



Barbara Clark

October 22, 1934 - March 11, 2020

On March 11, 2020, Barbara Jean Clark passed away at home surrounded by family who dearly loved her.

Barbara Jean (Smith) Clark was born on October 22, 1934, in Abilene, Texas, and grew up in Sweetwater, Texas. She was the daughter of, and preceded in death by, Darius Cull Smith and Lila Mae (Pardue) Smith. Barbara attended Sweetwater High School, Hardin Simmons University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

During a revival in Texas, Barbara met George Truett Clark. Within three months they were married and set out on a road filled with adventures that would last them 61 years. They had a love that stood the test of time and was evident to all who ever met them. Their relationship was a wonderful example of loyalty, romance, sacrifice, compromise, devotion, respect, commitment and friendship.

Barbara worked alongside George at each of the Southern Baptist churches led by him in Texas, including Dumont, Guthrie, Carey, Nacogdoches, Timpson and Nederland. Barbara continued her work with George at First Baptist Pleasant View after they moved the family to Tennessee. Throughout all their moves Barbara was an avid reader and crafter – she learned to weave baskets, she made pottery, ceramics and jewelry. She loved sewing

and embroidery and it showed in the many things she made for family and friends. Barbara loved to have fun, she was almost always giggling or laughing and spending time with her family was her favorite thing to do. She never shied away from trying new things whether it was a new food or surfing. Other than her husband, the people she loved the most were her children.

Barbara was a Christian, a wife, a mother, a grandmother, a great-grandmother and a friend. She was the glue that held the family together, she was loyal, loving, creative, funny and supportive. She never failed to tell her children how much she loved them and how proud she was of them. While so many here will miss her greatly, there are many who are overjoyed to see her again, especially her husband.

One of Barbara's favorite quotes, that she recently found, "We don't die because we are finished. We die because we are complete." She has completed the task God had planned for her life. There is only joy in that. It doesn't mean the ones left behind don't hurt, it does mean she did an incredible job not only on her family but, also on the impact she had on others that will carry on. She did as her Maker had created her to be. She is complete.

Barbara was preceded in death by her loving husband (George Truett Clark) of 61 years. She is survived by daughter Jeana Georgette Clark (Sherry), daughter Jennifer Leigh Davidson (Tommy), son George Taylor Clark (Linda Kay). She is survived by her brothers Clinton Smith (Sue) and Ray Smith (Day). She is survived by her sister Vera Anglin. She is also survived by grandchildren Clark Thomas Davidson, (Morgan), Macy Margaret Smith (Jonny), Austin Taylor Clark (Emily), Lucas Cole Clark and three great-grandchildren Eleanor Mae Davidson, Henry Taylor Clark, and Amelia Ruth Davidson.

Visitation will be held Friday, March 13, from 4-8PM and again on Saturday from 9AM until service time at Austin & Bell Funeral Home, 6316 Hwy 41A, Pleasant View, TN 37146. Services will be held at Austin & Bell on Saturday, March 14th at 10AM with Pastor Brad Shockley officiating. Interment and graveside service will be at EverRest in Pleasant View, TN immediately following the service with Greg Smith conducting the committal. Austin Clark, Lucas Clark, Jonny Smith, Clay Breece, Clark Davidson, and Tommy Davidson will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Pleasant View First Baptist Church Renovation Campaign or Covenant of the Cross at 752 Madison Square, Madison, TN 37115.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME in Pleasant View is in charge of these arrangements. 6316 Highway 41A, Pleasant View, Tennessee 37146 (615) 746-4433 www.austinandbell.com

Cemetery Details

EverRest of Cheatham

Hwy 49
Pleasant View, TN 37146

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Clark.*



March 13, 2020 at 11:42 AM



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



March 13, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your great loss. I took care of mrs Clacks mother many years ago. It was a blessing I got to meet mr & Mrs Clark and spend time with her mother. God bless you all.*

Marie Rpbertson - March 13, 2020 at 01:59 AM



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“ *I have lots of sweet memories of Barbara. One of our favorites is when Barbara and I had the main two parts of the rapid notes in “Carol of the Bells”. We were ON it. Much love and prayers to the family and friends, for there are many.*
Katherine Mills

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BARBARA I HAVE WORKED FOR U ALOT OF YRS. U HAVE BEEN AN INSPIRATION TO ME ESPECIALLY WHEN I NEEDED TO TALK TO SOMEONE. THANK U FOR ALL THE GOOD LAUGHS AND TALKS WEVE HAD. I WILL MISSS U SO MUCH. MARY WOODARD

MARY FRANK - March 12, 2020 at 02:29 PM