



## Mrs. Dorothy Cannon Barry

September 10, 1921 - July 20, 2017

Dorothy Cannon Barry was born Sept. 10, 1921, in Henderson, TX – a town she called home for most of her life. She died July 20, 2017, in Tyler's Hospice of East Texas, slipping after 95 years from peaceful sleep into perpetual light.

The first-born daughter of Gause and Kathleen Cannon, Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; by husband of 66 years, James A. Barry; by son-in-law Ivan Willard; by brother-in-law James Mason; and by her great-grandsons John Caleb Barry and James Cannon Willard.

She is survived by her daughter, Cyndy Willard of Henderson, and her son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Kay Barry of Tyler; by her sister, Jo Anne Mason of Henderson; by grandchildren Jill and Jeff Young, Barry and Rachel Willard, Amy and Trey Hacker, Ginger and Jeremy Brandt, and Shannon and Betsy Barry; by her nieces and nephew, Pat Sudduth, Kay Mason and Mike Mason and wife Debbie; by special cousins Jadean Roberts, Gena Cannon and Dick Whitaker; and by 12 great-grandchildren: Will and Hank Young, Carson and Kerith Willard, Hope and Jack Hacker, Miles, Owen and Lucas Brandt, and Joshua, Micah and Jesse Barry.

Acknowledged by all who knew her as one of the greatest – even among a Generation of Greats – Dot spent her life collecting friends and experiences.

She married James Barry and helped build his career with Southern charm deployed across multiple cities in 2 states. She raised their 2 children among a large, loud and eccentric clan, creating everyday magic and passing down passions for storytelling, travel and Texas.

Like so many peers, she bore a spouse's tour of duty in World War II and a son's tour in Vietnam. She stayed up on all news and family exploits, kept in contact with everyone, mailed out cheer and witty observation – in literally hundreds of cards and newspaper clippings, remembered to call on birthdays and showed up for special events.

Her love of family grew exponentially with grandchildren, grandnieces and grandnephews but exploded with the latest generation of “greats.” Both international traveler and everyday grandmother, she and James visited Great Britain, Europe, the Holy Lands – to name a few. But they were also, so often, at home and awaiting visitors -- back door unlocked, pantry full of snacks. Her refrigerators in 3 successive homes were plastered with great grandchildren's faces. No babies have ever been cuter, smarter or sweeter than the ones in GiGi's family.

Dot loved games like Mah Jongg and challenges like jigsaw puzzles. Until the last years of life, she never watched TV without needlepointing or knitting. She read constantly. She entertained using every cooking shortcut in the book. And she laughed more than two ordinary people combined.

None of Dot's life would have worked without a deep and real Christian faith, where prayer was sustaining and the Bible brought strength for the journey. In her, Love was made deed and relationships were covered in grace. In fact, if we are what we love, Dot Barry was a beautiful crazy quilt of people and places, of connections and community and of small, marvelous things. At her request, her private burial service was held Saturday, July 22, 2017, at

Lakewood Memorial Park in Henderson, with her son, the Rev. Jim Barry, and the Rev. David Luckert officiating under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Memorial Park

1001 Van Buren St.  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Graveside

JUL 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

Lakewood Memorial Park  
Hwy 64 & 323  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Tribute Wall

CN

“ *Clay Newcomb Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Cannon Barry*



**Clay Newcomb Frances Newcomb** - August 01, 2017 at 11:06 AM

EC

“ *Edith Combs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Cannon Barry*



**Edith Combs** - July 29, 2017 at 07:53 PM

EC

*I will always remember her smile and laughter, she was a great Lady. My condolences to the family.*

**Edith Combs** - July 29, 2017 at 07:57 PM

PK

“ *Peggy Jones Keeling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Cannon Barry*



**Peggy Jones Keeling** - July 29, 2017 at 03:21 PM

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**Peggy Jones Keeling** - July 27, 2017 at 10:32 PM

SR

“ *Suzanne Reed lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Cannon Barry*



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**Suzanne Reed** - July 27, 2017 at 07:23 PM

NL

“ *Cyndy and Jim,*

*If there were ever a Coolest Mother contest your Mother would have won. All those years when she put up with the gang sitting around the table in the kitchen.*

*Norris Langford*

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**Norris Langford** - July 26, 2017 at 02:41 PM

CW

“ *Condolences for all the family. I sure loved Dot, and she treated me as her own growing up.*



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**Cindy McNew Wagner** - July 26, 2017 at 11:22 AM

CK

“ *Cathy Green Kovschak lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Cannon Barry*



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**Cathy Green Kovschak** - July 26, 2017 at 09:48 AM

PP

“ *Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Cannon Barry*



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**pud patterson** - July 25, 2017 at 02:22 PM

PP

*Dot was one of the wittiest, kindest, and sweetest person I have ever known...she taught me how to play Majong years ago...and she and James were dear friends of ours...Kind condolences to the family, whom she loved dearly..regards, Pud Patterson*

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**pud patterson** - July 25, 2017 at 02:24 PM

AW

“ *Arlene White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Cannon Barry*



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**Arlene White** - July 25, 2017 at 10:42 AM

SH

“ *Dot, my birthday buddy, Oh my, what a large path you have left for us to walk. It has been a blessing to know you and adore you our entire lives in Henderson. Double blessed to be related to your family. God Bless you and your beautiful reunion in heaven! Kenny and I love you! Susan*



Susan Hensley - July 25, 2017 at 08:33 AM

MG

“ *Missy Hacker & Steve Green lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Cannon Barry*



Missy Hacker & Steve Green - July 24, 2017 at 11:11 PM

MM

“ *Melissa McNew lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Cannon Barry*



Melissa McNew - July 24, 2017 at 10:24 PM

MD

“ *Mary Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Cannon Barry*



mary davis - July 24, 2017 at 04:39 PM

CB

“ *Cyndy Cates Broadus lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Cannon Barry*



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**Cyndy Cates Broadus** - July 24, 2017 at 04:00 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers are with your family! What a precious lady who spread joy to all she met! Praying all the wonderful memories you made together will carry you through your hardest days! Much love to you all!*

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**Christy Stanear** - July 24, 2017 at 09:00 AM

JW

*Memories are forever! A neat lady is now an Angel in God's holy Firmament.  
May He give the family peace  
and hold each of you close in the days to come.  
Joe White*

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**joe White** - July 25, 2017 at 07:16 AM

BD

*She was such a dear friend to my mother! I remember her laughter and her sweet spirit!*

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**Betsy Dunnavant** - August 06, 2017 at 02:14 PM