

Barbara Lyn Riley

March 9, 1947 - October 31, 2023

Barbara Lyn (Barnett) Riley, 76, of Bryan, went to be with our Lord and Savior on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 surrounded by her loving family. A public visitation will be held from 9:00 to 10:00 AM on Saturday, November 4, 2023 followed by a Celebration of Life Service at 10:00 AM at the Burleson County Cowboy Church in Caldwell, Texas.

Barbara Lyn (Barnett) Riley was born on March 9, 1947 to Hugh Barnett and Audrey (Burney) Barnett in Bryan, Texas. She was the oldest of three siblings. Barbara graduated from Stephen F. Austin in 1965. She attended Texas A&M University, where she received her degree and went on to pursue a rewarding career in teaching.

Barbara had three beautiful children whom she loved more than anything, and would do anything for them. Family was the most important to her. She loved going to garage sales with her mother and continued this tradition with her sister, daughter and grandchildren. They would spend Saturday morning at Shipley's Donuts with a cup of coffee and a newspaper in hand to make their selections for the day. They always ended a good garage sale run with a trip to Coco Loco for a bowl of caldo. She loved to go to garage sales so much that she eventually would have to have one of her own.

Barbara had a great love of animals and enjoyed spending time on the family

farm at Birch with her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and a wide variety of animals. She had a passion for gardening and was happiest when she was up to her elbows in plants and flowers. Barbara also loved going to the movies every week with her sister, family and friends that came along. Barbara also loved her daily coffee dates with her son James. She was, and will always be, known for her giving heart and loving spirit.

Barbara is preceded in death by her parents, Hugh and Audrey Barnett.

She is survived by her brother, Hugh Barnett and wife, Leanne Barnett, of Somerville; sister, Mary Hanson and husband Tommy, of Bryan; son, James Riley and wife, Kristyn, of Caldwell; son, Chris Riley, of Wasilla, Alaska; daughter, Carrie Riley and fiance, Dennis Karkoska of Millican; grandchildren, James Riley, III, Jordyn Williams, and her husband Anton, Jack Riley, Nicholas Riley, Katy Brewster, Travis and his wife, Sara Brewster and Matthew Brewster; great-grandchildren, Tucker Baggerly, Laynee Baggerly, Kooper Williams, Baby Theodore Williams and Baby Brewster on the way; nieces and nephews, Haley Hanson, Spencer Hanson, Adam Barnett, Arann Barnett, Meredith Pennington and Doug Pennington.

Serving as Pallbearers are Travis Brewster, Matthew Brewster, Katy Brewster, James Riley III, Jordyn Williams, Jack Riley, Nicholas Riley and Haley Hanson.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. Jude or The American Diabetes Association.

Express condolences at PhillipsandLuckey.com

Cemetery Details

Caldwell Masonic Cemetery

1411 W. Buck St.
Caldwell, TX

Previous Events

Public Visitation

NOV 4. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Burleson County Cowboy Church
300 CR 169
Caldwell, TX 77836

Funeral Service

NOV 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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300 CR 169
Caldwell, TX 77836

Interment

NOV 4. 11:15 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



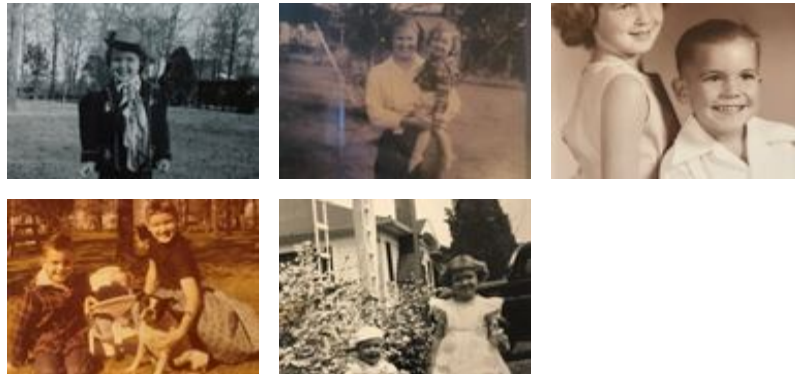
“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Lyn Riley*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - November 03, 2023 at 03:44 PM



“ *114 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - November 03, 2023 at 03:44 PM

BJ

“ *Carrie, you and your family have my heartfelt condolences. May God be with you all during this time and times to come.*

Brenda Johnson - November 03, 2023 at 02:17 PM

LB

“ Our sympathy to the Barnett family and to all of Barbara's family, we knew and visited her Mom n Pops Diner here in Caldwell, also Hugh and Audrey Barnett were friends of ours as we purchased our first farm from them in Cooks Point, such sweet folks, May God's Blessings and Peace be with. You all...Jerry n Lillian Beasley

Lillian Beasley - November 02, 2023 at 08:13 PM

AH

“ I have lots of happy memories being with Katy and Grammy, she always treated me like one of the grandkids! Thinking of you all during this difficult time. With love, Aubry Halliwell

Aubry Halliwell - November 02, 2023 at 09:29 AM

AH

“ Aubry Halliwell lit a candle in memory of Barbara Lyn Riley



Aubry Halliwell - November 02, 2023 at 09:27 AM

AF

“ Aubry and The Halliwell Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Barbara Lyn Riley.



Aubry and The Halliwell Family - November 02, 2023 at 09:19 AM

AF

“ Aubry and The Halliwell Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Riley.

Aubry and The Halliwell Family - November 02, 2023 at 09:19 AM

RS

“ Barbara was one of the many mothers who helped keep us alive and out of jail while growing up in the heart of Bryan. I can hear her laugh and she was so very proud of and in love with her kids, grandkids and great grandkids. Hugs to all who knew and loved her.

Rebecca Lynn Simons - November 01, 2023 at 11:11 PM

PB

“ Peggy and Phiroz Boyce planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Riley.

Peggy and Phiroz Boyce - November 01, 2023 at 09:30 PM

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“ Peggy and Phiroz Boyce purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Barbara Lyn Riley.



Peggy and Phiroz Boyce - November 01, 2023 at 09:30 PM