

PALL BEARERS
Family and Friends

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TO THOSE WHOM I LOVE & THOSE WHO LOVE ME

When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do,
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,
But be thankful we had so many good years.
I gave you my love, and you can only guess
How much you've given me in happiness.
I thank you for the love that you have shown,
But now it is time I traveled on alone.
So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It is only for a while that we must part,
So treasure the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away for life goes on.
And if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,
All my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a 'Welcome Home'.
Anon.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Words cannot express how deeply we appreciate all the love, kindness, and support shown to us during this difficult time. It will always be remembered.
May God bless each of you.

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR
Alice Davis Barber

February 7, 1932 ~ June 25, 2026



Friday, July 3, 2026 ~ 1:00 P.M.

RED OAK A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

4415 Edgeland Road

Edgemoor, South Carolina

Officiating - Rev. Cynthia Gaston

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Invocation.....

Scripture Readings:
Old TestamentPsalm 23
New Testament..... 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Charles Robinson

Selection.....Red Oak Men’s Choir

Remarks (limit 2 minutes, please)Church - Millie Martin
White Oak Manor - Jerrolyn Smalls
Family - Frank Nesbit
Barbara Patterson
Lyndaricka Davis

Acknowledgements..... Robinson Funeral Home

Selection..... Red Oak Hymn Choir

Words of ComfortPastor J. Martin Boulter, Sr.

Committal.....

Recessional Song Red Oak Men’s Choir

IntermentFoundation AME Zion Church Cemetery

Benediction

OBITUARY

Mrs. Alice Mae Davis, 94, passed away Thursday, June 25, 2026. Born in Chester County, SC., on February 7, 1932, she was the daughter of the late Albert Leon Davis and the late Mary Bernice Barkley Davis. She was a devoted and virtuous wife to the late Lewis Calvin (L.C.) Barber, Sr. She was preceded in death by her daughter the late Gerlean Barber Evans and 11 siblings. She was a devout Christian and faithful member of Red Oak AME Zion Church,

Survivors are one son, Lewis "Knox" Calvin Barber Jr. of Charlotte, NC; two daughters, Evelyn Joyce (Gene) Degraffenreid of Edgemoor, SC, and Dr. Stacey Barber of Rock Hill, SC; one sister Patricia Barnette of Rock Hill, SC; grandchildren, Michael Barber, Lamar (Nykki), Brian Douglas, Shantel (Delveccio) Simpson, Jeffery Love, Calvin Anthony Love, Cherell Degraffenreid, Alicia Barber, Sydney Barber, Brandon Barber; and a host great-grands, nieces and nephews; a special cousin-in-law, Minnie Lee Agurs of Rock Hill, SC.

With hearts filled with gratitude for a life beautifully lived, we celebrate the life and legacy of Mrs. Alice Mae Davis Barber, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, neighbor, and faithful servant of God. While her passing leaves an immeasurable void, her legacy of love, faith, service, and grace will continue to live on through the countless lives she touched.

Alice Mae Davis Barber was the embodiment of kindness. She possessed a gentle spirit, a warm smile, and a heart that made everyone feel welcomed, valued, and loved. She never met a stranger, and no one ever left her presence without feeling encouraged. Whether offering a listening ear, sharing words of wisdom, or simply sitting beside someone in their time of need, Mrs. Barber had a remarkable gift for making others feel seen and cared for.

Her love language was service. She faithfully cared for family, friends, neighbors, and anyone who crossed her path. Her kitchen was the heart of her home, where three home-cooked meals a day were prepared with love. Her hot biscuits, sweet tea, delicious cakes, and hearty lunches became legendary among the many "Edgemoor crews" who found not only nourishment at her table but acceptance and belonging. Generation after generation of neighborhood children found a second home under her roof, where laughter, love, and life lessons were always in abundance.

Although her formal education ended after the seventh grade, Alice Mae Davis Barber possessed a wisdom that no classroom could teach. Through faith, perseverance, humility, and unconditional love, she became the cherished matriarch of her family and a pillar of her community. She quietly encouraged others to pursue their dreams, celebrated their accomplishments, and offered unwavering support without ever seeking recognition for herself. She believed in people before they believed in themselves.

One of her most remarkable qualities was her unwavering grace. She never judged others and refused to speak negatively about anyone. She treated every person with dignity, compassion, and respect. Her life was a living example of the scripture, "Let your speech always be with grace." Those who knew her remember not only what she did, but how she made them feel—loved, respected, and inspired.

Mrs. Barber carried herself with poise, elegance, and quiet confidence. She believed that excellence was reflected in both character and appearance. She was a woman of standards, class, and timeless fashion, demonstrating that true beauty begins with a beautiful heart.

Her greatest devotion, however, was to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. A faithful and dedicated member of Red Oak AME Zion Church, she served tirelessly wherever she was needed. She faithfully ministered through the Red Oak Ensemble, the Usher Board, the Deaconess Board, and the Stewardess Board, viewing every act of service as an expression of her love for God. Her faith was not confined to Sunday mornings—it was evident in every meal she prepared, every child she embraced, every prayer she whispered, and every life she encouraged.

At home, she established a foundation of faith that continues to guide her family today. She reared her children in the knowledge of God's Word, grounding them in the timeless comfort and promises of Psalm 23. Through every season of life, she reminded her family that the Lord is our Shepherd, faithfully leading, protecting, and providing.

Mrs. Alice Mae Davis Barber leaves behind a legacy that cannot be measured by accomplishments alone, but by the love she freely gave, the lives she nurtured, the faith she modeled, and the example she set. She showed us that greatness is found not in titles or possessions, but in serving others with humility, loving without conditions, and walking faithfully with God.

Though she has entered into eternal rest, her influence remains woven into the hearts of her family, her church, her community, and all who were blessed to know her. Her gentle spirit, generous heart, steadfast faith, and unwavering love will continue to inspire generations to come.

Well done, good and faithful servant.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want..." — Psalm 23

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