



## Mrs. Barbara Shirah Harden

August 28, 1944 - February 24, 2018

### Barbara Shirah Harden

Barbara Shirah Harden, 73, of Albany, Georgia joined her Lord and her loved ones already in Heaven on Saturday evening, February 24, 2018. After an extended battle with cancer, she died at her home surrounded by her family and friends.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, February 27 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Home in Albany, Georgia.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 28 at Hopeful Baptist Church with interment following the service in the church cemetery. Rev. Clay Cloud, Rev. Jeff Cook and Rev. Sandy Conley will officiate.

Pallbearers will be John Bloodworth, Blake Cunningham, Lem Goodpasture, Cleve Shirah, Jay Shirah, Paul Shirah and John Thompson.

Born August 28, 1944 in Hopeful, Georgia, Barbara was the daughter of the late Lynda Smith Shirah Mercer and James Louie Shirah Sr. She began her studies at Mercer University and graduated from Valdosta State University in 1965 with a nursing degree. She obtained her masters degree from Valdosta

State University in 1987. Barbara spent her working life first as a nurse and then served as Deputy Director of the Southwest Georgia Department of Public Health. During her retirement years, she and her beloved dog Charlye became active participants in Albany's Paws Patrol. Barbara's great passion and hobby was interior design. She enjoyed creating beautiful homes for herself and loved ones utilizing her talent for beauty and comfort. Throughout the years, she enjoyed hosting holiday and other special family events.

Left to cherish her loving memory are her devoted husband Richard Harden of Albany, two brothers Donald Shirah of Hopeful, Georgia and Louie Shirah (Jan) of Jacksonville Beach, Florida, a sister Beth Shirah Thompson (Tommy) of Cordele, Georgia, nieces Cile Shirah, Jo Bloodworth and Dona Lyn Goodpasture, nephews Cleve Shirah, John Thompson, Jay Shirah, Paul Shirah, step-daughter, Kristy Flowers (Jim) of Marietta, Georgia, step-son, Rick Harden (Maggie) of Charlottesville, Virginia, four grandsons, four grandnephews and six grandnieces.

Barbara is preceded in death by her parents, husbands Dudley Evans and Thomas (Butch) Jackson, and most recently her sister-in-law, Jane Pafford

Shirah (Donald).

Memorials may be made to Hopeful Baptist Church and Christ United Methodist Church in Albany, Georgia.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors  
1503 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

## Funeral Service

FEB 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Hopeful Baptist Church  
Hopeful, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Barbara Shirah Harden*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Barbara Shirah Harden*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Barbara Shirah Harden*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Beth, we are so sorry - our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Arleeta and Ferrell*

**Arleeta Henry** - March 08, 2018 at 12:08 AM



“ *Cliff Shirah & Judy Saenz Families purchased the Rose Romanesque Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Barbara Shirah Harden.*



**Cliff Shirah & Judy Saenz Families** - February 27, 2018 at 09:25 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara Shirah Harden.*



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February 26, 2018 at 09:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara Shirah Harden.*



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February 26, 2018 at 08:22 AM



“ *Mrs. Barbara was a wonderful role model and friend! I enjoyed working with her at the District Health office many years ago. She will be truly missed!*

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**Lisa Huddleston** - February 25, 2018 at 09:13 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara Shirah Harden.*



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February 25, 2018 at 08:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara Shirah Harden.



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February 25, 2018 at 01:01 PM