

Paula Kaye Barber, resident of Shawnee, passed away on Friday, December 19, 2025. She was 83 years old. Paula was born on August 17, 1942, in Shawnee, Oklahoma, to Nelson and Betty Greene. She married Charles "Chuck" Barber on June 17, 1961, at New Hope Baptist Church. Chuck's work took the family to Arkansas, Tennessee, and finally to Denver, Colorado. When the pair retired in 1996, they embarked on one of their greatest adventures: they sold all of their belongings, bought a 42-foot catamaran sailboat, and sailed around the Caribbean and Central America with Chuck's sister, Beverly, aka "Sissy," and his brother-in-law, Charlie.

After their great adventure, Paula and her family settled in Shawnee, Oklahoma and opened Benedict Street Marketplace. They were known for their excellent customer service and great food.

One of Paula's greatest legacies will be the facility she and Chuck gifted to Project Gabriel. Helping pregnant women in crisis was near and dear to Paula's heart and her gift will continue to help women in the Shawnee community indefinitely.

Paula and Chuck had a closeness in their marriage that was felt by everyone, especially their family. Her grandchildren gained an understanding of what marriage should be through her devotion to Chuck and to God.

Paula was preceded in death by her parents, Nelson and Betty Greene, her husband, Chuck Barber, and her son, Greg Barber.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Rebecca Stapleton and husband Tad, her son, Michael "Mike" Barber and wife Devra, grandchildren, Jessika Mullendore, Jakob Neal, Haleigh Rasch, Emily Rios, Jonathan Stapleton, Henry Stapleton, Jack Stapleton, Jane Stapleton, Kalyn Davis, Mikala Barber, Jennifer Magness, William Barber, and Courtney Schwiebert, sister-in-law, Beverly "Sissy" Whittle, and many great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made in her honor to Project Gabriel. Please make checks payable to St. Benedict Church (with 'Project Gabriel' in the memo), 632 N. Kickapoo Ave., Shawnee, OK 74801.

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In Loving Memory Of



Paula Kaye Barber

August 17, 1942

December 19, 2025

Psalm 42

*As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul
pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God. When can I go and meet with
God? My tears have been my food day and night,
while people say to me all day long, "Where is
your God?"*

*I remember them as I pour out my soul: how I
used to go to the house of God under the
protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy
and praise among the festive throng. Why, my
soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within
me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise
him, my Savior and my God.*

*My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will
remember you from the land of the Jordan, the
heights of Hermon—
from Mount Mizar. Deep calls to deep in the roar
of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers
have swept over me. By day the Lord directs his
love, at night his song is with me—
a prayer to the God of my life.*

*I say to God my Rock, "Why have you forgotten
me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by
the enemy?" My bones suffer mortal agony as my
foes taunt me, saying to me all day long, "Where
is your God?" Why, my soul, are you downcast?
Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in
God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my
God.*



Paula Barber

DATE OF BIRTH

*August 17, 1942
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

ENTERED INTO REST

*December 19, 2025
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

*Monday ~ December 29, 2025
Ten O'clock in the Morning
St. Benedict Catholic Church
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

CELEBRANT

Very Reverend Christopher Brashears

ORGANIST

Carolyn Taron

FINAL RESTING PLACE

*Calvary Cemetery
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

PALLBEARERS

<i>Eric Cook</i>	<i>Mark Kincheloe</i>
<i>Luke Rash</i>	<i>Jake Neal</i>
<i>Rex Anderson</i>	<i>Tad Stapleton</i>