



Sara M. Barnes

February 6, 1928 - October 15, 2013

Sara McMurry Barnes, 85, died Tuesday, October 15 in St. Joseph's Hospital in Savannah.

Sara was born in Royston and was raised in Lavonia. She graduated from the University of Georgia in 1950, with a degree in Home Economics and was a member of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. She worked at Rich's Department Store in Atlanta in the early 1950's and later moved to Milledgeville, where she lived for 49 years before moving to Statesboro in 2004. She loved her second home on Fripp Island, SC where she enjoyed the beach and fishing for over 18 years. After selling her home on Fripp Island, she recently purchased a second home on St. Simons Island that she loved and enjoyed decorating. Sara was a member of Statesboro First Presbyterian Church and was preceded in death by her parents, Winiford M. and Eleanor C. McMurry.

Sara is survived by her husband of 62 years, William R. "Bill" Barnes, Statesboro; daughter, Beverly Barnes Johnson, Brooklet; son, William R. Barnes, Jr., Atlanta; brother and his wife, Robert M and Maxine McMurry, Lavonia; sister-in-law and her husband, Patricia B. and Lt. Col. Robert C. Hughes, US Air Force, Ret., Florida; niece, Nancy M. Watson, Atlanta; nephew, Russell McMurry, Braselton; grandchildren, Maggie Johnson, Statesboro; Ashley Barnes, Atlanta and Brett Johnson, Ohio; 1 great grandchild, Andy Johnson.

Visitation will be held 6:00 to 8:00 PM Thursday, October 17 in Hodges-Moore Funeral Home in Statesboro.

Graveside funeral service will be held 2:00 PM Friday, October 18 in Memory Hill Cemetery in Milledgeville with the Reverend Dan Lewis officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Statesboro First Presbyterian Church, 1215 Fair Road, Statesboro, GA 30458 or Ogeechee Area Hospice, P. O. Box 531, Statesboro, GA 30459.

Hodges-Moore Funeral Home is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Memory Hill Cemetery

300 W. Franklin St.
Milledgeville, GA 31061

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ I am sending this a little late, but wanted to tell you how much you have all been in my thoughts and prayers. I have so many memories of such a wonderful neighbor... from ALWAYS buying Girl Scout cookies every year from me (and others) when I was young to being thrilled I became an ADPI in college. She was was of the few that always, even to adulthood, called me Martha Deane.

Martha Hall Josey - November 12, 2013 at 08:06 AM

BM

“ I just learned of Sara's passing. I will let my Mom know but would like to add our condolences on behalf of the McLaren family. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers!

Pastor Beverly McLaren (daughter of Ralph McLaren)

Beverly McLaren - October 22, 2013 at 12:23 AM

TS

“ Dear Beverly, Bill and Bill,
It broke my heart to hear of Sara's death. So many great memories of girl scouts and many sleep overs at your house. I am so glad that I got to reconnect with Sara last summer at St Simons and talk about all those wonderful years in Milledgeville. May your wonderful memories of Sara help heal your hearts.
Love, Tonya Evans Sumner

Tonya Sumner - October 17, 2013 at 07:28 PM

ME

“ Dear Beverly, Bill and Bill,
Suzanne D. sent us the sad, sad news about Sara's passing. Oh how my family loved living all those years beside the Barnes in Milledgeville. No such thing in our lives regarding the lines of Frost: "Good fences make good neighbors..." Always open arms, open doors, open hearts, open refrigerator, and loveliness from Sara and Bill. Several great memories are of the big dig that discovered the rifle buried in the backyard, the widening of the branch from stream to creek to chasm, rejoicing over big fish caught, and kids running from yard to yard and hanging out in the basement. Walnut lamp still shines - and will do so with a special gleam in memory of a warm, wonderful woman. Herb (retired), Kenneth (41), Jeffrey (37) and Phyllis Meyer (not retired)
1341 Twin Lakes Road
Athens, GA 30606
706 380 3878

Meyer - October 16, 2013 at 09:04 PM

RD

“ Beverly, Bill Jr. and Bill....I share my sister Suzanne's fond memories of Sara. How fortunate the Donnellys are to have lived across the street from the Barnes and to have shared so many wonderful memories of growing up together. After moving from Milledgeville, I never came home for a visit that I didn't get a visit from Sara and a "welcome home" hug. We are all thinking of you and thank you for sharing your wife and mother with us for many happy years. Love to you all from the Donnelly family.

Rick Donnelly

Rick Donnelly - October 16, 2013 at 06:37 PM

SC

“ *Bill, Beverly and Bill Jr.....we are so sorry to learn of Sara's passing. For us, she will always be just across the street, ready to visit, ready to hear all the news or tell it, ready to greet us when we come home from elsewhere. Home would not have been the same without the Barnes family just across the street with all of us looking out for one another. We cherish those memories and they will not fade.*

Suzanne Donnelly Caskey

Suzanne Donnelly Caskey - October 16, 2013 at 05:11 PM

CC

Dear Bill, Beverly and Bill Jr., So sorry to hear of Sara's passing. I'll always remember her waves to us from across the street.

Chris Chandler

Chris Chandler - October 18, 2013 at 11:44 AM