



# Barbara Cobb Wilson

MAY 17, 1937 - FEB 10, 2023



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## **Barbara Cobb Wilson**

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**B**arbara Cobb Wilson – devout Christian, devoted mother, and a truly beautiful person in every sense of the word – passed away on February 10, 2023, after a brief illness. Our much-adored mother, 85, was the beloved “Mimi” of a huge extended family consisting of six children, six sons- and daughters-in-law, 12 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. Barbara was born the fourth of five children to Tommy E. and Clyde L. Cobb in Andalusia, Alabama. She and her siblings remained a tight-knit family their entire lives.

Mom met, fell in love with, and married Leslie N. Ferguson in 1957. Together they raised a large and very happy family of six children. Through good times and hard times, Les and Barbara were happily married until Dad’s death in 1979 from a heart attack. Mom then went to work as a bank teller and raised the family on her own until she met Melvin Smith in 1984. She and Melvin fell deeply in love and were married in 1985. “Mimi and Pawpaw” were happily and joyfully married until Melvin’s death in 2002 from a stroke. Facing the prospect of widowhood again, Mom approached life as she always did: she picked herself up and got on with it. Good things, though, happen to good people, and in 2003 Barbara was introduced to William H. “Pete” Wilson. Mom and “Mr. Pete” became inseparable and decided to spend the rest of their lives together. They were married in 2004 and spent the next 10 years enjoying life together until Mr. Pete’s passing in 2014 from leukemia. As we like to say in our family, most people are lucky if they find one person to love in life. Mom loved and was loved deeply by our dad, by Melvin, and by Mr. Pete.

Mom was preceded in death by her parents and by her husbands; by her eldest son, Leslie N. Ferguson, II; by her brother Bobby and her two sisters, Betty and June. She is survived by her brother Jimmy Cobb and his wife, Madge, of Andalusia, AL; her sister-in-law Teena Cobb of Tallahassee, FL; sister-in-law Betty Chism of Hobbs, NM; by her children and their spouses (Michelle Stewart and her husband, Greg; Pam Brantley and her husband, Tim; Mellissa McCreary and husband, Charles; Tommie Whitten and husband, Wayne; Michael Ferguson; and Kelly Ferguson and his wife, Jennifer), her grandchildren, her great-grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews; and, of course, her beloved dog, Benji.



## Obituary

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A celebration of life will be held in the chapel of Rader Funeral Home in Longview on Saturday, February 18, 2023, at 10a followed by a graveside service at Rosewood Park Cemetery. Our family would like to express our profound thanks to the staff of both Heartsway Hospice of Northeast Texas and Summer Meadows for their compassionate, gentle kindness to mom over the last two months. In lieu of flowers, friends and family are asked to consider making a donation in mom's memory to either the Longview Animal Care and Adoption Center or the Trinity School of Texas.




# Events


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## Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, February 18, 2023

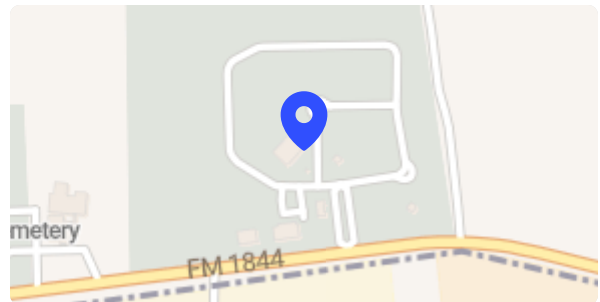
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 **Chapel of Rader Funeral Home of Longview**  
1617 Judson Road, Longview TX 75601



## Cemetery Details

 **Rosewood Park**  
1884 FM 1844, Longview TX 75605





# Tribute Wall

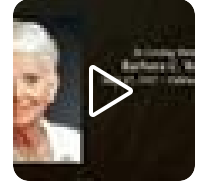
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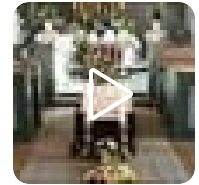
**Rader Funeral Home** shared a **Video**.

