



Barbara K. Cash

April 12, 1926 - July 15, 2020

Barbara Wyolene Keel Cash, age 94 of Lilburn, Georgia, passed away Wednesday, July 15, 2020. She was born on April 12, 1926, in Meriweather County, Georgia, outside the city limits of Manchester, to mother Henrietta Hollis Keel and father George Milton Keel. Surrounded by her beloved parents, brothers, aunts, and cousins, she grew up during the Great Depression and never forgot both the joy and struggle of those hard times.

After high school graduation, coinciding with the end of World War II, she started working for an insurance company in downtown Atlanta. She often talked about the adventures and life-long friends she made at this time.

During this period, she also met the love of her life, Willard W. Cash, Jr., while attending the young adult ministry at Grant Park United Methodist Church. They were married at the same church on April 21, 1949, with her father-in-law (senior pastor) presiding. They raised three children together: Catherine, Stephen, and Stacey. Tragically, Willard passed away unexpectedly at the age of 43. Barbara met the challenge of early widowhood and proceeded to heroically provide for her family, in a time when opportunities for women were few and far between.

Later, Barbara worked for 18 years at a local dental practice. Being a “people person,” she enjoyed the opportunity to meet many folks in this job, including famous players of her beloved Atlanta Braves! She became a grandmother at the age of 76 and joyfully embraced her new role. The saying “The simplest toy, one which even the youngest child can operate, is called a grandparent,” applied to Barbara, and she and her granddaughter spent many hours playing and laughing together.

Barbara was an accomplished seamstress and crafter. More precisely, she was a gifted artist as proven by the quality of her fine work in sewing, embroidery, needlepoint, crocheting, knitting, ceramics, painting, flower arranging, and crafting. She excelled in all areas of this art form. And, she used her gifts to bless her family and to beautify her home.

We her family also remember and give thanks for Barbara's wonderful sense of humor, marvelous storytelling, perseverance through challenges, and wise counsel. She especially loved Christmas and made that holiday a festive time for her family.

Even though we cannot honor her with an in-person service at this time because of the pandemic, we remember her and honor her with this tribute. If you are reading this, know that she loved each of you deeply and was thankful to have you in her life. We her family are assured that God has called her home and into a larger life, mercifully loving and faithfully healing.

Barbara is survived by her daughter, Catherine Cash and son-in-law, Chris Godfrey; her son, Stephen Cash; and her daughter, Stacey Cash, son-in-law Rodney Colinger, and granddaughter Elizabeth Colinger.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2208 Main Street East, Snellville, GA 30078.

Condolences may be sent or viewed at www.wagesfuneralhome.com. Tom M. Wages Funeral Service, A Family Company, 3705 Highway 78 West, Snellville, GA 30039 (770-979-3200) has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Comments



“ Cathy, Stacy, Steve and families,

Our prayers are with you for the loss of your Mom, Barbara. What a joy to have had her in our lives. She had such a great personality and attitude. While growing up near Manchester, Georgia, Molly and I love to have Barbara visit. She was so pretty and beautifully dressed. We admired her so.

She's at rest now with our Lord and all her many relatives that have passed on.

Sandy (Catherine) Barre and Molly Stratton

Cathy Barre - September 03 at 05:23 PM



“ Hi Its Peggie Bauer in Jasper, Georgia I never met Barbara Cash, but my goodness! she was so pretty and Cathy, you do look so much like her! I pray that you and your family will soon replace your grief with wonderful memories of her. Man! It is so tough losing our "Moms". Anyway, thank you for your friendship, Cathy and I wish you and your brother and sister the best in life. Our Moms are watching us so don't get in trouble down here! Peggie Bauer



Peggie Bauer - August 21 at 01:18 PM



“ I forgot how pretty Aunt Barbara was. But I can never forget her infectious laugh, positive attitude and love of life. Cherished memories include Christmas parties at her house. The children would be downstairs playing as laughter flowed from the table upstairs where Barbara would be holding "Scrabble Court". One of my favorite Christmas gifts of all time was the Matchbox Toy Car Carrying Case that Aunt Barbara gave me. In fact, I still have it. But the greatest gift was her and Uncle Willard's three children. What wonderful cousins!

I love you Aunt Barbara,

Clayton Keel

Clayton Keel - August 17 at 11:18 AM



“ Dear Cousin Cathy, Steve and Stacey,
My deepest condolences to each of you. If you've been Blessed to have had a wonderful Mother who you loved and who loved you gratitude will pour from your heart. I know each of you know what I mean. The sacrifices your Mother made for each of you will never be forgotten. I have some fond memories of Christmas gatherings next door to Aunt Barbara's at Grandmother Keel's house. I have no doubt Aunt Barbara did the lion's share of helping Grandmother prepare for our families as we poured into the small house. We came with a child's excited anticipation of a gift and cookies! I know each cousin laughed and played with one another until our folks had to drag us out of the house and off to bed. May God give each of you a sense of peace over these next weeks Knowing you were Blessed with a True and Loving Mom.

Sincerely,
Mark Keel



C Cash - August 09 at 06:16 PM



“ I was so saddened to hear about the passing of Barbara. I only had the pleasure of her company a couple of times. The first and most memorable was Thanksgiving at Chris and Cathy's house and boy, did she ever light up the room! What a great story teller! And that laugh and bubbly personality of hers had a way of drawing you in and wanting to hear more.

