



Ms. Barbara Burns

March 1, 1946 - October 12, 2025

Graveside funeral services for Barbara Burns, 79, of Bethany, Louisiana will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday October 18, 2025, at the Panola Mt. Zion Cemetery with Linda Lawless officiating. Burial will follow under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 4-6:00 p.m. Friday at Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Barbara Maude Burns was born March 1, 1946, in Bethany, Texas. She passed this life October 12, 2025, in Longview, Texas. Barbara was one of eight children born to the marriage of Stella Beulah Jackson and Ernest Lee Burns, Sr. She was raised and schooled in Bethany, graduated with the Elysian Fields High School Class of 1964 and attended business college. Barbara would spend her career in financial investments working for T. Craig Lewis until her retirement. She was a lifetime member of the Bethany Baptist Church, volunteered as Secretary for the Community 4 Fire Department and was an active member of the Republican Party. Barbara is preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Ernest Burns Jr., and Willie Burns; sisters, Jean Oliver, Mae Byrd, Dot Futrell and Kay Rogers-Crouch and her beloved son, Sean Valenzuela.

Ms. Burns is survived by her devoted sister, Patricia Nolan of Waskom; grandson, Jack Valenzuela of Shreveport, LA; daughter-in-law, Deborah Valenzuela of Shreveport, LA; brother-in-law, Rendell Futrell of Marshall; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

Cemetery Details

Panola Mt. Zion Cemetery

1167 CR 328
DeBerry, TX 75639

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home
307 West Wellington Street
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Graveside Service

OCT 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Barbara Burns



Hawthorn Funeral Home - October 14, 2025 at 03:44 PM

JO

She fought long and hard. Pat, thank you for all the care and attention you gave her.

JohnnieCrutchfield - October 14, 2025 at 05:18 PM

CV

“ Community Four VFD purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Ms. Barbara Burns.



Community Four VFD - October 16, 2025 at 09:51 PM

LH

“ We weren't related, but Barbara was family to us. Knew her all my life, but we got real close from my teens till now. She would drive my mother and sister to Wichita Falls to see me when I was in the Air Force. My friends met her and become friends with her and even kept in touch with her after I got out. I will miss our trips to Carthage, Marshall, and Shreveport...and of course our stops at Dairy Queen for a blizzard! I'm going to miss you my friend.

Larry Hudman - October 15, 2025 at 04:59 PM

SW

“ Prayers for the family.

Spencer Wagley - October 15, 2025 at 09:20 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Barbara Burns.



October 14, 2025 at 08:50 PM

WC

“ during my tenure at Bethany Baptist, Barbara was a joy to work with and be around. she was sincere . didn't find that in many people there. she will always be in my heart for the supporter she was and the genuine friendship she shared with me.

Wayne Cooper - October 14, 2025 at 04:48 PM

SS

“ To the family, I send my condolences to you!! What a battle you have been through!!

When I think of Barbara, I call her “ BB”. The last time we were together was at a fish place having lunch!! I think of our good times throughout the years.. in elementary school, playing behind the pump house with a few others.. we called ourselves the “Dawson Gang”!! Then playing behind and under stage at Bethany Elementary.. and getting in trouble!!!

It was during those years, her great talent of piano playing was discovered!!!

BB had many talents, but, what I remember most is how nice she was to everyone and her great smile!! She was always my friend from the day I met her!! Her memory will live with me forever!! What a great friend, helper and giver she was to all! I feel so blessed she was in my whole life!!! Sharman Brumble Spencer

Sharman Brumble Spencer - October 14, 2025 at 12:55 PM