



## Barbara Jean Powell

March 22, 1946 - October 22, 2024

Funeral services for Barbara Jean Powell, 78, of Gilmer, Texas, will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, October 26, 2024, at McWhorter Funeral Home with Brother Billy Byrd officiating. Interment to follow at Ashland Cemetery. The family will receive friends at 10:00 am prior to the service.

Barbara was born March 22, 1946, in Dallas, Texas, to Victor Pilcher and Ila Mae Burnett Pilcher and passed from this life on October 22, 2024, in Gilmer, Texas surrounded by her family.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Kimila Powell Keith (Loyd); son, Thomas Whitfield Powell Jr. (Kathy); grandchildren, Kristy Maxfield, Statton Keith, Joe Paul Ballowe, Jacob Powell, and Rachel Powell; great-grandchildren, Madison Maxfield, Easton Keith, Fisher Keith; great great grandchild, Waylon Maxfield; sister-in-law, Sharon Pilcher; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Thomas Powell; and brother, Larry Pilcher.

Pallbearers will be Wesley Henson, Brian Maxfield, Caston Mahoney, Statton Keith, Brandon Dodd, and Allen Metzel.

Honorary pallbearers will be Joe Paul Ballowe and Jacob Powell.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Spencer Vet Clinic for Indigent Services, 2559 TX 154, Gilmer, Texas 75644.

Please visit Barbara's online registration book at [www.mcwhorterfh.com](http://www.mcwhorterfh.com) to leave a memory for the family.



# Cemetery Details

## Ashland Cemetery

Diana, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home  
1074 St. Hwy 300  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Jean Powell*



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**McWhorter Funeral Home** - October 28, 2024 at 08:45 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Barbara Powell Funeral Service*



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**McWhorter Funeral Home** - October 26, 2024 at 03:16 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**John Long** - October 25, 2024 at 06:45 PM

JL

“ For a person with so many challenges Barbara was always cheerful. In all our visits she always included the news of her family. And, sometimes we discussed the Pilchers. The one story that I always think of when I think about her is GARLIC. Part 1; Once she was in the hospital and Thomas asked her "Barbara why won't the kids eat their breakfast?" The simple answer was he didn't season their eggs and potatoes with garlic. Part 2; During one of her doctor visits she asked "Why do I seem to have excess body odder?" He rubbed the skin of her arm and asked " Do you cook with a lot of garlic?" Remember we were cousins and we always had fun on our visits and we always take the liberty of stretching each others stories. Love to ALL and sorry for your loss.  
Johnny Robert Long and Janie Long

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**John Long** - October 25, 2024 at 06:41 PM

ME

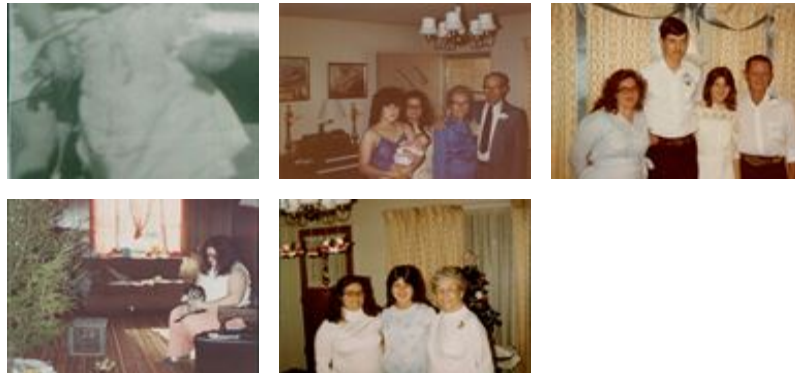
“ My sympathy to all of you on the loss of Barbara. I graduated from NDHS in 1963 and I have known Barbara for years. We were in the band together. Her brother Larry graduated with me and her mom and dad were both my teachers when I was there. Barbara was always such a happy person. I never saw her get angry with anyone. She had a very soft heart and would cry so easy. I know she will be missed by everyone. Please accept my sympathy and know that I will keep all of you in my prayers  
Mary Martin Eisel Addison, Pennsylvania

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**Mary Martin Eisel** - October 25, 2024 at 04:02 PM



“ 57 files added to the album Life Tributes



McWhorter Funeral Home - October 25, 2024 at 11:37 AM

MS

“ I'm very sorry to hear of Mrs. Powell's passing. I didn't get to really know her until around 5 yrs ago when she was an insurance client of mine. We'd sit and talk and laugh so long that I got scolded by my boss for wasting time! She was a very sweet and kind hearted person and Heaven definitely gained an angel. Prayers for you both, Kim and Tommy. 🙏🙏🙏

Misti smith - October 23, 2024 at 12:19 PM

MR

“ Thank you for posting Barbara's information. I have many great childhood and adult memories of us together sharing our lives as we are first cousins. Yes, there will be many to meet her in heaven as the Pilchers were a large family. I will not be able to be with you there in Gilmer to celebrate her going home, but I will be with you in prayer, may God hold you tightly in his loving arms and be with each as you grieve the loss of your Mother. My prayers and love to you all. Mary "Long" Robertson, Midland. Texas

Mary L Robertson - October 22, 2024 at 11:46 PM

EM

“ I had no idea. I'm very saddened to hear this news. I loved Barbara, or Mama 2 as I called her. I have so many beautiful memories of this dear sweet lady. She was my mother's best friend. I know she is celebrating with mama and having the best reunion with the love of her life, Thomas Powell. RIP Mama 2. My prayers go out to Her family. Kimmie I'm so sorry to hear this. Big hugs to you my sweet friend.

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**Eileen Means** - October 22, 2024 at 03:08 PM