I have so much admiration for her knowing that she navigated her way through widowhood at a very young age, juggling work and raising three beautiful children (that I am happy to call my friends).

Cathy, Steve & Stacey...I hope you find comfort in all the wonderful memories of your Mom. I know she is looking down on you with those twinkling blue eyes of hers and giving you strength to carry on her legacy.

Rest in peace, Barbara xoxo



Janet Shaffner - August 06 at 10:55 AM



“ Love and condolences to Cathy, Stacey, Steve, Elizabeth and all the extended family. Barbara had a long and interesting life and was loved by so many friends and family. I'm glad you were able to have her in your lives for so long. She will be missed by many, but you have so many wonderful memories.

Mary Isabel - August 04 at 05:05 PM



“ My memories of Barbara are how she was always “one of the girls”- laughing, telling stories and always fun to be around. I never saw her in a bad mood and she was a great source of wisdom. She will be greatly missed but she lives on in our fond memories. Sue Bothwell



Sue Bothwell - August 03 at 06:23 PM



“ Julio J lit a candle in memory of Barbara K. Cash



julio j - August 03 at 09:48 AM



“Cathy, we are so very sad to hear about Ms Barbara’s passing. She was a amazing woman, mother, sister, grandmother, and friend. Her laughter was so infectious, and that smile that always made you feel better. Ms Barbara loved my kids like her own and play with them whenever she came to the house. And the stories she had to tell, she lived a good life, raised three beautiful souls. Now it’s time to be with her creator, she will be missed.

Maria Francis - August 02 at 07:55 AM



“Cathy's entire family is a blessing to me. I remember shopping with Barbara and Cathy and we were looking for gloves and accessories for Cathy and I to do a ballroom dance showcase. We were having such fun shopping together, giggling up a storm, and all of us trying on different gloves with feathers, animal prints,etc. and having such a wonderful time. Barbara was a delight to be with, and she made me laugh . :) We had a ball together and I always remember that day that with a smile.

Barbara was such a sweet and lovely person. Very Motherly. I just adored Barbara and considered her my own 'adopted' Mother after my own dear Mother passed away.

I would see Barbara when I came to Cathy and Chris's house for Thanksgiving, and for Cathy's delicious collard greens.!!! I would be tickled and delighted to see Barbara there, spend time having conversations with her, and would greet her with a BIG HUG.

Barbara was a good hugger too! She was a precious person, a blessing to those lucky enough to know her, and I love her still.. I look forward to seeing her in Heaven.

I hope Cathy and her family know that their Mother is away from suffering and pain and worry, and she is home in Heaven,. She is being taken care of eternally, rejoined with her husband, Willard, and is awaiting the day when the entire family will be together again.

I pray for comfort and healing for Cathy and her family at this particularly difficult time since the covid virus is keeping the Cash family from having a funeral,. I know that it is difficult too because all the people that love Barbara and support the family want to be of comfort and tenderness with the family in person together.

Cathy is my lifelong friend and I have known her since before she was even married. I send my love to you Cathy and to Steve and Stacy and Chris.

All my best to you at this time,

Karen Mosley Mills

Karen Mosley Mills - July 29 at 08:16 PM



“ Karen Mosley Mills sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara K. Cash



Karen Mosley Mills - July 29 at 07:32 PM



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Mark Keel

Mark Keel - August 06 at 05:08 PM



“ Karen Mosley Mills lit a candle in memory of Barbara K. Cash



Karen Mosley Mills - July 29 at 07:30 PM



“ I am so sorry Cathy to hear of your mothers passing. I send my sincere condolences for you and your family. Losing our mothers is difficult, no one can ever take their place. I know God will fill the gap her passing has left in your lives and hearts with love and fond memories. Knowing that she is now rejoined with the love of her life, her beloved husband, hopefully will bring comfort to you all at this time. I am praying for you all. Much love, Diana Godfrey



“ Our mothers may depart...but never their love and never their lessons, and never their guidance, and never their blessings. Remember the LOVE they gave us.
condolences from Sharon Lambert

C Cash - July 25 at 02:01 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the entire Cash family as you mourn the passing of Mrs. Barbara Cash. I have been close friends with Cathy for over 20 years and have heard lots of stories about "Mama"! She surely was a "one of a kind" and beloved by those around her. Cathy is an amazing friend full of energy and knowledge, so I'm sure that her Mama was the perfect role model that gave her those traits. Praying for your calm and understanding during these difficult times. Much love and hugs to you!

Warmest regards,
Nell and James Patterson

Nell Patterson - July 22 at 10:49 AM



“ Barbara was a beautiful fun and spirited lady. She loved to tell stories about her family and they always ended with much laughter. She was a very talented seamstress, I saw this first hand when she made Elizabeth's christening gown. Much of it was done by hand and was a beautiful tribute to her very special granddaughter. It's a family heirloom that Elizabeth can use for her children. Barbara will be missed, she always made our visits to Atlanta special. She is in Heaven with her Willard, so she has come home and is healthy again.

God Bless, Martha Colinger



Martha Colinger - July 21 at 05:29 PM



“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Stacey Cash - July 16 at 03:22 PM