

## OBITUARY

Mary passed away on Saturday, November 30, 2024, in Glen Rose, Texas. She was born on February 17, 1944, in Hugo, Oklahoma. Mary had a devoted marriage to Marvin (Buddy) Edgar Barber until his passing in 2002. She was a woman of faith and was active in the Baptist community.

Professionally, Mary had a successful career as a Greyhound dog trainer, showcasing her passion for animals. She was known for her warmth, generosity, and culinary skills, being a wonderful cook who enjoyed bringing family together around the table. Mary took great pride in raising her four children, she was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Mary is survived by her children, Timothy (Tim) Wayne Barber; Marilyn Lurene Barber Kelley and her husband, Russell; and Vanita Angela Barber Ellis. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and daughter-in-law, Donna Barber. Additionally, she is remembered by her siblings, Myra Anna Bates Belvin, Nita Jean Bates McKinney, Gerald Wayne Bates and his wife, Jean, Naomi Joyce (Mollie) Bates Higginbotham and her husband, Wayne, Kenneth (Kenny) Neil Bates and his wife, Karen, and Robert (Robbie) Joe Bates and his wife, Carla.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Everett Laffette and Neoma Lavera Lovings Bates; her husband; her son, Buddy Marcus Barber; and her siblings, Carl Edward Bates, Coy Laffette Bates, Glenna Sue Bates Andrews, and Everett Bates.

Mary Ellen Bates Barber's legacy of love and kindness will continue to resonate in the hearts of her family and friends.



Made especially for the **Mary Ellen Barber Family**  
by the Staff of Crostier-Pearson Cleburne Funeral Home  
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*Mary Ellen Barber*

**IN MEMORY OF**  
*Mary Ellen Barber*

**Psalm 23**

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul; He guideth me in straight  
paths for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk  
through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me;  
Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of  
mine enemies; Thou hast anointed my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life; And I shall  
dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

**BORN**

*Thursday February 17, 1944  
Hugo, Oklahoma*

**PASSED AWAY**

*Saturday November 30, 2024  
Glen Rose, Texas*

**SERVICE**

*2:00 P.M.  
Thursday December 5, 2024  
At the Graveside*

**OFFICIATING**

*Chaplain Eddy Carrell*

**FINAL PLACE OF REST**

*Rosehill Cemetery  
Cleburne, Texas*