



Rebecca Howell Barbrey

February 8, 1932 - June 14, 2015

Rebecca Howell Barbrey, 83, of 113 Pine Street, widow of John Harold Barbrey, died June 14, 2015 at Hospice of the Carolina Foothills.

A native of Greenville County, daughter of the late Hayden W. Howell, Sr. and Dora Lou Bomar Howell Ford, she was a retired Branch Manager for Bank of Greer and a dedicated worker with Memorial United Methodist Church Child Enrichment Program. She was a member of Greer First Baptist Church, where she taught 5 year old Sunday school class for 40 years, was a member of the Sanctuary Choir and WMU.

Mrs. Barbrey was a loving mother who devoted her life to her family and church.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steve H. Barbrey and Nancy of Greer; three grandchildren, Rebecca S. Barbrey, John S. Barbrey and Kristen Coster all of Greer; great-grandson, Brock Barbrey of Greer; sister-in-law, Barbara Howell of Greer; niece, Kim Howell Reeve and her husband, David of Taylors; and nephew, Mike Howell and his wife, Dana of Taylors.

Mrs. Barbrey was predeceased by a brother, Hayden Howell, Jr.

Funeral services will be held 4:00 p.m. Wednesday at The Wood Mortuary, conducted by Dr. Rick Ezell and Rev. Dave Dupree. Burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be John Barbrey, Steve Sherrill, Mike Howell, Justin Howell, Chandler Backman and David Reeve.

Honorary escorts will be the Truthseekers Sunday School Class, Teachers of

CEP at Memorial United Methodist Church and Greer First Baptist Church Choir.

Visitation will be held 6:30-8:00 p.m. Tuesday at The Wood Mortuary.

The family is at the home.

Memorials may be made to Greer First Baptist Church Choir, 202 W. Poinsett St., Greer, SC 29650 or Memorial United Methodist Church Child Enrichment Program, 201 N. Main St., Greer, SC 29650.

The family would like to especially thank the staff and nurses of Hospice of the Carolina Foothills for their loving care during their mother's final days.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

303 North Avenue
Greer, SC 29650

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Service

JUN 17. 4:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ Jennifer Johnston lit a candle in memory of
Rebecca Howell Barbrey



Jennifer Johnston - June 16, 2015 at 05:29 PM



“ Sheila Williams lit a candle in memory of
Rebecca Howell Barbrey



Sheila Williams - June 16, 2015 at 02:40 PM



“ To the family, please accept my deepest sympathies on your loss.
No words express the difficulty of coping with death although I pray
the promise God gives in the scriptures strengthen you through this
ordeal. “He will actually swallow up death forever, and the
Sovereign Lord Jehovah will certainly wipe the tears from all
faces...” Isaiah 25:8

evan williams - June 16, 2015 at 06:47 AM

KF

“ Katherine Dobson family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Rebecca Howell Barbrey.



Katherine Dobson family - June 15, 2015 at 09:39 PM

RS

“ Renee Swangler lit a candle in memory of Rebecca Howell Barbrey



Renee Swangler - June 15, 2015 at 06:22 PM

BE

“ Bill, Kathy, Andrew & Blaire Easterling purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rebecca Howell Barbrey.



Bill, Kathy, Andrew & Blaire Easterling - June 15, 2015 at 05:51 PM

TL

“ TRC2 Lab purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Rebecca Howell Barbrey.



TRC2 Lab - June 15, 2015 at 02:32 PM

JM

“ Dear Family and Friends of Mrs. Becky Barbrey,

Our family is saddened by your recent loss and would like to offer our condolences. We were fortunate to know her as Mrs. Becky at Memorial CEP as she watched over our little ones during their time there. Our family is sorry for your loss but also grateful for a new angel to watch over all of us.

Julia Mae, our youngest, spoke often of her “adventures” with Mrs. Becky and prayed for her daily to get better. Julia Mae had the best outlook when I explained to her that Mrs. Becky had passed. “It’s ok; she’s with Jesus and she’s not that far away; only in Heaven. We’ll see her again, don’t worry.” Julia Mae spoke very matter of fact but softly to not upset anyone. She’s correct. Mrs. Becky watched over all the little ones like her own; she still continues to do so from up above. I’m so thankful she was a part of our lives but especially my children’s lives.

Julia Mae got to visit her right when she was transferred to hospice. I understood the outcome but Julia Mae did not. She insisted on bringing her get well balloons to cheer Mrs. Becky up. Mrs. Becky was still so driven to “get back to work”. The last words she and Julia Mae exchanged were “I’ll be back and I’ll see you soon!”. She’s been missed terribly at Memorial CEP but her influence is still there in the children’s hearts, a piece of her is with each of them.

Our family has a tradition of placing ornaments and photos on our Christmas tree every year. Mrs. Becky had her tradition of giving EACH child a cross stitched ornament; we have quite the collection from over a 10 year span! These were so special to us but they’ll hold an even special place in our family for years to come.

Thank you Mrs. Becky for sharing your kindness and love with the many families in Greer but especially mine!

With warmest regards, we are

*Sincerely yours,
The Callaham Family
John, Jennifer, J.J. & Julia Mae*

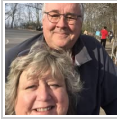
Jennifer McClure-Callaham - June 15, 2015 at 11:45 AM

AI

Sending thoughts and prayers for your family during this difficult time. It was my pleasure to care for Mrs. Barbrey.

Anna Inman (HOCF)

Anna Inman - June 15, 2015 at 01:52 PM



I am so sorry to hear of Becky's passing. I worked with her over 33 years ago at the Bank of Greer next to the high school. She was our head teller at the time. She was always such a sweet lady. I think of her everytime i go down 14 where she used to live. She holds a special place in my heart. I am sure she will be missed by many. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Lonni B. Brown

Lonni Brown - June 15, 2015 at 08:13 PM

DS

Dear Steve and family, I am so sorry to hear about your mother. What a blessing she has been to my grandsons and all the children at Memorial Methodist. We've shared many stories through the years and lots of laughter too. I want you to know that there weren't too many conversations we had when she didn't mention with great pride her family. She was a wonderful lady, an inspiration to many, and truly she will be missed. May you and your family find peace in knowing that many people are praying for you and rejoicing for her because heaven is now her home. With Sympathy, Debbie Singleton

debbie singleton - June 15, 2015 at 08:15 PM

JS

Becky was a true friend.A real Southern Lady. She will be missed.

jonell abraham shealy - June 16, 2015 at 08:05 PM

PS

Mrs. Barbrey was such a special "MaMa" and Christian lady. She seemed to always be there in joyful times and times of need....bringing a pie and her caring sense will always be upmost in my memory. You treasure the baby blankets she made even more as a wonderful symbol of her showing God's love. May we all find peace and comfort which He can only bring as we think of our Mrs. Barbrey.
Patti Simmons

Patti Simmons - June 16, 2015 at 09:02 PM

MS

Our prayers & thoughts are with your family during this time. Ms. Becky was such a sweet lady & my children (now 13 & 10) remember her taking care of setting up lunches at Memorial Methodist. We also have the Christmas ornaments she made for them each year.
Brian, Misty, Karsyn, & Zach Solesbee

Misty Solesbee - June 18, 2015 at 05:56 PM

DC

My prayers are with you Steve and all your family, I know you will miss your Mother, because, I know that you were her pride and joy, I use to work with your Mother, and she was a fine lady. and will be missed.

Deborah Campbell - June 27, 2015 at 11:10 PM