



Barbara Isbell

July 19, 1933 - September 28, 2018

Barbara Ann Hulkan Isbell died peacefully at Huntsville Hospital on Friday, September 28th with her family at her side. She had danced with her husband only the afternoon before at their residence. Barbara was born July 19, 1933 in Tenbroeck, Alabama to Hazel Inez Pertree and Floyd Haskell Hulkan. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Dr. Charles Alexander Isbell; children, Karen (David) Ivey, Laura Patterson, and Chuck Isbell; grandchildren, Allison (David) Whitener and great-granddaughter Grace, Richard (Kelsey) Ivey and great-grandson Everett, Stuart (Courtney) Ivey and great-granddaughter Vivian, Trey Patterson, Tripp Isbell, and Annalee Isbell; brother, Charles (Janice) Hulkan; and a host of extended family and friends she loved as her own.

Barbara lived most of her life in Fort Payne, Alabama and was a graduate of Dekalb County High School. She earned her B.A. degree in English from Judson College. She was a teacher and homemaker. Her numerous volunteer contributions made her community a better place. She always strived to exemplify a Christ-like manner. An active member of First Baptist Church, Fort Payne, Barbara sang in the choir, taught Sunday School, directed children's mission studies, and ministered to individuals in many other ways. She was one of the sweetest people one could ever hope to meet. She was a lover of music and theater, funny stories, the beauty of nature, proper grammar, and all of God's people, especially children. She was a protector of the small and actively cared for and defended the least of those among us.

Barbara devoted her life to her family and anyone in need. She was not only Dr. Charles' loyal companion, but also his able and helpful assistant. As a mom, she modeled unconditional love, faith, hope, and compassion, and taught her children everything they needed to know. Her grandchildren were not just blessed to have her, they hit the jackpot with the ideal grandmother. Visitation will be Monday, October 1st from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Fort Payne. The funeral will follow at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to First Baptist Church, Fort Payne or the Alzheimers Association.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Cemetery

1002 Grand Avenue SW
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Fort Payne
106 Grand Avenue NW
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Funeral Service

OCT 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Isbell*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *Ms. Barbara was a wonderful example of someone who lived in a way that honored her gift of life by showing love, compassion, kindness, and much more. What a wonderful legacy she has left. Our condolences to the family.*

Teresa O. Norris - October 04, 2018 at 02:45 PM



“ *Mrs. Isbell was a wonderful person inside and out, always making you feel comfortable in her presence. A bright and shining light. Heaven definitely gained a precious angel.*

Deborah Key - October 01, 2018 at 02:54 PM



“ *AU Endowment Investment Office purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Barbara Isbell.*




AU Endowment Investment Office - October 01, 2018 at 09:24 AM

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“ *Mrs Isbell was always smiling, growing up with Laura, I was at the Isbell home many many times, she welcomed us all with loving arms, she was a special lady*

AnitaHairel - October 01, 2018 at 07:24 AM

 Nancy
Curl

“ *Many sweet me oof Barbara. My condolences to her precious family.
Nancy Kidder Curl*



Nancy Curl - September 30, 2018 at 06:16 PM

JN

“ *Dear Dr Charles and family,
Barry and I are out of town so we are taking this opportunity to express our sympathy. We have missed you and Barbara at church. Prayers for all of you.
Joyce Rice Norton*

Joyce R Norton - September 30, 2018 at 04:56 PM

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“ *I have known Barbara all my life. I baby-sat her children while I was in college and Charles was doing his residency. She gave me the only present I got when I graduated from college. She has been a good friend through the years and I value her friendship and my memories.*

Sarah Chastain - September 30, 2018 at 01:33 PM

PK

“ So very sorry for your loss. She was a beautiful lady.

Phyllis Kirk - September 30, 2018 at 12:20 PM

DC

“ A wonderful lady who always had a kind word and beautiful smile. A wonderful family and she was the light of the room. May God bless Dr. Charles and every family member during this difficult loss.
David Colvard

david Colvard - September 29, 2018 at 06:59 PM