



## Barbara Loray Stockman

June 15, 1947 - June 6, 2024

Barbara Loray Stockman, of Mooresville, NC, aged 76, entered Heaven on June 6, 2024 after a short battle with pancreatic cancer.

She was born on June 15, 1947 to Elvert and Shirley Norris, and was later adopted by her step-father Robert Stubbeman. She grew up in Brown County, Indiana. After receiving a bachelor's degree in Childhood Education in the Church, she planned to become a missionary to Africa. While attending a prayer meeting for Africa, she met Russell Stockman, who was planning to go to Kenya, East Africa. Within a short time, they believed God was bringing them together for His service, became engaged, married and began their ministry to Kenya. They faithfully served in Kenya and South Africa for 35 years.

Barbara leaves behind a testimony of commitment to her Savior and her family. Her faithful, daily walk with the Lord worked itself out in her life. Her speech was kind and uplifting, starting first in her home. She intentionally prioritized her husband and the discipleship of her children. Her ministry to women and children in the United States and Africa was profound and long lasting.

In spite of a difficult childhood, an extended health battle with liver disease and her decision to leave behind her home country, her spirit was consistently

uncomplaining, joyful and full of trust in the Lord. As a result of her daily walk with God, she was stable when life was not. These qualities made a permanent impact in our family and in the lives of those she touched.

She is survived by her faithful husband of 41 years, Russell Lee Stockman, their daughters Sarah (Thomas) Wiggs and Anna (Billy) Dillon and their children Elia, Andrew and Hopelyn. In addition, she is survived by her sister Debby Moberly and one niece, Abigail (Randall) Wallace and great nephew Levi. She was greeted in Heaven by her parents, her loving brother-in-law Randy Moberly and her niece Amanda Moberly.

The family will receive friends on Friday, June 14 from 11:00AM-1:00PM with a service following at 1:00PM at East Side Baptist Church in Statesville with Rev. Jon Acker officiating. Burial will follow the service at Glenwood Memorial Park in Mooresville.

The family would like to receive written remembrances of Barbara. Please send your memories to [stockmanmemories@gmail.com](mailto:stockmanmemories@gmail.com)

In lieu of flowers and other gifts, please make memorial contributions to the missions program at Southside Baptist Church, 1229 South Anderson Road, Rock Hill, SC, 29730. Russ and Barbara were commissioned as missionaries there, and Southside was their home and sending church during their 35 years in Africa.

Our family would like to recognize and express great appreciation to Susan Cole and Teresa Adkins of Hospice and Palliative Care of Iredell County and to the S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House of Mooresville for their excellent care of Barbara during her final illness.

May God receive the glory from Barbara's legacy of faithful service.



# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

JUN 14. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

East Side Baptist Church  
310 Eastside Drive  
Statesville, NC 28625

## Funeral Service

JUN 14. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

East Side Baptist Church  
310 Eastside Drive  
Statesville, NC 28625

## Graveside Service

JUN 14. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Glenwood Memorial Park  
273 Glenwood Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall

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“ Barbara will be greatly missed by the Walters family & extended families. Say hello to Pastor Walters for us. We miss you all!



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**Tammy Tyree** - June 14, 2024 at 10:24 AM



“ Barbara, Steve and I will truly miss you, we had such a wonderful time visiting you and Russ in February. You were such a wonderful host, I am sure Russ helped too, ha, ha. I have a memory we will not forget. I helped you prepare dinner and you told me it was something you had never tried but it looked good! As we set it on the table Russ asked about it and said “Sweetie, do you think it is a good idea to try out a new recipe on guests? We all laughed and then ate a delicious meal, as usual with you. Thank you for being a beautiful Christian woman, you will be missed by many. Russ will be in our prayers.

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**Debra Walcott - Merry** - June 13, 2024 at 03:20 PM

RF

“ Rangunath Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Barbara Loray Stockman.



