



Miriam Howard Barge

April 20, 1946 - August 25, 2022

Miriam Howard Barge of Fayetteville, originally of Troy, Alabama, left this world on August 25, 2022. It is not too much to say that she was elegant. Deceptively brilliant, she was gracious and kind. Her sweet gentle soul and her glorious southern accent were beautiful. In her heart, the former Homecoming Queen and Miss Charles Henderson High School never left Troy, Alabama, or the fields of Good Hope in the Conecuh River Valley. When she walked into a room it was brighter for her presence. Miriam was always a perfect lady. She loved others without regard for the color of their skin, their wealth, or lack thereof, or the differences that seem to divide. The world was better because she was here.

Hers was a life of remarkable self-sacrifice. A steel magnolia, she raised two boys by herself while she went back to school and worked three jobs. They never needed a thing, nor did they ever need a hero. They had that in their mom. Because of her, one is now an engineer and the other, a lawyer and a judge.

She was Alan's bride and Mom to Matthew (Alley) and Mark (Stacey), but the real joy in her life was that she was Mimi to Jacob, Aaron, Jesse, Mills and Cotten. Her beauty lives on in the little bright lights that they are. She was preceded in death by her brother, Freddy Howard, her parents, Harry Howard and Gerri Flowers, and a grandbaby, Jackson Haig McCord.

There are many others left behind who loved her so; her baby brother, Phil Howard (Lisa), her cousin and dearest friend, John Robert Day (Jim), Sister-

in-Law, Patsy Howard, her Mother- in-Law, Betty Barge and Sister-in-Law Claire Barge, her wonderful caretaker, Nell Arnold, many nieces and nephews, and a community of friends whose lives she touched.

To know her was to love her. To the extent that heaven needed more grace, it has found it, and, with a little time, the angels' accents will be all the sweeter. There will be visitation Monday August 29, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. EST at New Hope Baptist Church North Campus in Fayetteville, Georgia and a funeral service at 11:00 a.m. EST, with Rev. Hugh Kirby and Rev. John Conrad officiating, followed by a graveside service at 4:00 p.m. CST at Good Hope Baptist Church Cemetery in Troy, Alabama, Rev. Warren Huddleston officiating.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Hope Baptist Church North
551 New Hope Rd.
Fayetteville, GA

Funeral Service

AUG 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Hope Baptist Church North
551 New Hope Rd.
Fayetteville, GA

Graveside Service

AUG 29. 4:00 PM (CT)

Good Hope Baptist Church Cemetery
1093 County Rd 1165
Troy, AL 36079

Tribute Wall

DW

“ *Ray Collins*

don ward - March 06, 2024 at 04:00 PM

KT

“ *A true elegant lady. Alan, I am so sorry to hear this. Heaven gained a true Gem. Love from Kerri, Adam and Luke at Jamm Automotive.*

kerri Tackett - September 01, 2022 at 12:55 PM

KG

“ *Alan and family, I'm so sorry for your loss of Miriam. She was such a beautiful soul. She always had that beautiful smile every time I saw her. I loved just talking to her every time she came in the cleaners. She will truly be missed. Prayers and hugs for you all during this difficult time. Kelly Gratzer*

kelly gratzer - August 30, 2022 at 05:57 PM

ML

“ *Alan and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Miriam was a true Southern Lady. She was a kind, loving person. Please know you will be in my prayers. Mary Anne Lane*

MaryAnne Lane - August 30, 2022 at 09:26 AM

JB

“ *My sympathy to Alan, Matt, Mark and Family- Miriam was a truly lovely person. She was kind to everyone and a joy to be a coworker with at Morrow Jr. Miriam was the epitome of elegance. I have a fond memory of sitting with Miriam and Alan a few years ago at a SRCS event. My love and prayers for the Family, Jackie Brandon*

Jackie Brandon - August 29, 2022 at 03:27 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Miriam Howard Barge.*



August 28, 2022 at 10:02 AM



“ *Our sympathy goes out to Al, Miriam's sons, and all her family. Miriam was beautiful in every way - a friend to everyone and kind to all. Those of us who grew up with Miriam will find it hard to accept that she is gone. Her classmates from elementary school, junior high, high school, and college all share warm memories of this beautiful person. Sincerely, Walter and Sandy Smith*

Walter Smith - August 28, 2022 at 09:37 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Miriam Howard Barge.*



August 27, 2022 at 10:00 AM



“ *In loving memory, Lee & Randy Casey purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Miriam Howard Barge.*



In loving memory, Lee & Randy Casey - August 27, 2022 at 08:52 AM

CF

“ Clayton County Library Media Family purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of Miriam Howard Barge.



Clayton County Library Media Family - August 27, 2022 at 08:00 AM

JB

“ Jayne Bennett lit a candle in memory of Miriam Howard Barge



Jayne Bennett - August 27, 2022 at 01:01 AM

DH

“ Miriam would come to my Media Center and offer to assist in a any way I needed help. I'll always remember her sweet Southern accent and kind spirit. May you rest in Heavenly Peace.

Delma Harris - August 26, 2022 at 10:11 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Miriam Howard Barge.



August 26, 2022 at 07:47 PM

NF

“ *Nellie Arnold and Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Miriam Howard Barge.*



Nellie Arnold and Family - August 26, 2022 at 01:54 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Miriam Howard Barge.*



August 26, 2022 at 12:57 PM