



Bobby Barnes

November 14, 1932 - February 3, 2022

Bobby Muriel Barnes, 89, passed away on a snowy Thursday, February 3, 2022 in Prairie Village, Kansas. Bobby was a wife, mother, grandmother, and educator to many, always advocating for and loving those she knew.

Bobby was born on a snowy Monday, November 14, 1932 to Norman Mills and Lona Muriel (Richards) Mills in Hughes County, Oklahoma. She was the middle of three children and had a very tight knit family, finding the joys and competitions of sisterhood with Lou, and a close kinship with her younger brother, Ed Mills. After primary schooling, Bobby attended East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma earning her Bachelor's degree in education and meeting the love of her life and husband of 62 years, Jerry L. Barnes.

Bobby and Jerry were married on May 28, 1955 and embarked on their ever-unfolding journey as Jerry lived out his calling in ministry. The two found home wherever God led them, living in Oklahoma, Kentucky, Scotland, Texas, Kansas and Nova Scotia, Canada. And while Bobby supported Jerry steadfastly as a pastor's wife and mother, she followed in the footsteps of her parents, carving out a rich career in education, earning her Masters in Education from the University of Oklahoma, and impacting the lives of over 1,000 students in her time as an educator. Her proudest moment was being an Associate Professor at Oklahoma Baptist University.

As a wife, Bobby loved Jerry deeply. They stepped in stride with one another, balancing each other as they carved out their path through life. While he was the dreamer, she was the problem-solver. While he was the adventurer, she was the anchor. And while he was the theologian, she too was a scholar, always meeting him in depth, wisdom, and ferocity.

Bobby approached her role as a mother and grandmother with thoughtfulness and love. From home cooked dinners to editing papers, hosting tea parties to playing games, the time she spent with her family and friends was always engaged and intentional.

After 50 years of ministry and education, Bobby and Jerry retired to a life surrounded by family and friends. Together they enjoyed traveling, reading, teaching, sweets, and each other's company— all qualities that are so lovingly passed on to each of their children, grandchildren, and the plethora of other lives they touched along the way.

Bobby is preceded in death by her husband Jerry Barnes, parents Norman and Lona Mills, sister Louella Johnson, and son-in-law Bryan Swan. She is survived by her brother Ed Mills, children Joni Hawkins, Joel Barnes, and Leslie Swan, grandchildren Tiffany Pittman, Cailin Werner, Elizabeth Stingley, Hannah Reavis, Hailey Swan, and Audrey Swan, and great grandchildren Josiah, Garrett, and Emma Pittman, as well as Colten, Cyler, and Caden Werner.

A funeral service for Bobby Barnes will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, February 11, 2022 in Miami, Oklahoma at the First Presbyterian Church. She will be laid to rest at Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery directly following the funeral service. All who wish to attend are welcome. Services have been placed in the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Miami.

Cemetery Details

Grand Army of the Republic

2801 North Main Street
Miami, OK 74354

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church-Miami
1410 NE Veterans BLVD
Miami, OK 74354

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Bobby Barnes*



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DK

“ *We have such fun and wonderful memories of both Jerry and Bobby. We regret that we did not here of Bobby's funeral in time to attend the service. Soon after we moved to Grove in 2000, we joined a small group (18) from or church led by Jerry and Bobby. We met once a week for approximately 10 years. Our group not only studied the Bible together, we had dinners together and took many trips together. One of our favorite trips was one that Bobby put together taking us to towns in Nova Scotia where she and Jerry had ministered. Bobby did an outstanding job organizing and making the trip extra ordinary. One of the churches hosted our group to a dinner in their church basement, treating us to traditional food favorites of Nova Scotia. We feel so blessed to have had their friendship and grateful for the impact they had on our lives. Sending our prayers, love and condolences to their family. Wanda and Dick Koger*

Dick and Wanda Koger - February 13, 2022 at 04:15 PM



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KG

“ Joel,
So sorry for your loss! No matter how old we are, it's never easy to lose a parent.
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!
Big hugs,
Ken Geha

Kenneth M Geha - February 10, 2022 at 02:35 PM

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“ Please accept my sincere and heartfelt condolences for the loss of Mrs. Barnes. She was my Secretarial Education teacher for two years at Gordon Cooper vol tech in Shawnee, OK, and she was kind, and caring, and one of the best teachers I have ever had. She epitomized what a true lady should be. I will never forget her. (this was back in 1972-73). God bless and keep you all.
Debbie Garrison Rhoades, Tecumseh High School, Class of 1973



Debbie - February 09, 2022 at 07:01 PM