



Barbara Johnston

November 12, 1929 - September 1, 2024

Barbara Campbell Johnston, 94, of Davidson, NC, peacefully went to be with her Lord and Savior Sunday, September 1, 2024, at Sevy Homes of Mooresville. She was born November 12, 1929, in Cliffside, NC, daughter of the late Clarence and Mattie Campbell.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Reid Johnston, and her brother, Thomas Henry Campbell.

The life of every party, Barbara never met a stranger. With a perpetually open front door, she eagerly awaited afternoon "wine time" gatherings with friends and family at her kitchen table. Born and raised in a boarding house in Cliffside, NC, she took a keen interest in their tenants' travels and adventures. This fueled her lifelong passion for travel. Favorite international trip destinations included Germany, Switzerland, England, and Ireland.

A graduate of Charlotte Memorial Hospital's (now Atrium Health) nursing program, Barbara's devotion to the care of others extended well beyond her official years of service (Charlotte Memorial Hospital, Private Practice OBGYN, Davidson College Infirmary). She served as Volunteer Coordinator at The Pines at Davidson for more than two decades and was an unofficial neighborhood caregiver well into her 70s. As Barbara was fond of saying, "Once a nurse, always a nurse."

Most important to her was her family and her tremendous network of friends. She will forever be remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend.

She leaves a lasting legacy to be cherished by her survivors, her son, Mitchell Johnston, and his wife, Meredith, of Mooresville; her grandsons, Campbell and Garrett; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

A Celebration of life service will be held from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM on Thursday, September 5, 2024, at Cavin-cook Funeral Home.

The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation to the entire staff at Sevia Homes and to all of the amazing nurses at Hospice of Iredell for their unwavering compassion and support. Additionally, we would like to thank family and friends who have loved Barbara as we have. She truly treasured time spent with you all. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Carolinas Nursing Endowment Fund at atriumhealthfoundation.org.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville is proudly serving the Johnston family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 5. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

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“ When someone you love dearly becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure, and Barbara is and was a treasure. When I remember Barbara, my heart smiles- she loved gatherings- never an empty wine glass- though she didn't cook, Stouffers was her go-to. I remember Barbara and Edith Ann- if not arguing, they were “Thelma and Louise”- the stars of my Mardi Gras parties, the entertainment at get togethers that made me laugh until I cried. I can only remember Barbara made me smile, our conversations, even when I was troubled. Oh, how I loved her, not only my best friend but a mother figure when mine was absent. I regret not seeing her after moving to Louisiana, but thankfully we talked on the phone. When are you coming to see me, she'd always ask. I will see you, sweet Barbara, and you're always in my heart. What a blessing to have you in my life. Mitch and family, my prayers are with you. May God bless you all with precious memories of your mother/grandmother.

Jann Peck - September 11, 2024 at 09:58 AM

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“ *Gone From My Sight*

*I am standing upon the seashore. A ship, at my side,
spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts
for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength.
I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck
of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each
other.*

Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone."

Gone where?

*Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast,
hull and spar as she was when she left my side.
And, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her
destined port.
Her diminished size is in me -- not in her.*

*And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, she is gone,"
there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices
ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"*

And that is dying...

With love and deepest respect, Bill G

Bill Garrett - September 05, 2024 at 03:25 PM

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“ 8 files added to the album Aunt Barbara



Pamela Garrett - September 05, 2024 at 11:24 AM

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*Dearest Aunt Barbara,
I image you'll think this is sappy; but, here goes.
I celebrate you Barbara for your spirited enthusiasm for life, loving nature, warm and open friendliness to many, funny and feisty disposition, safe harbor when needed, unconditional love of a mother for a troubled niece and the best aunt ever. My love has no limits. Thank you for sharing all of your gifts as life wouldn't have been the same without you in it.
You will be missed; but, you left so many cherished memories. All my love, Pam
Go Gently*

Pamela Garrett - September 05, 2024 at 12:09 PM

MC

“ Michael, Denise, and Thomas Campbell purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Barbara Johnston.



Michael, Denise, and Thomas Campbell - September 04, 2024 at 10:41 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album Babs



BARBARA LEIGH CAMPBELL
CLIFFSIDE, N. C.
"Babs"
"It's not what you do, it's what
you get caught doing."

Bob Allen - September 03, 2024 at 05:50 PM