



Ms. Barbara Louise Yarborough

June 1, 2019

Ms. Barbara Louise Yarborough stepped into the arms of her Master on Saturday, June 1, 2019 while at home.

The memorial service will be at 2 P.M. on Friday, June 7 at Pleasant Hill UMC in Indian Land, SC. The Rev. Joel McMakin and the Rev. Gary Baldwin will officiate. The family will host a reception after the service.

Barbara was born in Indian Land, SC to David Olin and Mattie Louise Williams Yarborough. Nicknamed "Termite" because of her short stature, Barbara graduated from Indian Land High School where she excelled in basketball and various other sports, being voted "Most Athletic" her senior year. She was also voted "Most Mischievous" due to her prankish personality. An outstanding member of her class, she was the recipient of many other awards.

Growing up, Barbara was a member of Pleasant Hill UMC and was very active in the Youth Group, Bible studies, church camp and conference seminars. She surrendered her life to Christ at a very young age while watching a Billy Graham Crusade and she served her Lord and Savior faithfully for the rest of her life.

Barbara received her BS degree in Physical Education from Winthrop University. After graduation she taught physical education in the Charlotte Mecklenburg School system for several years and was one of the few nationwide who were selected to attend the National Institute On Girls Sports at Michigan State University.

She earned her MA in Physical Education from UNC Chapel Hill and taught Physical Education at UNC and later at Elon College. During this period, she opened a successful gymnastics studio in Burlington, NC and was an independent sales representative for various companies. While in Elon, Barbara was ordained as a Diaconal Minister of children's education in her local Church.

Several years later, she stepped down as Diaconal Minister, because Christ had called her to serve the Kingdom in a different manner. She moved to Raleigh, NC, and opened Restoration Ministries in her home where she poured into the lives of those suffering from various substance addictions and abuse. Ever the entrepreneur, Barbara also started her own successful lawn care service

Barbara was a woman who “walked the talk”. Her love for Jesus permeated every aspect of her life. She deeply loved her family and friends and they loved her. She will be greatly missed. Even while suffering from Alzheimer’s over the last several years, she fought the good fight and finished her race.

The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to Providence Care Hospice, Bright Star Home Care, Harbor Chase, Carolina Gardens and Autumn Leaves for their loving and compassionate care of Barbara these last few years.

Barbara is survived by her brother Jerry Yarborough (Margie) of Jacksonville, FL; her sister Muriel Abercrombie (Gray) of Fort Mill, SC; her five nephews Lynn Yarborough (Debbie) of Fernandina Beach, FL; Bryan Yarborough (Dinah) of Tampa, FL; David Yarborough (Lisa) of Lafayette, LA; LtCol. Saddler Taylor of Irmo, SC; CPO Benjamin Abercrombie (Elizabeth) of Chesapeake, VA and 18 great nephews and nieces.

In lieu of flowers the family desires that memorial contributions be made to the Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675 or to the Alzheimer’s Association, SC Chapter, 3223 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia, SC 29169.

Comments



“ So sorry to hear about this. She was our daughter’s gymnastic’s teacher in Burlington. Prayers for the family.

Butch and Marianne Wilson

Marianne - June 06, 2019 at 08:47 AM



“ Grew up with Barbara and her whole family within walking/bicycle distance, rode the same school bus for 12 years, she gave me a bloody nose on the bus. It had broken down and Barbara, as a TOM BOY, was climbing over the back of the seats and hit me in the nose....we attended PHUM and she and myself sang ALTO, with her voice being the strongest of anyone. !!!
Was able to keep up with Barbara thru Ms. Louise whom became my BEST FRIEND after my mom died.. She and mom were good friends.
It was hard visiting Barbara in her Asist. Living homes and especially in the Alz home but in the end, she knew me and raised her hand off her chest for me to hold. Very special.
Joyce Potts Ashley

JOYCE P ASHLEY - June 05, 2019 at 06:22 PM



“ Jerry, and Muriel, we send prayers and love to you and your families at this sad time. Barbara was always the sunshine at ole’ IL as I remember her. The picture of her is as She truly was - she was one student of IL that stood out with her personality and big smile. I can see her now playing marbles at recess, she was right in the middle of all sports. I know she will be missed by family and all that knew her - now she is the sunshine in heaven.
God Bless, in love!
Jean and Louis Riley

Jean and Louis Riley - June 05, 2019 at 05:08 PM