



## Clara (Boots) Barnett

July 29, 2009

Heading: Clara (Boots) Barnett

Dateline: Taylors

On July 29, 2009 Clara (Boots) Bowers Barnett went home to be with her Lord and Savior after an extended battle with cancer.

A native of Spartanburg County, she was a homemaker and a member of Lee Road Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband of 51 years, Robert A. (Smokey) Barnett of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and Mark Topolnitski of Tega Cay, S.C.; a son and daughter-in-law, Robby and Terri Barnett of Greer; and four grandchildren, Naté, Hayes, Dallas, and Micah.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 p.m. Friday at The Wood Mortuary, conducted by Rev. Ralph Hefner. A private committal service will follow in Woodlawn Memorial Park.

The family is at the home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Vista Care Hospice Foundation, 15 Brendan Way, Suite 100, Greenville, S.C. 29615 or American Cancer Society, 154 Milestone Way, Greenville, S.C. 29615.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 31. 3:00 PM (ET)

THE WOOD MORTUARY CHAPEL

300 West Poinsett Street

Greer, SC 29650

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# Tribute Wall

MI

“ *Miss you MOMMA!* ”



**michelle** - July 31, 2025 at 01:40 AM

MT

“ *Michelle Topolnitski lit a candle in memory of Clara (Boots) Barnett* ”



**Michelle Topolnitski** - July 10, 2025 at 10:55 AM

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“ *Michelle Topolnitski lit a candle in memory of Clara (Boots) Barnett* ”



**Michelle Topolnitski** - May 11, 2025 at 11:06 AM

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“ *michelle Topolnitski lit a candle in memory of Clara (Boots) Barnett* ”



**michelle Topolnitski** - April 21, 2024 at 08:26 PM

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“ Momma, I miss you and Pop. I know it's wonderful in Heaven. All the stars in the sky! I sit here and am proud just how you and Pop kept the faith. Believing and caring for others with no monetary bone in your body. .... broke your heart once but you forgave him. I haven't and I won't allow it now that Pop has past away. Your memory and faith and goodness have been passed on to my children and grandchildren. You were a great Mom and grandmother. I love you always. I'm strong and I will get through this with Gods guidance. Michelle



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**michelle Topolnitski** - March 01, 2024 at 01:18 AM

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“ Michelle Topolnitski lit a candle in memory of Clara (Boots) Barnett



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**Michelle Topolnitski** - September 23, 2021 at 10:23 PM

MT

“ Momma, Miss you everyday. Randolph grandson came to see us. He looks just like his father and grandfather. What great memories of Vivian. She was a angel like you. A good Christian woman. All the Barrett's would be proud. He is humble and just a all around nice guy. I'm glad we got to see him and his mom Debbie. Met some of his kids too.. You are were truly a great mom. I miss ya. Momma all the boys are great. Tae too. Dre 'his is a dream come true. Miss you my BFF. Love Michelle

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**michelle topolnitski** - May 04, 2021 at 11:19 PM

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“ Michelle lit a candle in memory of Clara  
(Boots) Barnett



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**Michelle** - March 31, 2021 at 12:03 AM

MT

“ Michelle Topolnitski lit a candle in memory of  
Clara (Boots) Barnett



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**Michelle Topolnitski** - October 20, 2020 at 03:57 PM

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“ Michelle lit a candle in memory of Clara  
(Boots) Barnett



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**Michelle** - September 08, 2020 at 01:12 PM

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“ Michelle Topolnitski lit a candle in memory of  
Clara (Boots) Barnett



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**Michelle Topolnitski** - January 14, 2020 at 01:52 PM

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“ *Michelle Topolnitski sent a virtual gift in memory of Clara (Boots) Barnett*



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**Michelle Topolnitski** - July 29, 2019 at 08:39 PM

MT

“ *I miss you every day...My BEST friend forever. Now I am called Nannie for that sweet grand I have. But no other can take your place. LOVE Michelle*



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**Michelle Topolnitski** - October 06, 2017 at 08:35 AM

