



## Barbara Bobbitt

August 1, 1943 - August 28, 2022

Barbara Irby Bobbitt, 79, of Mooresville, NC, passed away on Sunday, August 28, 2022 at the Citadel at Mooresville.

She was born on August 1, 1943, in Los Angeles, CA to the late Wilson and Martha Harvey Irby. Barbara graduated from East Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte, NC and St. Andrews Presbyterian College (now University) in Laurinburg, NC. From there she worked in Los Angeles, CA for several years until returning to Charlotte. She married Hampton Bobbitt with whom they had one son, Bracey Scott Bobbitt. When that marriage dissolved, she moved back to Los Angeles for 35 years she married Ted marks in Redlands, CA for several years. She moved to North Carolina to reside in Mooresville in the late 2000's. Quite the bi-coastal girl. In Mooresville, Barbara was on the board of her Homeowners Association, active in the local Newcomers Club welcoming new residents to Mooresville and as an usher at Performing Arts Center in Charlotte, NC.

Barbara lived a storied life of strength and perseverance, most notably in the single-handed care and raising of her son Bracy Bobbitt. Bracy was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis in his infancy and Barbara had duties for his entire youth of performing therapy for hours multiple times a day. Then as Bracy grew up, he had multiple stays each year in the hospital where Barbara had to stay at or near the hospital in support. Ultimately Bracy's lungs were so damaged that he needed to have his lungs replaced at 24 years old. His uncle and cousin donated one of their lung lobes for the cause, but Bracy expired

two years later. No parent should have to bury their child, but Barbara had to. Barbara is survived by her brothers, Jim Irby of Los Angeles, CA, Scott Irby of Livermore, CA; and her nieces, Kimberlee Irby of Mooresville, NC, Mari Irby of Philadelphia, PA; and nephews, Scott Irby of Los Angeles, CA and Spencer Irby of Red Wood City, CA.

No services will be held at this time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at [www.cff.org/donate](http://www.cff.org/donate) or Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Western Carolinas - Charlotte Chapter

4600 Park Rd Ste 100, Charlotte, NC 28209-0201.

Many thanks for your caring thoughts and prayers!

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Bobbitt family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory**

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall

KG

“ *Barb and I worked together at Aetna/Travelers for many years. I so admired her for many reasons which included her dedication to her work and also very much to Bracey. I once told her that Bracey was fortunate to have her as his Mother. It is a rare woman to mother a child as she did.*

*I was happy to have heard she moved back to NC after she retired. It sounds as though she found welcoming friends.*

*RIP, you deserve it. Hopefully you and Bracey are having a good time.*

*Kay Gunn*

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**Kay Gunn** - October 15, 2022 at 02:29 AM

BT

“ *Barbara and I crossed paths for many years, both at Aetna and Travelers. She was an incredible person, always there for everyone in spite of all the challenges of taking care of Bracy. She always had this same smile on her face! I'm sure she will be missed! Bobbie Thomas, Nickerson Insurance*

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**Bobbie Thomas** - October 04, 2022 at 05:26 PM

JM

“ *Barb and I worked together at Aetna and Travelers for many years. I loved and admired her. I am so sad to hear she passed. Rest In Peace my friend. Jackie Mota*

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**jackie mota** - October 01, 2022 at 01:15 AM

DS

“ I, too, am very saddened to hear of Barbara's death. I served on the Board of Lake Norman Newcomers Club. You could always count on Barbara for her ready smile and quick wit. She will certainly be missed.

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**Donna Shoemaker** - September 13, 2022 at 04:06 AM

JP

“ I am saddened to learn of Barbara's death. She was my neighbor and friend for 20 years. We served on the HOA Board together, and one of her priorities was to provide termite service to homeowners. She frequently contacted me to assist her at home, and we always enjoyed our visits. A wisp of a woman, she was small yet fierce, and I was blessed to know her. My prayers are with her family for comfort and strength.

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**Jann Peck** - August 31, 2022 at 08:08 AM