

"Twenty-Third Psalm"

*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 leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness 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 anointest
my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life; and I will dwell
in the house of the Lord forever.*



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Celebrating the Life of



Deborah Jean Barfield Chapman
August 10, 1968 – September 1, 2025

Celebrating...Honoring...Remembering

2 Timothy 4:7-8, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also love his appearing."

Celebration of Life

*First Methodist Church of Hartwell, Georgia
Saturday, September 6, 2025, at 11:00a.m.*

Burial

*Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery
Dewy Rose, Georgia*

Officiating

*Dr. R. Allen Stewart
Mr. Tanner C. Moore*

Contributions

*T.J. & Friends Foundation
Post Office Box 6161
Elberton, GA 30635*

*March of Dimes
PO Box 5142
Boone, IA 50950*

*Relay for Life
PO Box 6704
Hagerstown, MD 21741*

Obituary

Debbie Barfield Chapman, 57, of Royston, woke up in the arms of Jesus during the wee hours of Monday, September 1, 2025, following a courageous battle with cancer. Debbie's final days were spent at home surrounded by the love of her family and close friends. She was an extraordinary daughter, wife, mother, sister, teacher, and friend.

Deborah Jean Barfield was born in Atlanta on August 10, 1968, the eldest daughter of Charles Hubert Barfield and Mary Alice Mulkey Barfield. The family lived in various places across the United States and Canada, and settled in Elberton in 1978.

A 1986 graduate of Elbert County High School, she was Star Student and Valedictorian of her class. Debbie was on the newspaper staff and a member of the Beta club. She was also a member of the jazz band and served as drum major for the marching band. She earned her bachelor's degree in education from the University of Georgia in 1991. Always one to better herself both professionally and personally, Debbie earned her master's degree from Piedmont College in 2001 and her specialist's degree in 2010, also from Piedmont. She was also certified to teach ESOL.

No stranger to hard work, Debbie began working at Ingles in Elberton while in high school, and continued through college. She was proud to have worked at three different Ingles stores in Hartwell, all under the leadership of Tony Lark. Debbie began her career in education at Hart County High School in 1991. She enjoyed teaching English-Language Arts, freshman orientation class, and a Basic Skills Test class. Debbie also taught at the Hart County Alternative School and taught homebound students. While at HCHS, she was a cheerleading coach, and was instrumental in the success of the school's Relay for Life and March of Dimes. Debbie is remembered for her willingness to always help students, even after they graduated and attended college. Her famous fanny pack and class "store" are things almost every student who walked the halls of HCHS will remember. Teaching was her passion and purpose, and she loved doing so for 34 years.

Her greatest love was her family. She thoroughly enjoyed planning annual summer family vacations, and never missed an opportunity to be at any family events. Debbie enjoyed gardening and cooking the fruits of her labor. She was the official turkey cooker for every family Thanksgiving meal. Debbie always took the opportunity to help those in need. She loved the Lord with all of her heart, and did her best to let him be seen through her at all times. Debbie was a member of Antioch Baptist Church.

Debbie is survived by her husband of 25 years, Jeffrey Walker Chapman; children: Ashley Nicole Chapman of Athens and Austin Daniel Chapman of Royston; father, Chuck Barfield of Elberton; sister, Becky Barfield Sherman of Dewy Rose; and nieces: Lana Schillinger and Jacy Sherman. She has been reunited with her mother, Mary, in Heaven.

Debbie's remarkable strength and perseverance in her fight against cancer, and her ability to keep a smile on her face during it all, will be a source of hope for generations to come.