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“ *Momma,  
I miss you so much. It wil soon be 4 years in a few days. There is not a day that goes by that you are not remembered. I want you to know that today I found out Nate' is going to have a baby. You would be proud of her MOM ! I love you and there is no other who compares to you. MY BEST FRIEND FOREVER !  
LOVE Michelle*

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**Michelle Topolnitski** - July 17, 2013 at 10:13 PM



“ MOMMA, There isn't a day that goes by that I didn't think of you, I never knew what grief was until I lost you. I miss you soooooo very much. I know you are in no pain and in Gods hands now. You saw him 2 days before your passing and Pop and I were there to witness it. I hpe you got to hold the hand os Jesus and the beautiful lovely lady you descibed to me. You were ready to go down tha dirt road. AS YOU SAID HE IS WAITING FOR ME. I wish now so much I would have said what does he look like MOM. The angel was lovely with red hair. I know you will be their waitng on me and our family. I miss our talks...I miss you MOM. God please give me strenght everyday. I love you !!!! Michelle###imported-begin###Michelle Topolnitski###imported-end##

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October 09, 2011 at 11:07 PM



“ Uncle Smokey,  
We will be praying for you and your family during this time of grief. Aunt Boots will be missed greatly. She was a very kind person who demonstrated the love of Christ to all who stood her presence. Again, we will be praying for you and your family.###imported-begin###Randy, Katie, and Rody Barnett###imported-end##

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August 05, 2009 at 12:40 AM



“ Rob Terri And Hayes  
We are very sorry to hear about your Mom passing away. We are praying for your entire family.###imported-begin###joey Kim Jodie Josie Duck###imported-end##

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August 02, 2009 at 01:46 PM



“ *Smokey and family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at the time. My mother is Goldie Hawkins who used to work with Clara at Victor Mill. My mother was heartbroken when someone called her late yesterday afternoon with this news. Mom always considered Clara a good friend. I remember when the family lived at Apalache and we would visit. Now Clara's battle is over and she has no pain. God bless your family.*

*Judy###imported-begin##Judy Hawkins Perry###imported-end##*

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August 01, 2009 at 10:19 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about your mom. I prayed for you guys after I got the email from Pam. We are out of town in Florida and won't be back until Sunday night but I'll call you when we get back.###imported-begin##Barry & Renita Douglas###imported-end##*

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July 31, 2009 at 07:21 PM



“ *Dear Smokey, Robbie, Michelle and family,  
I was so sorry to hear about Boots. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. I know how it feels to lose you mom. It hurts. Remember all the good times and all the memories all of you have shared. If there is anything that I can do please don't hesitate to call. Love you all, Lonni###imported-begin##Lonni Burden Brown###imported-end##*

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July 31, 2009 at 06:12 PM



“ Robby  
Our thoughts are with you and your family at this time. We were neighbors when we were kids and I always remembered your mom and dad through the years.  
Blessing,  
John R Sexton###imported-begin##John R Sexton  
(Johnny)###imported-end##

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July 31, 2009 at 01:36 PM



“ Rob, I am sorry for the home going of your mother and will be praying for you and your family. The awesome part of this sad moment is that she is in our future, and she will be waiting on the rest of us.  
Sincerely, Wayne

INDNJC###imported-begin##wayne whitworth###imported-end##

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July 31, 2009 at 07:23 AM



“ We are very sorry about your loss. Our prayers are with the family at this time.###imported-begin##Annette Guy and Anna Howell###imported-end##

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July 30, 2009 at 06:14 PM



“ Rob:

*Please know I am keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. May the Lord grant you peace and help you recall precious, happy memories of time spent with your Mother during the days ahead.##imported-begin##Pedi Bates##imported-end##*

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July 30, 2009 at 05:04 PM



“ Rob,

*My wife and I are lifting you and your family up in prayer in this time of sadness but also rejoicing with you in that when a Christian dies, then have they begun to live. Our prayer is that God will fill this void in your lives with His grace that passes all understanding.##imported-begin##Terry Ford##imported-end##*

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July 30, 2009 at 03:37 PM