



Gerba Jane Barnes

January 12, 1931 - October 18, 2019

Gerba Jane Barnes went to be with the Lord on October 18, 2019 at the age of 88. She was born to the late Eli and Amanda (Mandy) Lockett, January 12, 1931, and was wed to the late Marvin Ray Barnes on August 4, 1951. Marvin and Gerba raised their family in Nederland, Texas.

Gerba is survived by her daughters, Janie Bennett and Diane Watts and her son, Marvin Ray Barnes, Jr. (Bubba). She was blessed with 8 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren and a number of other loving relatives and close friends.

Gerba had a love of music and played French horn and piano in her younger days. She went on to teach piano in her home for many years and touched many young lives. She later went on to get a nursing degree and was a nurse for 30 years in Beaumont, Texas.

She was able to express her love of music in a Sweet Adeline Chorus and made a great Baritone. Her chorus won many gold medals in competitions and she wore them proudly. After the death of her husband she relocated in Arlington, Texas where her daughter, Diane Watts and her family, lived.

Anyone that had the honor of meeting her understood her unique spirit. Gerba was immensely proud of her family and leaves nothing behind but beautiful memories.

Gerba was a wonderful cook and loved preparing meals for family and friends. She loved to watch the Dallas Cowboys and was a dedicated fan even when her support didn't result in a winning season. She loved her doll collection and

her favorite color was pink. She loved to read her many books and crochet and loved to read her Bible when she was still able. She loved gumbo, home grown tomatoes and put Tobasco on everything.

Her life was a living example of her favorite bible verse and had an unwavering faith in God.

Ephesians 4:32- And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.

Graveside service will be held at 11:00 am, Friday, November 1, 2019 at Oak Bluff Memorial Park, Port Neches, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of McWhorter Funeral Home.

Please visit Gerba's on-line registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Oak Bluff Memorial Park
101 Block Street
Port Neches, TX 77651

Tribute Wall



“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerba Jane Barnes*



McWhorter Funeral Home - October 26, 2019 at 03:00 PM

MK

I miss our laughter sweet friend! I miss our trips, bulbbas and hot donuts!

Mary kolter - November 23, 2019 at 11:39 PM

MK

She didn't get to eat her cake!

Mary kolter - November 23, 2019 at 11:49 PM

MK

“ *One Thanksgiving, Gerba and I were having dinner with my daughter Angela and it started snowing! It was beautiful Currier and Ives .*

Mary kolter - November 23, 2019 at 11:31 PM

TW

“ *I loved singing with Gerba and watching her delight every time Mandi sang. May you rest in eternal peace.*

Trish Walker - October 30, 2019 at 08:38 PM

LD

“ very sweet, kind, & generous friend. loved the times we got together, love her & will miss her very much 😞

Lisa Dillon - October 28, 2019 at 06:44 PM



“ 54 files added to the album Life Tributes



McWhorter Funeral Home - October 26, 2019 at 02:55 PM



“ Gerba was a sweetheart with a heart of gold, but also had a generous dose of a spitfire as well! She was tiny in stature but large in love, life and laughter.

We shared many laughs during our many years of singing barbershop music together. For about 8 years I knew Gerba as primary chauffeur/comedienne for a group of us who rode together to and from RichTones chorus rehearsals in her trusty van on Tuesday nights. During that hour-long van ride to and from Arlington to Richardson, we all became close friends who swapped stories (and jokes), worked on our music, and generally encouraged one another in our personal and chorus lives,

Then there were our years together in Lone Star Chorus, where she shared her love of singing and barbershop with her young granddaughter Amanda/Mandy by sponsoring her as one of the chorus' youngest members. (Prior to that, Mandy often attended RichTone rehearsals with as a young girl, but simply wasn't old enough to be considered for membership.) We all adored our grandma/granddaughter dynamic duo!

Gerba was a class act who loved each member of her family dearly and who loved entertaining each and every person who was lucky enough to get to know her. I marveled at the bundle of energy that was Gerba!

Now that Gerba has joined the Heavenly Choir, there is likely to be an abundance of sweet harmony...and laughter! RIP, sweet lady. I was proud to know you and to be your friend.

Susie Murphy - October 23, 2019 at 11:04 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gerba Jane Barnes.*



October 22, 2019 at 09:41 PM



“ *I had the pleasure and joy of singing in Lone Star Chorus and in a quartet with Gerba. There were many rehearsals that not much singing got done due to all the laughing going on. Every practice and performance was an adventure and I will miss sweet Gerba dearly.*

Tammy Mathis - October 21, 2019 at 05:24 PM

BM

“ I sang with Gerba in Texas Tradition Chorus (now Lone Star) and in Rich Tones. We used to meet at the Whataburger or at her apartment in Arlington every Tuesday to share a ride to rehearsal in Richardson. An hour and a half long trip through horrible traffic to get there, but we laughed and sang and cut up all the way every week. We drove to Miami for the Sweet Adeline International Competition back in '89. What a wild trip that was .. including an adventurous visit to New Orleans.

We stopped at my Mom's in East Texas along the way, and one of my aunts stopped by for a visit. Low and behold, she turned out to be an old friend of Gerba's from many many years ago down in Beaumont. Small world. They talked and talked. So fun.

Last time I saw Gerba was a couple of years ago; she came to hear our chorus (Texas Tradition Chorus) in a joint Christmas program with the Greater Fort Worth Community band at Texas Wesleyan (I play bass clarinet in the band.) She was as upbeat and funny as ever. The world has lost a dear, loving soul.

Becca Miller

Becca Miller - October 21, 2019 at 11:11 AM

LO

“ I sang with Gerba in Richtones. After winning our medal Gerbas daughter took a formal picture of me in my costume with medal. She also to pictures of my husband and myself. I enjoyed knowing her and have good memories. lois Greene

lois - October 21, 2019 at 12:06 AM

CC

“ I am so glad to have had the pleasure of sitting at many a table of food that Gerba cooked. She did know how to cook the best dirty rice, green rice, pork chops, gumbo and everything else she Touched melted in your mouth. She sang like an angel and gave that love of music to her granddaughter Amanda. Gerba gave her all to her family loving them in her acts of service to each of them. Her cleaning, cooking and carting kids here and there were a deep expression of love for you all. Gerba loved our sweet Lord and shared her love for him with her family by faithfully worshipping. I pray as you reflect on these happy times that you feel God's comfort. Have joyful confidence that this is not the end. God has prepared a wonderful place for Gerba and you will see her again. Love you and I will be praying for you as you adjust to a life without Gerba on earth.

Carol Cooper - October 20, 2019 at 08:53 PM