

Patricia Joyce Barnett | 1940-2016

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Patricia "Pat" Joyce Barnett, 76, of Weatherford, died Thursday, June 23, 2016.

Visitation and memorial service will be announced at a later date through Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur.

Patricia was born May 2, 1940, in Sanger to James W. and Rosie Mae (Hammons) Ary. She graduated from Denton High School in 1958. Patricia married Erwin King Barnett Jr. March 9, 1963, in Gainesville.

While Patricia assisted throughout her life in her family's businesses in various positions, her true calling was one of a consummate wife, mother and homemaker. As a mother of two active girls, she volunteered freely at their schools, working with special needs children and assisting teachers and coaches at various fundraisers, field trips, sporting events and activities in any way she could. She was a member of the Slidell Young Homemakers and became an active 4-H leader in Wise County.

In her later years, she became quite the gardener. People would often stop to talk about or photograph her flowerbeds. Patricia was especially proud of her roses that she would lovingly care for through the hot Texas summers.

Patricia had an unwavering faith in God. Baptized in 1954 at the Pearl Street Church of Christ in Denton, she became very involved with churches in Denton, Aubrey, Greenwood, Decatur, Springtown and Weatherford, teaching Sunday school and VBS, visiting members in the hospital or nursing homes and assisting in numerous fundraising events, collecting goods for the local community and Africa. When a member of the congregation or community was ill or passed away, she was one of the first to ask if she could do anything for the family. She was always willing to give her time to those in need.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, King Barnett; parents Rosie Mae Gable and James W. Ary; and brothers Teddy Lane Ary and James Robert Ary.

She is survived by her daughters, Kathy Spriggs and husband, Neil, of Kinburn, Ontario, Canada, and Sandra Miller and husband, Chris, of Weatherford; brother Eddie Ary and wife, Laura, of Denton; sister-in-law Camille Underwood of Lake Charles, La.; grandchildren Brian Shannon of Bowling Green, Ky., Kristian and Alastair Spriggs of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, and Andrew and Ashley Musick of Weatherford; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends who will also miss her.