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**Rangunath Family** - June 13, 2024 at 12:27 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Barbara Loray Stockman.*



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June 12, 2024 at 09:48 AM



“ *Dear Russ, Sarah, Anna and family  
Scott and I have been so blessed to have Barbara as our friend. I walked out of Sunday School many times giving her a hug and wanting her to know the impact she has made through her prayer life. After she was diagnosed I reached out to her with a text. She was still praying for two separate prayer requests I had given her while Russ was teaching our Sunday School. Prayer warrior, godly example and kindest hearted women are a few words to describe Barbara. I am a better Christian and friend to others because of knowing her. Much prayers as you travel this difficult road of grieving.  
Love Scott and Beverly*

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**Bev Surman** - June 10, 2024 at 08:52 PM



*Dear Russ, Sarah, Tom and family, we are so very sorry about Barbara passing. Thinking of you and wishing you peace. Your in our prayers. With much heartfelt sympathy. Love Scott and Marsha Pate*

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**Scott and Marsha Pate** - June 12, 2024 at 08:14 AM



*Dear Pastor Stockman, Sarah, Tom and family. It is with great sadness that I learnt of the passing our sister Barbara. My condolences to the entire family. We may never have interacted but I have heard wonderful testimonies of her unwavering faith and commitment to serving God during her missionary work in Kenya and particularly at the Grace Baptist Church - a Church you founded and served together. Be comforted knowing that you will meet again in Heaven. The Sunday school ministry and the young men and women she ministered to continue to serve God dedicated and always share fond memories of Sister Barbara leading some of them to Christ and helping grow in faith and service. George Eshiamwata, Nairobi, Kenya*

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**Jorge Eshiamwata** - June 13, 2024 at 12:53 AM

EE

*Dear Russ, Lois and I want you and your family to know how privileged we have been to have known you: to have fellowshiped with you and to have you as friends.*

*We are saddened that Barb's life was cut short and are elated that her life has been extended eternally. She was an exceptionally sweet, kind and gentle soul. I am certain that her presence will be missed by literally hundreds of folks who loved her dearly.*

*Praying for you and your family as you grieve the loss of your beloved wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and friend to all.*

*Ernie & Lois Eaton*

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**Ernie Eaton** - June 14, 2024 at 10:54 AM

GJ

*“ Gloria, Linda, & James planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Loray Stockman.*

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**Gloria, Linda, & James** - June 10, 2024 at 09:35 AM



“ *Barbara was the kindest, most loving, and Godly woman I’ve ever known! I am truly grateful that she chose to be my friend, I was truly blessed. I still can’t believe she’s no longer here to call and text, I miss her greatly. I have been and will continue to pray for Russ, who loved her well, and the two of them made a wonderful team for the Lord. Praying for her sweet daughters and their families. I know this is a hard time, so grateful we don’t grieve like those with no hope. We have the assurance of seeing her again in Heaven! Love and prayers to all! Love, Robert & Crystal Ridlon (and family). She loved us and prayed for each one of us, we are grateful.*



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**Crystal Ridlon Lpc** - June 09, 2024 at 06:01 PM

JD

“ *Russell, Sarah, Anna, and family, we were so saddened to hear about the loss of Barbara. She was such a sweet, dedicated lady. May God give you grace during these difficult days.*

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**Jack and Edwina DuPre** - June 09, 2024 at 04:28 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Loray Stockman.*



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June 09, 2024 at 09:24 AM

ED

“ Eric and Lori Bohman and daughters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Loray Stockman.

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**Eric and Lori Bohman and daughters** - June 09, 2024 at 09:24 AM

BF

“ Dear Bro. Russ, Sarah, Anna, and family, Mrs. Barb was one of the Godliest ladies we have known. Her sweet smile, gentle spirit, and compassionate ways will be greatly missed but not forgotten. She has impacted our lives in a wonderful way. Your family meant so much to ours during our "Kenya days," and some of our daughters' favorite memories are times spent with the Stockmans. Please be assured of our continued prayers for God's grace and comfort. May you feel the Shepherd's arms upholding you. We love you, Eric and Lori Bohman and daughters

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**Bohman family** - June 09, 2024 at 09:17 AM