



## Dora Laurine Barnett

October 30, 1922 - June 8, 2020

Dora Laurine Barnett, 97, died at the Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale, Arkansas, on Monday, June 8, 2020. She truly had a caring and giving heart of gold. Besides being a loving and faithful help-mate to her spouse for 74 years, she successfully raised seven children, and gave willingly and cheerfully to the Siloam community for many decades. What a rich blessing her life has been to so many people.

Laurine was preceded in death by her husband, Ray Barnett; sons, David and Robert Barnett; brothers, Robert Franklin Hardcastle (WWII) and Achel Enos Hardcastle, Jr.; sisters, Eileen Hardcastle Calhoun and Laveta Hardcastle Frances. She is survived by two daughters, Jane Johnson (husband, Jerry) of Waco, TX; Mary Boxx (husband, Randy) of Siloam Springs; and three sons, Mark Barnett (wife, Sandra) of Lawrence, KS; Jonathan Barnett (wife, Christy) and James Barnett (wife, Marilyn), both of Siloam Springs. She is also survived by two sisters, Mary Hardcastle Chivers (Little Rock) and Evelyn Hardcastle Davis (husband, Ron), of Bartlett, TN, as well as 19 grandkids, 30 great-grandkids, many nephews and nieces; sister-in-law, Jeanette Barnett Pettey, of Siloam Springs; and daughter-in-law, Margaret Barnett, of New Jersey.

She was born as the third of seven children on October 30, 1922, in the family country home

3 ½ miles SW of Gentry, Arkansas, to Achel and Mollie Hardcastle (Hardcastle Orchards). In addition to being a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, she was an excellent homemaker (cook, canner, seamstress, and gardener), pastor's wife, and Sunday School nursery teacher. When her family was fully raised, she became heavily involved in community projects. One of her first volunteer jobs was becoming a Welcome Wagon hostess (over 25 years), greeting newcomers to town. Later she served as leader of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary and was popularly known for her cooking beans and homemade cornbread during the Dogwood Festival as a fundraiser, and earned the nickname as the "Poppy Lady" (42 years) passing out red crepe paper flowers at the Post Office before Memorial Day to remember the millions of Americans who have sacrificed their lives for our freedom. She lost her younger brother in the Battle of St. Lo, Normandy, France, in WWII. Since 1973, also as part of the American Legion, she and her husband, Ray, took on the responsibility of recruiting high school juniors to attend Boys and Girls State, raising and giving much money for their support (over 40 years), and providing rides to and from their summer conventions.

Laurine was an active member of the First Baptist Church, Civitan and the Benton County Republican Women's Club, and SCAN (Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect) volunteer services. She was one of the founders of Creative Homemakers and the Genesis House. She also directed the Heartbeat Benevolent Fund at the First Baptist Church, helping hundreds of people in need with rent, utilities, groceries, rides, medical treatment, prisoner visits, and much more. In 2001, she was voted as Pioneer Citizen of the Year by the Siloam Springs Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Barnett was a woman who made immense sacrifices for her family and her community, and invested wholly in their physical and spiritual well-being. She will be remembered by her solid, unconditional and selfless love for

others, as well as her delicious cooking (beans, homemade cornbread, apple butter, apple cider, blackberry jelly, cornbread dressing, blackberry cobbler, pecan pie, and multi-grain pancakes). She was an encourager, one who always looked on the bright side of life, and quickly let bygones be bygones. What a beautiful example she was of growing old with grace and the love of Christ, even in her suffering. With the completion of a fruitful and long life, she lived her years well, and now will enter into the eternal glory as a follower of her Lord Jesus Christ, faithful, loving, kind, and gentle to the end.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Saturday, June 13, 2020, at the First Baptist Church in Siloam Springs, with Pastor Steve Abbott officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Siloam Springs. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, June 12, 2020, at the First Baptist Church in Siloam Springs. For the visitation and funeral services, guests will be limited to 216 people at one time and everyone will be required to wear their own facemask, per the guidelines set forth by the State of Arkansas. The service will be livestreamed on Facebook (Mark Barnett's FB page) for anyone unable to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heartbeat Benevolent Fund, First Baptist Church, 2000 Dawn Hill Rd, Siloam Springs, AR 72761.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

2122 W. University St.  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
2000 Dawn Hill Rd.  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761  
<http://www.fbcsiloam.com>

## Service

JUN 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
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# Tribute Wall

DP

“ *The funeral was a beautiful tribute to a remarkable woman.*

Donna and David Pickle - June 22, 2020 at 09:46 AM

EP

“ *I will always be thankful for our time together we had each week for your massages. You truly blessed me so much just getting to visit during those times. I will miss you so much , but because of you I have come to love your family so much! Till we see you again!*

erica Poteet - June 14, 2020 at 10:15 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dora Laurine Barnett.*