February 17 at 11:53 AM



**Rader Funeral Home** shared a **Webcast Video**.

February 18 at 4:15 AM



**Karen Bozeman** posted:

Barbara was one of my first friends when I moved to Longview. We worked together at American Bank. She was always such an uplifting person and was helpful and kind. We would run into each other in public from time and time and she would always take a moment to catch up and talk about her family. I know you will miss her terribly but have wonderful memories of her life and the legacy she left behind.

February 19 at 1:03 PM



**Susan R Carroll** February 21 at 2:14 PM

I worked at American Bank with Barbara in the early 80's. She was a newly widow and talked about her kids often. She was so sweet and a very classy lady. I haven't seen her in many years. I know y'all will miss her terribly just hold on to those many memories you have. ❤️



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Wilson family.

February 16 at 8:42 AM



**From Marsha, Jackie, Jason, And Jackson** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Wilson family.

February 15 at 1:25 PM





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**Kc Public Services & Industrial Tech Div** sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Wilson family.

February 15 at 7:40 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Wilson family.

February 15 at 6:29 AM



**Ruth Kay** posted:

Dear sweet family, Barbara was my long time customer at Albertsons who quickly became my good friend. We had so many sweet conversations, mostly about family. You must have learned your kindness from sweet Barbara because that is one thing I will always remember about each of you. Barbara would put a smile on my face every time I saw her and it was always a pleasure to assist her. Michelle, Greg, Pam and family, I appreciate your years of friendship and loved every hug from Les in Albertsons in the mornings on his way to work. I am very sorry about the loss of this wonderful lady. May God comfort each of you as only He can do. Your friend, Ruth Kay (retired from Albertsons Grocery)

February 14 at 1:10 PM



**Keith & Kathy Baker** posted:

Ferguson family, Sincere condolences for the family. Your mother/grandmother was an outstanding example of a wonderful, strong and loving person. May the Lord grant you peace and comfort..

February 14 at 12:53 PM



**Charlotte Dunaway** lit a candle in honor of Barbara.

Michael-I'm so sorry to learn of your mom's passing. She was a beautiful lady. I remember how close y'all were. I am on vacation for the next week so will not be able to attend her service. Condolences to you and your family. Charlotte Dunaway

February 13 at 4:01 PM





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**Gregory Courington** posted:

Barbara and my Uncle Pete were wonderful together. She made Pete so happy. My family in Arkansas were blessed to have her part of our lives. Thoughts and prayers for your family. God Bless you all. The Arkansas Courington's and Whites.

February 11 at 3:28 PM



**Anne Staggs Proctor** posted:

My heartfelt condolences to Barbara's family. Barbara and Pete were good friends with my parents Bill and Julie Staggs. I have many wonderful memories of them. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

February 11 at 6:55 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Basket of Memories to the Wilson family.



February 11 at 4:25 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Large Basket Garden to the Wilson family.



February 10 at 4:42 PM



**Mark, Jeremy, And Randy** sent a Dawn of Remembrance Basket to the Wilson family.



February 10 at 2:36 PM



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**Michael Ferguson** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I love you, Mom.

February 10 at 12:15 PM



**Brian Ruthven** March 23 at 9:17 AM

I just found out today that I lost my second Mom. My Mother was Les's 2nd Mom and His was Mine. She was such a beautiful lady and a Great Mom. Look at the Folks she Bought forth. All outstanding and extremely susscessful. I'm very proud to have been part of Her Family and always looked forward to seeing that Smile. Beautiful Picture Michael. To all my Brothers and sisters, I'm sorry for the lose of one Great mother. I know a few people that met her at Heaven's Gate in a Golfcart and they said "Get In Mom". She has been a Mentor to all of us and I value and take with me what I have learned and will continue to share it. Most of all "Love" We have people to look forward to see"n one day in the future. Tell my Brother Hello and see him soon. Love and Prayers Brian



**Mary Martin** February 13 at 10:54 AM

Heaven has gained a beautiful angel. Condolences to the Ferguson family.



**Beverly A Brooks** February 13 at 6:52 AM

An AMAZING Lady who brought up an equally lovely family - especially our Amazing Michael. My Prayers for ALL her Nearest & Dearest are that The Comforter meet your every need.



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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Barbara by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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