



Barbara Gregory Benfield

June 5, 1940 - September 11, 2020

Mrs. Barbara Ann Gregory Benfield, 80, of Statesville, passed away on Friday, September 11, 2020 peacefully with her family by her side.

Mrs. Benfield was born in Sioux City, Iowa on June 5, 1940 and was the daughter of the late Orville and Anna Lauritsen Gregory. On November 17, 1956 she married Harvey S. "Benny" Benfield and together they shared 63 years of marriage before her passing.

Barbara was a very active woman. She enjoyed ice skating, roller skating, snow skiing, roller blading, and motorcycling. Barbara loved music. She sang and played the bass guitar and violin. She and her husband played music for over 60 years. They played country and gospel. For the last 40 years, they played in many churches and most of the local nursing facilities.

Barbara was the owner/operator of Barbara's Poodle Parlor during the 70s. She and her husband also established Iredell Air Care where they worked in aircraft maintenance. Barbara served as Benny's CFO and overall supervisor of the company, yet another partnership they enjoyed to retirement. Her most rewarding job ever was not even a paid job. It was motherhood.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Milt and Bill Gregory.

She and Benny raised four children, Jeff Benfield (Elizabeth) and Randy Benfield (Ronda), both of Statesville, Retha B. Davis (Kevin) of Catawba and Kristina B. Ferri (Guy) of Charlotte. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, Jennifer Scott (Andrew), Daniel Benfield (Samantha), Zac Benfield, Luke Benfield (Corinne), Kasey Benfield (Roy), Lara D. Freeze (Brad), Josh Houston (Amanda), Lily and Gabriel Ferri. Eight great-grandchildren, Abigail and Jack Scott, Uriah and Eden Benfield, Davis and Lynleigh Freeze and Brayden and Ryan Hedrick. A brother, Jim Gregory of Statesville also survives.

Funeral services honoring the life of Barbara Benfield will be conducted at 4:00 PM Sunday, September 13, 2020 at Beulah Baptist Church with Rev. Brian Burgess officiating. The family will speak with friends for one hour prior to the funeral service. Burial will follow in the Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery. Active pallbearers will be David Johnson, Billy Smith, Todd Sharpe, Tony Sharpe, Tony Gregory, Clay Lackey, Kent Benfield, and Brad

Freeze. Honorary pallbearers will be Ronnie Black and Bobby Gage.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the St. Jude's Cancer Research at www.stjude.org/donate or by mail at St. Jude's Cancer Research, 262 Danny Thomas Place Memphis, TN 38105.

Online condolences can be made to the family at www.nicholsonfunerals.com and Nicholson Funeral Home is serving the family of Barbara Benfield.

Cemetery

Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery

285 Mt. Hermon Road
Statesville, NC, 28625

Events

SEP 13 **Visitation** 03:00PM - 04:00PM

Beulah Baptist Church
1851 Old Mountain Rd, Statesville, NC, US,
28677

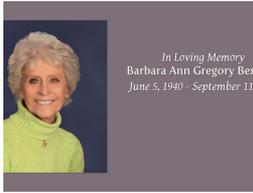
SEP 13 **Celebration Of Life** 04:00PM

Beulah Baptist Church
1851 Old Mountain Rd, Statesville, NC, US,
28677

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Nicholson Funeral Home - September 12 at 11:13 PM



“ Thank you for such a wonderful video! A family who loved each other and loved their music they shared with all of us over the years. WE will truly miss Barbara but will see her again!

Mary Benge - September 13 at 10:31 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and your families during this time of loss. Bennie and Barbara were like second parents to me during my high school years. I wish you all the very best during this time. Best Wishes.

Keith Hedrick

Keith Hedrick - September 15 at 07:35 PM



“ I loved that cute, sweet Mrs. Benfield. She was the sweetest thing. She and Mr. Benfield were such a wonderful couple. It warmed my heart every time I saw them. She was so special to me. I love the video in tribute to her. The pictures exemplify what a fun, loving and beautiful lady she was and their music was wonderful!!! They were so talented and spread so much joy with their music. I will miss her so much. Sending many thoughts and prayers to her family who showed great love and devotion to her.

Blair Homesley

Blair Homesley - September 14 at 10:48 AM



“ Blair, Mama thought the world of you ... thanks for your kind words about our precious Mama.

Retha Davis - September 14 at 10:28 PM



“ Barbara was always so excited about life and Living! I'm sure she is looking forward to spending time with her Lord. She was always such an inspiration to me, personally. Rest In Peace sweet lady.



Stephanie Harbour - September 14 at 12:23 AM



“ Stephanie, So true, that high spirited little cutie loved life and made those around her love it too. Hugs ...

Retha Davis - September 14 at 10:29 PM



“ I didn't know Barbara, but I worked with Retha and Randy in the late 70's in a west side drugstore. I think I've only seen Retha one time since then. At that time I told her I was working in Salisbury, so she said why don't you get me a dozen of Krispy Kreme donuts. I said I would if she wiggle her wings when she passed over the house.(She had her pilot's license)
I wanted to send my condolence's I'm sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. I'm sure she is in Heaven today. I'll be praying for the Benfield family this day and coming days

Carter Purcell

Carter Purcell - September 13 at 10:02 PM



“ Oh Carter, how thoughtful you are (still) love the memories you recalled, those were fun times. If you haven't already, check out the video and you'll see that Mama trumped all of us with her excitement and joy for life. Every day with her was a day made better. Missing her so much already but consoled knowing she's with our Father in heaven and family and friends.

You and Randy and I should get together to swap stories about the good ole' days.

Godspeed

Retha Davis - September 14 at 10:38 PM



“ Our most deepest sympathy to Randy, Ronda and all of the family. We at Bojangle's feel you all our part of our family.

Margaret Patterson - September 12 at 06:38 PM



“ Kristina and family, We are so very sorry for your loss. Your mother was a beautiful lady and a very talented musician. May God grant you peace and comfort. Our love to you.

Larry and Sarah McClure

Larry and Sarah McClure - September 12 at 06:22 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Barbara's passing. She was such a precious lady. Praying for peace for the family during this difficult time.

Jean Dillard - September 12 at 10:05 AM



“ Rick and Judy Hartness we are so sorry for your loss Prayers



Rick Hartness - September 12 at 08:34 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Aunt Barbara was a wonderful lady. She always took time to speak to others and make them feel welcome. She had such a beautiful spirit. We are praying for you. Love, Jimmy and Kathryn Lane

Kathryn Lane - September 11 at 10:07 PM



“ YOU WERE REVERED AND LOVED AS ONE OF GOD'S PREMIERE PEOPLE AUNT BARBARA. GLAD THAT YOU NOW REST , LOVE YOU AUNT BARBARA

Jimmy Gregory - September 11 at 09:21 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Aunt Barbara is a very special person. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time. Brad

Brad Gregory - September 11 at 08:19 PM



“ Aunt Barbara was always so positive. Never forget watching her play that big ole bass guitar in the band. Beautiful, kind, wonderful soul. Will be missed by her family so much. Kam, Dana and Anya

kamron Benfield - September 11 at 07:50 PM



“ It was a joy to be around Barbara and Benny, and I loved to hear them sing. Barbara was always smiling and radiant. Dana and I send much love to Benny and all the family. Praying for your comfort and strength.

Jan Roseman - September 11 at 06:28 PM



“ Tommy Nesbit lit a candle in memory of Barbara Gregory Benfield



Tommy Nesbit - September 11 at 03:48 PM