June 12, 2020 at 06:56 PM

LH

“ *Mary & family....I am so sorry for your loss. May your memories & God's love bring you peace, comfort & strength at this difficult time.*



Lana (Hagar) Hurt - June 12, 2020 at 09:36 AM



“ *Barnett family is in my prayers. Lane Jean*

Lane Jean - June 12, 2020 at 08:25 AM

SB

“ Susan Tippins Bidwell lit a candle in memory of Dora Laurine Barnett



Susan Tippins Bidwell - June 11, 2020 at 09:57 PM

CP

“ To the Barnett family: My thoughts and prayers go out to you at this sad time. Ray and Laurine were the kindest people to me and shared words of wisdom. I knew them, and Jonathan, through the Benton County Republican Committee. Laurine always had a smile on her face. Laurine is reunited with Ray, and will be with us in spirit. God bless, Cathy Treadway Percefull

Cathy Treadway Percefull - June 11, 2020 at 04:59 PM

JM

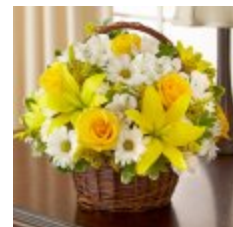
“ John Meeker lit a candle in memory of Dora Laurine Barnett



John Meeker - June 11, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Dora Laurine Barnett.



June 11, 2020 at 01:41 PM

BM

“ To the entire Barnett family, your mother was such an amazing Christian woman. I had a few visits with her through the years and I always walked away feeling blessed to know her. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Bevra Mickel - June 11, 2020 at 01:32 PM



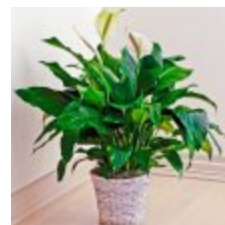
“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Dora Laurine Barnett.



June 11, 2020 at 10:42 AM

DZ

“ Debbie Zulpo purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Dora Laurine Barnett.



Debbie Zulpo - June 11, 2020 at 10:40 AM

TH

“ The Hickmans lit a candle in memory of Dora Laurine Barnett



The Hickmans - June 10, 2020 at 11:31 PM

TH

“ I was 9 years old when Bro. Ray was called to pastor FBC Colcord, OK. He and Miss Laurine lived at Row, OK in a white 2 story house. Jane Ellen and I became friends and spent lots of Sunday afternoon at each others house. Through these many years as our family paths have connected various times, Miss Laurine's smile and sweet Spirit has always been the same. Her love for the Lord and her family was evident in her lifestyle. Bill and I express our sympathy to her family and may each of you cherish special memories of time spent with her. God bless you. Bill and Jean (Hagar)Hickman

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**The Hickmans** - June 10, 2020 at 11:30 PM

ME

“ To the entire Barnett family: My heart sank upon hearing the news of Mrs. Barnett's passing. She was truly one of the most kindest, loving persons I have ever had the privilege of being in the presence of. The way Mr. & Mrs. Barnett and the entire family embraced me and my family will always leave an indelible impression on my heart. To the entire Barnett family, my prayers for you all. Take comfort in knowing, this is not the end, but a rest stop on the way to everlasting. My love to you all,

*Michael Elliott*

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**Michael L Elliott** - June 10, 2020 at 03:41 PM

MB

*Michael, you are the BEST, my brother. We embraced each other, including your BEAUTIFUL family. Wonderful to see you still have that SHINING light of Christ burning in your heart. Love you, my brother!!!*

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**Mark Barnett** - June 10, 2020 at 09:08 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dora Laurine Barnett.*



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June 10, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dora Laurine Barnett.*

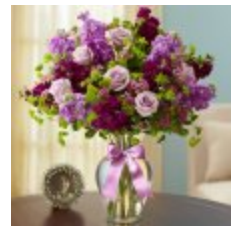


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June 10, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Dora Laurine Barnett.*



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June 10, 2020 at 09:19 AM

BK

“ Dear Barnett Family:

*It has been and will continue to be a privilege to call you friends. As I think of the verse Galatians 5:22-23 which covers the fruit of the Spirit, I think of Laurine. What wonderful example Laurine was as she lived out these two verses for Christ. She was loving, full of joy, a peacemaker, kind, caring, gentle, faithful, and I could go on. She was a wonderful supporter of ours and for Mike when he was running and served our district as a State Representative. Such wonderful memories of her and she will be missed greatly. Our prayers and thought go out to each of you during this difficult time. Cherish the wonderful memories you have and treasure them.*

*Barbara Kenney*

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**Barbara Kenney** - June 09, 2020 at 03:51 PM

MB

*Barbara, what wonderful cherished words. GREATLY appreciated. May God continue working beautiful things in your life.*

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**Mark Barnett** - June 10, 2020 at 09:10 PM