



Mrs. Sandra Peterson Barber

July 15, 1933 - November 15, 2020

Sandra Jean Peterson Barber, 87, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, November 15, 2020. Though we miss her so very much, we are happy knowing she is now re-united with her Ronald.

She was born July 15, 1933 in Clinton, NC, the oldest of three children of the late Alvah Allen Peterson and Willie Frank Owen. She attended school in Clinton, where she met the boy who would become the love of her life in the second grade. After graduation from Meredith College in 1955, she became an English teacher. In 1956, she married her sweetheart, Ronald, and they went on to raise three children of their own.

For 61 years, they built businesses, traveled the world, and served the Lord whom they loved. They were a team in all that they did.

She and Ronald served faithfully at Columbia Evangelical Church and Hope Church Columbia for many years. Many missionaries and friends have become family through her legendary hospitality which included her Sunday roast dinners.

Sandra had a love of studying and teaching God's word in various Bible studies within her church and community. She was also the ultimate problem-solver. Many were the recipients of this gift whether it be helping to pack, move, learn to drive, or create a budget.

She is survived by three children, Ronald Edward Barber, Jr. (Amy McQuilkin), Cameron Jones (Steven), Alison Alvah Gratton (George); and the joy of her life, 9 grandchildren, Natasha Broucek (DJ), Stephanie Barber, Justin Barber (Nidhi), David Jones (Claire), Joseph Jones (Jennifer), Daniel Jones, Christiana Jones (Pavel), Mary Grace Lobo (Nicholas), Jesse Jones; and 8 great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Edward Barber, Sr.

A visitation will be held under the portico of Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel,

from 3 until 5 o'clock, Friday, November 20, 2020. The family requests those attending remain in their vehicles to abide by the state's regulations of social distancing. A private family graveside service will be held in Clinton, NC , on Saturday, November 21, 2020 with Joshua Fleming officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Christian Missions, Inc., P.O. Box 3715, Columbia, SC, 29203.

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Shives Funeral Home - November 19, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ Paul and Susan White purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Sandra Peterson Barber.



Paul and Susan White - November 23, 2020 at 09:23 AM



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Dear Barber Family,

We were at SAE (HOPE) when Ronald and Sandra came over. . . and walked into Bill's Sunday school Class. There was an instant bond between us that strengthened through the years as we came and went from our ministries in East Africa. We were often in their home for meals or Discovery Group meetings. We OFTEN went out with your dad after early morning prayer meeting on Tuesdays and sometimes your mom joined us. Your dad and mom enjoyed having waffles at our house after the Sunday evening service. . . after trying the Waffle House and finding their waffles to be inferior to mine! When we moved to North East Columbia from Irmo, your dad made SO MANY trips to the dump for us! I think your mom and dad were some of the first people that we shared our sad news with when Bill received his cancer diagnosis. They became our closest friends in Columbia, extending so much help and hospitality over so many years! A highlight of our friendship was their visit to see us in our ministry in Kijabe, Kenya! Your Dad could never stop talking about the trip to the Maasai Mara (game reserve) when he'd see us! We spent our last days together in Columbia with your folks, your mom driving us to the Charlotte Airport as we flew down to our new and last home in Sebring, FL.

Your mom and I shared many times together. She was a great friend! It is hard to believe that she won't be there to visit the next time I travel to Columbia because she was always someone I stayed with or visited! Well, dear Barber children, not only did your dad eagerly welcome his sweet Sandra as she arrived in Heaven. . . I think your dad probably said, 'let's go find Bill O'D. . . I've been having the greatest talks with him!' When we all get to Heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!! God's blessings on you all as you remember your wonderful parents and grandparents! Esther O'Donovan

Proverbs 10:6-7 "The memory of the righteous will be a blessing."

Esther O'Donovan - November 20, 2020 at 04:25 PM



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Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sandra Peterson Barber.



November 20, 2020 at 07:05 AM



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Shives Funeral Home - November 19, 2020 at 04:14 PM



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“ Aunt Sandra was one of the dearest, most loving and caring people in my early life. The summer weeks I spent with her, Uncle Ronald, Ron, Cameron, and Allison remain precious to me nearly a half-century later. I can still hear her voice--never sharp, always full of understanding--and her laughter, too. Her home was a place of endless play and happiness, a child's dream. Though years and miles separated us, there always was--and forever will be--a warm place in my heart for her.

Rik Scarce - November 18, 2020 at 11:11 PM



“ Although Dale and I did not spend a lot of time with Sandra over the years, we were privileged to also know her through the eyes and stories of the many people she loved and served. Even when we were strangers, we experienced her hospitality - a room for the night, meals around her table, her knowledge and input into the CMI missions board when we were totally inexperienced. Like a well-oiled engine quietly keeping things working without calling attention to itself, whatever her hand found to do, she did it with all her might. Surely she was welcomed into heaven with the greeting, “Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord.” Dale & Joani Kibbey

Joan E Kibbey - November 18, 2020 at 09:20 PM



“ I first met Sandra on Sunday, Feb 24, 1980. I remember the day clearly. I was a brand new Christian, not yet two weeks old in the Lord. It was my first visit to a church as a believer. I walked into Columbia Evangelical Church all alone, not knowing anyone. Sandra was the first person to greet and welcome me. She introduced herself and invited me to come and sit with her and Ronald. Her genuine warmth and friendliness set me at ease and removed all the awkwardness I felt. One couldn't ask for a better introduction to the fellowship of believers.

Sandra had a wonderful gift for making you feel at home, like a beloved member of the family. Only God knows how many people she loved and cared for over the course of her life. I learned later that for years she had given the same kind of loving care to the young woman who would later become my wife.

Jane and I both cherish the memory of Sandra Barber and we rejoice with her that she is now with her Lord, whom she served so well.

Ronald Barber was one blessed man to be married to Sandra!

Chris French

Chris French - November 18, 2020 at 09:07 PM



“ I don't have words. We shared so much over the last almost fifty years, even sharing the same birthday although she was a few years younger. Sandra was like a sister to me, yet more than a sister. She became the other mother of my son Steven and aunt to my other children. Later she became the other grandmother of six of my grandchildren. We are forever linked.in Christ and in family ties.

Marian Jones

Marian Jones - November 17, 2020 at 10:05 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sandra Peterson Barber.



November 17, 2020 at 09:37 PM



“ The Barbers were my second home. Jane Bryan French and I were the first to spend the night in the guest bedroom in their house on Rimer Pond Road when we were young people. We claimed that room as our own. I remember being welcome to come home any Sunday for the roast dinner with them. I felt welcome anytime. I could spend the night in what I considered to be my bedroom. Sandra had a wonderful listening ear, and she was there for me through the years. How special it was to be considered an adopted daughter of Ronald and Sandra. I am also thankful for the special relationship with their children. Although Sandra will be missed here as Ronald has been already, we know - "Absent from the body, present with the Lord." Love to all the family - I am grieving and rejoicing with you!

Dayna Pridgen

Dayna Pridgen - November 17, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sandra Peterson Barber.



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Alison Gratton - November 17, 2020 at 06:15 PM



“ I'm struggling to figure out exactly what to say. Sandra was an amazing lady as everyone knows. She loved deeply and without bounds. She was a great friend. And she was excellent company on the back row at church. I will miss my buddy. It was a privilege to be considered one of her friends. I am grateful she is now at peace with her beloved.

Sara Frierson - November 17, 2020 at 05:02 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sandra Peterson Barber.



November 17, 2020 at 03:12 PM