arms of Jesus Monday night, July 15 at home with her daughter at her side.

Barbara was born in the hills of Kentucky in 1938 to William and Nannie Tyra King. She was the 7th of nine children. Life on the farm was physically hard as she and her siblings helped grow, pick and preserve their own food. The older children always helped care for the younger ones and the family was full of love for each other and their neighbors. God and church was an integral part of their lives. Barbara gave her life to the Lord and was baptized at the age of 16.

Barbara graduated from Tyner High School in 1957. She went to work at the REAA Electric Co-op as a secretary. She was soon introduced to Johnny McDowell and they married in 1960. They moved to Dayton, Ohio for better work and made their home there.

Barbara worked for Old Colony Envelope as a machine operator for 19 years till the company closed. She then had a 20 year career with Walmart and retired from there.

Two children were born to this marriage: Patricia Lynne and John Sanford. Even though Barbara and Johnny divorced after 10 years, they both worked to raise their children with love and support.

In 1995, Barbara left Ohio to move to New Hampshire to live with her daughter and family. She was an integral part of their life and the raising of two grandsons. She then moved to Alabama with them in 2004 and was happy to be back in the South. She went on many adventures with her family - cruise to Mexico, parents weekend in Colorado Springs, Co, many basketball and football games and many trips to the beach. She was known to all as Grandma Barb. She lived out her final years looking out at the lake and enjoying the beauty of their little cove.

Barbara was a member of Arab First Baptist church. She loved the Lord and often read

her bible. She loved watching Tom Brady play football, was an avid reader and was famous for her Buckeye Balls.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Reverend William King and Nannie Tyra King, her siblings: Bill King, Christine Hensley, Grace Allen, Genevieve Chakour, Jesse King, Fred King and Roy King. She also lost her son, John Sanford McDowell in 2009.

Barbara is survived by her daughter Patricia Graham and son-in-law Rick Graham, her brother Rex King (Lydia) of Yatesville, GA, her grandchildren - Jon Evens of Chico, CA, Lake Graham (Laney) of Leeds, AL, Skyler Graham (Allie) of Birmingham, AL, Jacob McDowell (Taylor) of Lawton, MI and Miranda McDowell of Lawton, MI and several nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

She also had five great grandchildren: Lucy Claire Graham, Luke Woodson Graham, Paisley Mae McDowell, Annie Grace Graham and Olivia Grace McDowell.

Barbara will be dearly missed by her family and a host of friends from the midwest, northeast and the south. She left a legacy of love and generosity that will be hard to match.

We will celebrate the life of Grandma Barb on Saturday, July 27th at Guntersville Memorial Chapel. Visitation will be at 10:30 am with the service starting at 11:00 am. Officiant will be Reverend Don McMurry, Fayetteville, GA. A luncheon will follow.

Donations may be made to Shepard's Cove Hospice. They wonderfully helped with Grandma Barb's care and we are so thankful.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 27. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Guntersville Memorial Chapel
1601 Henry Street
Guntersville, AL 35976
(256) 582-7931
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

BF

“ Blessings and peace The Hunter Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Barbara Ann McDowell.



Blessings and peace The Hunter Family - July 26, 2024 at 05:13 PM

BF

“ Blessings and peace The Hunter Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Ann McDowell.

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TG

“ The Garretts purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara Ann McDowell.



The Garretts - July 25, 2024 at 11:55 AM

TG

“ The Garretts planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Ann McDowell.

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SF

“ Scott & Lisa Stafford and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Barbara Ann McDowell.



Scott & Lisa Stafford and Family - July 24, 2024 at 11:11 AM

NE

“ I grew upwith the King family they were great neighbors and friends .

nora evans - July 24, 2024 at 10:06 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann McDowell.*



July 22, 2024 at 01:00 PM

SD

“ *Steve & Linda DeVries planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Ann McDowell.*

Steve & Linda DeVries - July 22, 2024 at 01:00 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann McDowell.*



July 21, 2024 at 04:50 PM

SW

“ *Patty I know she'll be missed but her memory will live on with those who knew and loved her. I have some great memories with her from Ohio. All I can say is you and your family changed her life forever and gave her a whole wonderful life. Thank you for that. You are all in our prayers. Sue williams*

sue williams - July 18, 2024 at 10:21 AM