



Mrs. Barbara Ann Whitley Hilliard Brooks

October 3, 1947 - September 7, 2023

Graveside services for Barbara Ann Whitley Hilliard Brooks, age 75, of Henderson, Texas, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at Evergreen Cemetery in Paris, Texas. Rev. Bill Kuykendall and Justin Wideman will be officiating the service. Visitation in Henderson at Crawford A. Crim will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2023 from 4-6 p.m. Visitation in Paris, Texas, will be held on Monday, September 11, 2023, at Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home from 5-7 p.m.

Barbara passed peacefully into the arms of her Savior on Thursday evening, September 7, 2023. Barbara was born on October 3, 1947, in Deport, Texas, the tenth child of Press and Ola Welch Whitley. She graduated from Blossom High School where she was in the drama club and on the basketball team. She still maintained friendships developed with her classmates until her death.

Barbara married James (Jim) T. Hilliard on November 2, 1966. They were blessed with three daughters - Tonya Ann on July 22, 1967, Judy Marie on August 10, 1971, and April Donielle on April 29, 1982. Barbara and Jim divorced in 1991 but remained lifelong friends and dedicated parents. During their marriage Barbara continued her education, receiving her LVN license. After working for a while, she returned to school and attained her RN license. She had found her calling. After working for many years at McCuiston Regional Medical Center as a PACU or Recovery Room Nurse, Barbara left

the Paris area and moved to Henderson to be closer to her children. While living in Henderson, Barbara went to work for Laird Hospital in Kilgore and then the Longview Regional Ambulatory Surgical Center in Longview. She enjoyed this work up until retirement. While living in Henderson, Barbara attended and became a member of Calvary Baptist Church. It was there that she met Otis Brooks. She married Otis on July 31, 2003. They enjoyed 13 years together until his death on December 13, 2016.

Barbara's life was not easy. As a child, she underwent a pioneering life-saving surgery. As an adult she developed a rare type of thyroid cancer. Fortunately, her association with geneticist Dr. Ruth Decker from St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri, resulted in several of her siblings and cousins, who unknowingly had the cancer gene, to have a preventative thyroidectomy. As a result of her treatment for thyroid cancer, Barbara lost the use of her voice which brought her great sorrow as she loved to sing. Through the years, she struggled with other difficulties and side effects from these procedures, but ultimately it was a bout with COVID pneumonia from which she would not recover.

Barbara's greatest joys were her faith, her family, her volunteer work for Hospice of East Texas, traveling and talking to people about Jesus. In any conversation she would work it back to asking the person if they knew Jesus as their Savior. She would often hear their stories and tell them how much Jesus loved them, and how they too could be saved.

Barbara loved adventure. When Ted Tongson approached her about flying to the Philippines and bringing his ill father back to the States, she jumped at the chance. Having never flown before, and knowing absolutely no one in the Philippines, she was all in. Some of the many places Barbara visited were Italy, Israel, Germany, and Canada. She loved going to the Southern Gospel Quartet Convention and anywhere else she was invited. We always laughed

that if there was gas in the car, Barbara was ready to go.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents Press and Ola, brothers Pressie Jr., Billy Glenn, Lawrence, Jerry, and sister Dalhia Joyce, as well as her daughters' father Jim, husband Otis Brooks, son-in-law Josh Shaw, brothers-in-law Bo Barnes and Wally Wilson and sister-in-law Sue Farris Whitley. Barbara is survived by her children Tonya Davis and husband Guy, Judy Sharp and husband Justin, and April Shaw. Her siblings and their spouses Charles and Velma Whitley, Margaret Whitley, Sue Wilson, Wanda Whitley, Russell Whitley, Corky and Anita Whitley. She is survived by loving grandchildren Chase & Shawna Sharp, Jarrett & Macy Davis, Whitleigh and Laine Trimmer, Weldon and Lily Davis, Travis & Lauren Davis, Hannah Sharp, Wade Shaw, Coby Sharp and Brenda Ortiz, Hailey Shaw and Courtney Shaw. She is also survived by great-grands Kyler & Jacie Sharp, Aiden & Brycen Doss, Johnny Trimmer, Noah Ortiz, Addie, Ana & Jack Davis, June & Ruby Davis, and Nora Davis. She is also survived by a special friend, Norman Hiebert. Barbara was dearly loved by a host of nieces, nephews and dear friends both near and far.

Pallbearers will be grandsons Chase Sharp, Jarrett Davis, Weldon Davis, Travis Davis, Coby Sharp, Wade Shaw, and Laine Trimmer.

Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 410 North Marshall, Henderson, TX 75654 or Hospice of East Texas, Tyler, TX.

