



## Mrs. Barbara Walker Coburn

March 19, 1933 - April 27, 2019

Barbara Walker Coburn, 86, of Albany passed away on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at home, surrounded by her family, after a short illness. A memorial service will be held at noon on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at Sherwood Baptist Church with Rev. Michael Catt officiating. Visitation will be immediately prior to the service in the church atrium at 11:00.

Mrs. Coburn was born in Moultrie, Georgia on March 19, 1933, and spent her childhood in Fitzgerald, Georgia. At Fitzgerald High School she played clarinet in the band and was a cheerleader for the state championship football team. She graduated from Wesleyan College, with a B.A. in Psychology in 1954, where she worked in the library and expanded her knowledge of the world, art history, and religion. During college when she visited home, she reconnected with Boyd, her neighbor from Fitzgerald. He was attending Emory, and over many trips back to school, and weekend dances, they fell in love.

On April 3, 1955 she married Boyd Aultman Coburn at First Baptist Church in Fitzgerald. They soon settled in Albany where she taught at Sherwood Elementary, and became the librarian there for five years. She earned her master's degree in Library Science from Florida State University. After she earned her education specialist degree from the University of Georgia, she became the Media Coordinator for the 36 schools in the Dougherty County School System.

Mrs. Coburn was a devoted member of Sherwood Baptist Church where she sang in the choir, played in the handbell choir, and coordinated the church library. In retirement she valued books to read, flowers to grow, choirs to sing in, and music to listen to. She and Boyd traveled to 24 countries, spent a month each year at St. Simons, and attended plays at the Fox Theatre. She enjoyed her grandchildren growing up the backyard with birthday and swimming parties and family gatherings at holidays.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Renfroe Franklin Walker and Margaret Moody Walker; and her sister Elizabeth Walker Bowers (David).

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Boyd Aultman Coburn, two daughters Carol Bishop (Joe) and Leah Masters (Chuck); her six grandchildren Matthew Bishop (Mary), Philip Bishop (Anna), Sarah Keadle (Karl), Katherine McMahan (Kieran), Margaret Harris (Ryan), Andrea Sandbach; and three great-grandchildren Kellan Keadle, Augustus Bishop, and Josephine Bishop.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sherwood Baptist Church.

You may sign our online guestbook and share your own special thoughts with the family of Mrs. Coburn by visiting Kimbrell-Stern's website at [www.kimbrellstern.com](http://www.kimbrellstern.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Crown Hill Cemetery

Albany

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Sherwood Baptist Church  
2201 Whispering Pines Road  
Albany, GA 31707

## Memorial Service

MAY 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Albany, GA 31707

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Barbara Walker Coburn*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Barbara Walker Coburn*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Sending sympathy and prayers to all.  
Mrs. Coburn was a wonderful lady and neighbor. She will certainly  
be missed.*

*Mark and Nancy Franklin*

**Nancy Franklin** - May 04, 2019 at 09:43 AM



“ *Carol, Leah, and family,  
I'm sorry to hear about the passing of your sweet mother. I know  
she loved both of you so much! You will be in my thoughts and  
prayers.*

*Maggie Keadle Smith*

**Maggie Smith** - May 04, 2019 at 09:26 AM



“ *Mrs. Coburn helped fuel my love of books and libraries which have  
been a constant in my life. She also produced 2 wonderful  
daughters, one of which I counted as a friend all through school.*  
*Nell Mills Benefeld*

**Nell Benefield** - May 03, 2019 at 10:03 PM



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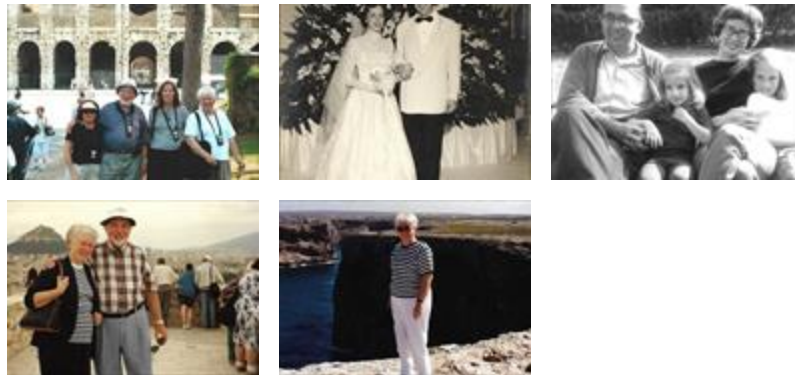


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**Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors** - May 02, 2019 at 02:53 PM

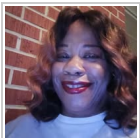
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**Carol Bishop** - May 02, 2019 at 09:36 AM



“ *Mrs. Barbara was the best wife that I've ever seen in my life. She were very devoted to her family . I enjoyed being around her and her husband. They talked as though they were still the best of soul mates. Thank you Mrs. Barbara.*

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**Bettye Blaylock** - April 30, 2019 at 09:05 PM

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“ *Praying for all of you.*  
*Tracy Poulos*



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**Tracy Adams Poulos** - April 30, 2019 at 05:16 PM

Jo  
Wood

“ *I am so sorry to hear about this. I have many fond memories of spending time in the Coburn home and in the library at Sherwood with Mrs. Coburn. She definitely nurtured my love of books. Leah, I know you will miss her and words aren't much of a comfort right now, but I am praying for y'all .*



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**Jo Wood** - April 30, 2019 at 10:41 AM

JR

“ *You have my deepest sympathy, Barbra was a wonderful and pleasant person. She was my neighbor for 35 years and I loved her. We've had several interesting conversations over the years.*

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**Jimmy rigsby** - April 29, 2019 at 01:46 PM

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“ *Thinking of this special family. Loved knowing Mrs. Coburn through her children. Great memories of her as our librarian at Sherwood and then working with her as an adult.*

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**Nancy Reimer** - April 29, 2019 at 09:54 AM