



Barbara Ann Smith Austin

November 6, 1936 - July 24, 2022

Barbara Ann Smith Austin, age 85, passed away on Sunday, July 24, 2022, in Tallahassee, Florida. Barbara was born on November 6, 1936, in Savannah, Georgia. She was the daughter of the late Leroy F. Smith Sr. and Helen T. Smith. She graduated from Commercial High School in 1954, and married William Austin on October 17, 1959. She then began a 38-year career in banking with C&S Bank and retired as the Vice President of the Credit Department.

As a life-long member of Independent Presbyterian Church of Savannah, she loved participating in Women's Circle Group and many other church functions. In her spare time, she enjoyed being a member of Generation-1 with a close group of friends.

Barbara was predeceased by her parents, Leroy F. Smith, Sr. and Helen T. Smith, her brother Dr. Leroy F. Smith, Jr., his wife Elizabeth Smith, and daughter Leslie Smith. She is survived by her beloved husband of 62 years William (Bill) Austin, her daughter and son-in-law, Renee and Jeff Ereckson, her grandsons, Boone and Blake Ereckson, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Red Hills Village in Tallahassee, Florida on Saturday, August 6th at 10:00 a.m. with an additional service to follow at Independent Presbyterian Church in Savannah, Georgia on August 16th at 10:00 a.m. followed by a private family burial. The memorial service in Savannah will be livestreamed at https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__ipcsav.org_live-2Dwebcast&d=DwIFAg&c=euGZstcaTDIlvimEN8b7jXrwqOf-v5A_CdpgnVfiiMM&r=UAWZhG7uRMvBPSmgC8Td9fCTnp2WtC5IraKqYqVi3q_M&m=0IfMsrySKlvV1_aCwfBUm816DODuJg74m8svOeeKoz0&s=ONc-PntK7FinKngOLnWtisC7UiAr_cgoXOSvGOEcD7g&e=

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to Independent Presbyterian Church, 207 Bull Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401.

Kelly Barber with Bevis Funeral Home in Tallahassee (850-385-2193) is assisting the Austin family with their arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at <https://www.bevisfh.com> .

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memory Gardens

315 Greenwich Road
Savannah, GA 31404

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

Red Hills Village
5103 Cold Harbor Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32312

Memorial Service

AUG 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

Independent Presbyterian Church
207 Bull Street
Savannah, GA 31401

Tribute Wall

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“ *I will always miss and remember Barbara. She was one of the 2 sweet ladies that helped plan and assist me at my wedding back on August 3, 1991. I will never forget that very special day and what a blessing Barbara has always been to me in my life. I'm sure she and JoAnn Donaldson are up there together in Heaven right now. Two precious IPC ladies ! I love and miss them both!!! Until I see you again, Barbara, I love you !--Penny Beierman*

Penny Beierman - July 31, 2022 at 06:02 PM

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“ *Cheryl Clay lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Smith Austin*



Cheryl Clay - July 28, 2022 at 02:57 PM

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“ *Part of You Is In Me*

Cousin Barbara “Bar-bran” the name I grew up on. Mom told me you cared for me when little. That long ride to Bishopville bus depot where part of you began in me.

Ma-ma’s Furman home where family congregated for fun, fried chicken, butter beans & sweet desserts, Easter egg hunts to family reunions. Part of you is in me.

Bill and you getting married, how beautiful and happy you were. Our families there to love and support you. Part of you is in me.

Your pride and joy, Renee. I came to care for her, like you. Those teen years were The Beatles on transistor radio under my pillow at night and the hot days of Savannah a cool Mountain Dew after an afternoon stroll with Renee riding shoulder. Part of you is in me.

You and Bill always found time to be there for me - for my plans to marry, my son’s birthdays, and you hosting a gathering before my family moved to Florida. Renee and Jeff’s wedding, birth of Boone and Blake. Part of you is in me. All the while, your thoughtful cards of birthday wishes to me and my sons. Part of you is in me.

Time and distance between us grew but those cards kept coming of birthday wishes, encouragement, and sympathies when family members passed on. Part of you is in me.

Now you are with Jesus, our moms, Lou, my son Dean and others. What a glorious praise and reward to you to be a part of God’s Heavenly realm! Rest in peace, dear cousin. Part of you will forever be in me.

Deborah Denny Gahagen



Deborah Denny Gahagen - July 28, 2022 at 08:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Smith Austin.*



July 27, 2022 at 09:33 PM



“ *Barbara was my daddy's cousin! I always called Barbara and Bill my aunt and uncle!! She always attended every shower, funeral, party that she was invited too!!! She loved my daddy and after my daddy died she helped my mom get through some bad times of being alone. We've always sent and received Christmas cards from Barbara!!! She would always make a post on anything me or my children posted!! I loved her very much!!! She was a beautiful southern lady who loved to entertain guest!*

Debra Flanders - July 27, 2022 at 05:56 PM