



Barbara King McDowell

March 4, 1939 - August 25, 2022

Barbara King McDowell, 83, passed away on Thursday, August 25, 2022 in Birmingham, Alabama.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents Ross Glenn Tabor and Mary Kate Kirby, her husband Bill McDowell, and her son David Tabor King.

Barbara was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, daughter, and wife. She loved her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, more than anything and modeled Him in her love, kindness, patience, generosity, and loyalty. Her legacy to her family is the wonderful example of a Godly, humble woman she lived out on a daily basis.

Barbara worked as judicial assistant for 30 years at the District Court for three different judges and daily enjoyed her work at DeKalb County Courthouse in Fort Payne, Alabama.

After retirement, Barbara moved to Birmingham to be closer to her children and enjoyed an active lifestyle of traveling, shopping and family adventures with the love of her life, her husband, Bill.

Barbara is a member of North Shelby Baptist Church in Birmingham.

She is survived by her beloved children: Bruce (Patti) King, Melanie (Johnny) McDowell, Carol (Ron) Beckham, and Melinda McDowell Calderini; her much adored grandchildren Meg (Nick) Atkinson, Ross (Meaghan) Beckham, Mary Katherine Calderini, Brandi Beckham (Travis Sisk), and Kevin Beckham; her precious great-grandchildren Mary Elizabeth (Libby) Ray, Allie (Robert) Horst, and Trevor (Bailey) Sisk.

The family will have a private service interment at Glenwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to The CLL (Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia) Society, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or your favorite charity.

Wilson Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Cemetery

1002 Grand Avenue SW
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara King McDowell*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Barbara's passing. We were friends for many years. We worked together for Judge Richard C. Hunt. Barbara was a loving and compassionate person. She was so proud of her family and always spoke about them fondly. I will miss her and her friendship. Jan Hurtt*

Jan Hurtt - October 10, 2022 at 06:13 PM



Sweet Jan!!

Mother loved you to the Moon and Back!!! Thank you for making her life better daily!!!

Much love, Melanie

Melanie King McDowell - October 16, 2022 at 01:17 PM



“ *Barbara and I grew up on adjoining farms near Keener and went to Keener Elementary School and Etowah High (7 & 8th grades). She was a smart and beautiful young lady. Saw her in person for the last time in 1975, but still remember her well. Earl L. Norton*

Earl L. Norton - August 27, 2022 at 09:29 PM

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Thanks so much, Mr. Earl!! Mother loved to reminisce about her Beloved Keener and all the fun times she had growing up there with family and friends. She really appreciated your friendship and you checking up on her!!

Melanie McDowell - August 30, 2022 at 04:26 PM