Condolences may be made at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

560 Evergreen St.
Paris, TX 75460

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **10**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Visitation

SEP **11**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fry & Gibbs Funeral Home
730 Clarksville St.
Paris, TX 75460

Graveside

SEP **12**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Evergreen Cemetery
560 Evergreen St.
Paris, TX 75460

Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Barbara Ann Whitley Hilliard Brooks*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - September 10, 2023 at 12:22 PM

BJ

I'm sorry to hear of your loss. Jim and Your mother was an absolute dream as all you girls are. My heart is breaking for you!!! That pain hurts so bad. She was certainly a classy lady and left many wonderful memories.

Becky V. and Jim Jordan - September 14, 2023 at 02:57 PM

DK

“ *Dianna & David Kelley*



Dianna & David Kelley - September 30, 2023 at 06:39 AM

BB

“ *Beverly Brooks lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Brooks*



Beverly A Brooks - September 18, 2023 at 11:16 AM

JW

“ Prayers for you all!

Jennifer Warnell - September 13, 2023 at 11:26 PM

SH

“ Sue HENDERSON lit a candle in memory of
Barbara Ann Brooks



Sue HENDERSON - September 13, 2023 at 04:43 PM

DC

“ David Kathy Chapman lit a candle in memory
of Barbara Ann Brooks



David & Kathy Chapman - September 11, 2023 at 07:57 PM

DW

“ Dianne Wylie lit a candle in memory of
Barbara Ann Brooks



Dianne Wylie - September 11, 2023 at 12:01 PM

MC

“ *Milton Angie Christian lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Brooks*



Milton & Angie Christian - September 11, 2023 at 10:11 AM

JH

“ *Judy Hartenstein lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Brooks*



Judy Hartenstein - September 10, 2023 at 05:05 PM

JA

“ *Jason Patricia Akin lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Brooks*



Jason & Patricia Akin - September 10, 2023 at 02:56 PM

AR

“ *Amy Rockey*



Amy Rockey - September 10, 2023 at 10:49 AM

BE

“ *Buddy & Dianne Everitt lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Brooks*



Buddy & Dianne Everitt - September 10, 2023 at 02:15 AM

KC

“ *kristy campbell lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Brooks*



kristy campbell - September 09, 2023 at 10:17 PM

MG

“ *Missy & Steve Green lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Brooks*



Missy Hacker & Steve Green - September 09, 2023 at 07:58 PM

TL

“ *Toni Lockridge lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Brooks*



Toni Lockridge - September 09, 2023 at 06:33 PM

PS

“ *Pam Smith lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Brooks*



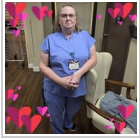
Pam Smith - September 09, 2023 at 05:38 PM

AB

“ *Amy Brooks lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Brooks*



Amy Brooks - September 09, 2023 at 03:42 PM



“ *Nettie Clark lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Brooks*



Nettie Clark - September 09, 2023 at 03:28 PM



“ *Sure going to miss her smiling face. Barbara was such a joy to be around. RIP Sweet Lady*



Donna Aaron - September 09, 2023 at 02:59 PM

BG

“ *Praying for peace and comfort*
Bonnie Geddie



Bonnie Geddie - September 09, 2023 at 12:59 PM

RT

“ *Will miss seeing you at hospice. So sorry for*
y'all's loss Judy



Rick Thompson - September 09, 2023 at 11:57 AM

CS

“ *Your mom was a kind person that knew exactly what you needed*
and when. I remember feeling her arm around my shoulder during
church when I needed an extra hug. I also remember her
encouraging visits when my dad was sick. She will be missed but
definitely remembered. You are all in my prayers. Paula

craig Paula Sweeney - September 09, 2023 at 10:45 AM

HB

“ *Judy, Hannah, and family, we have you in our*
prayers!!



Holli Bridges - September 09, 2023 at 09:39 AM

RC

“ *Reba Crim lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Brooks*



Reba Crim - September 09, 2023 at 09:14 AM



“ *Becky Hammett Rountree lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Brooks*



Becky Hammett Rountree - September 09, 2023 at 08:47 AM



“ *Barbara J Jolley lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Brooks*



Barbara J Jolley - September 08, 2023 at 10:07 PM

RD

“ *Roy Pat Davis lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Brooks*



Roy & Pat Davis - September 08, 2023 at 10:03 PM

RB

“ *Rosalee Burns lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Brooks*



Rosalee Burns - September 08, 2023 at 09:39 PM

CK

“ *Chris King lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Brooks*



Chris Linda King - September 08, 2023 at 09:37 PM

MD

“ *Mary Davis lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Brooks*



Mary Davis - September 08, 2023 at 08:57 PM

GG

“ *Greg Melinda Gibson lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Brooks*



Greg and Melinda Gibson - September 08, 2023 at 07:18 PM

SG

“ *A very sweet Godly lady.* ”



Scott Gibson - September 08, 2023 at 07:14 PM