



# Barbara Harris Tolleson

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**B**arbara Harris Tolleson of Longview, Texas was born in Panola County, Texas on April 22, 1938, to Grady Harris and Syble Pitts Harris. She peacefully passed away June 8, 2025, with family by her side at Christus Good Shepherd hospital and entered into heaven. She suffered a stroke on June 4, 2025.

Barbara attended school in Tenaha and Houston, Tx before she and her parents moved to Longview, Texas in 1950. That was the year Barbara and her family became members of Mobberly Baptist Church. She graduated from Longview High School in 1955 and remained a loyal Lobo fan.

She attended BMI Business Institute and was employed as a Secretary and later became a top salesperson at JC Penney in the Longview Mall and a beauty consultant with BeautiControl Cosmetics.

Barbara and Joe V. Tolleson met in 1976 and married in 1979. Married 46 years together and remained deeply in love. They enjoyed attending and serving at church, traveling, playing card games and dominos with friends, spending time with family, and especially attending Lobo football and basketball games.

Barbara celebrated and enjoyed every holiday, decorating, cooking, crochet, sewing, attending school events of her many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Barbara was fondly known as Mother, Mawmaw and Grandma by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She had a special way of making each one feel uniquely loved. Her thoughtfulness and kindness shown in everything she did, especially in the way she gave gifts. She always seemed to know exactly what would bring a smile, making each birthday, holiday, or simple visit feel deeply personal and special.



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As a member of Mobberly Baptist Church, she followed Jesus Christ and shared her faith with others. She had many hobbies and also a member of the prayer shawl ministry.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents Grady and Syble Harris.

Her survivors include husband Joe V. Tolleson, son Kenneth Taylor of Longview, daughter Kimberly Taylor Davis and husband Jamie of Longview, stepson John D. Tolleson and wife Ginette, of Kingsport, Tn, stepson Joe D. Tolleson and wife Susan of Longview, sister in law Judy Stanley and husband Larry of Texarkana, Tx. Grandchildren Karrie Taylor, Ryan Taylor, Taylor Gray and wife Kayleigh, Allison Gentry and husband Eddie, Nicole Taylor, DeAnna Davis, Chris Davis and wife Allyson Kate, Trent Tolleson, Trey Tolleson, Kate Tolleson, and Jack Tolleson. 15 Great Grandchildren, many Cousins extended family members, precious friends and her church family.

She lived a beautiful life for 87 years. We will cherish each sweet memory of her.

Visitation at Rader Funeral Home in Longview, Tx Wednesday June 11, 2025 at 5:00 -7:00 pm.  
Life Celebration Service at Mobberly Baptist Church in Longview, Tx, June 12, 2025 at 10:00 am.



# Events

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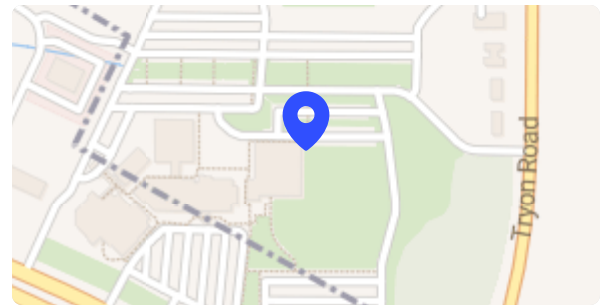
## Visitation

- Wednesday**, June 11, 2025
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT
- Rader Funeral Home**  
1617 Judson Rd., Longview TX 75601



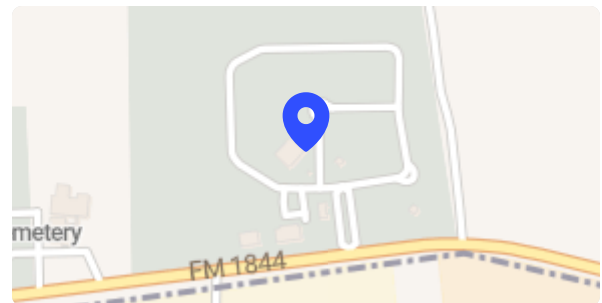
## Celebration of Life

- Thursday**, June 12, 2025
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- Mobberly Baptist Church**  
625 E Loop 281, Longview TX 75605-5004



## Cemetery Details

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





# Tribute Wall

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



June 11 at 5:52 AM



**Steve Ferguson** June 11 at 11:48 AM

To this day I can remember meeting Barbara at Penney's. Like any good salesperson, the minute I walked into her area, the hand came out and the introduction began. I went to that store often and would enjoy her and her sidekick during those visits. I would run into her and Joe occasionally over the years and she would always remember to mention my name to anyone she knew that needed assistance. Joe & family, please know you all are in my thought and prayers. Steve Ferguson



**John, Ginette, Kate, And Jack Tolleson** sent a Sweet Snacks Gift Crate to the Tolleson family.



June 11 at 12:34 PM



**John, Ginette, Kate, And Jack Tolleson** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Barbara.



June 11 at 12:34 PM



**Lelia Faye, Vickie, Tommy, David & Danny** sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Tolleson family.



June 11 at 6:15 AM



**Sharon Dehoff** posted:

Barbara was a true friend always nice and smart, talented. She always help and nice to everyone. She love her family. I will miss seeing and talking to her everyday. She is rest peaceful. With her Lord. We all will miss her. Prayers goes out to Joe and family. 🙏

June 11 at 5:14 AM



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**Vicki Roush** posted:

Barbara was a beautiful lady. I enjoyed getting to meet her at the Belcher Center and seeing her beautiful smile. Joe know that your friends at the Belcher Center are praying for you and the family.,

June 10 at 6:27 PM



**Billy And Dyanne Tolleson** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Tolleson family.



June 10 at 6:25 PM



**Judy Stanley** lit a candle in honor of Barbara.



June 10 at 5:30 PM



**Judy Stanley** June 10 at 5:33 PM

Barbara was a true Lobo fan. She and Joe traveled to as many games as they could, or listened on radio if they couldn't attend. Green is their color.



**M/M Corby Howard** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Tolleson family.



June 10 at 3:32 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Tolleson family.



June 10 at 1:23 PM



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DS

**Dr. Jeffrey Shelton And Staff** sent a Fairest of All to the Tolleson family.

June 10 at 5:41 AM



DS

**Dr. Jeffrey Shelton And Staff** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Barbara.

June 10 at 5:41 AM



TF

**Taska & Bill Fields** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Tolleson family.

June 9 at 2:14 PM



TF

**Taska & Bill Fields** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Barbara.

June 9 at 2:14 PM



WM

**Wayne And Margaret Musslewhite** posted:

Such a precious family growing up! Sweetest Couple Barbara and Joe have been. We all grew up at Mobberly. Many treasured memories. Love and prayers for you all.

June 9 at 1:40 PM

CH

**Carolyn Hearrons** posted:

Tribute to a sweet lady. Worked w her and Joe for several years at Belcher. They are and were a sweet couple. Rest in Peace, Barbara and thinking of you Joe. 🙏🙏🙏

June 9 at 12:18 PM



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**Carolyn Shannon** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Tolleson family.



June 9 at 11:58 AM



## Media

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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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