



## Barbara Ellen Sarver Bradford

March 14, 1938 - July 30, 2024

On Tuesday, July 30, 2024, Barbara Ellen Sarver Bradford, of Christiansburg, unexpectedly departed this earth for her heavenly home. She was born on March 14, 1938, in Ironto, in the Sarver home. She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, William Theodore Bradford, and her parents, Houston Montgomery and Ethel Mae Guthrie Sarver. She is survived by a son, Tony Ray Bradford; a daughter, Vickie Kay and husband Dennis Spangler; and a daughter, Libby Gay Bradford; three granddaughters, Alaina Anne and husband Scott Lawrence, Olivia Rae and husband Brian Harris, and Christina Maureen Bradford; three great grandsons, David and Benjamin Lawrence, and Bradford Harris, and a great granddaughter, baby Harris, who will make her arrival later this year. She is also survived by her brother Virgil and wife Colleen Sarver, and her brother Mike and wife Linda Sarver, and many nieces and nephews.

Barbara was a feisty and active woman until slowed by years of rheumatoid arthritis. Her favorite thing was reading, especially in the true crime genre. She started reading as a little girl and often reread books because they were the only ones she had. If you visited the Bradford home, you saw shelves and stacks of books and magazines, much to the dismay of Theodore. She hosted many picnics, and family and holiday meals, and especially loved baking, and before the arthritis, cake decorating.

She also enjoyed traveling, even though she frequently drove her traveling companions (family members) just a bit batty. Her favorite place to visit was New York City for its musical performances, museums, and food.

She rescued, raised, and loved dozens of guinea pigs and was always willing to take in more that needed a home. She loved dogs and cats, and especially her grand dog Sheba.

The family wishes to thank those who helped her after her husband's passing: Virgil and Colleen Sarver; the members and pastors of Blacksburg Christian Church, Gary McCoy and John "JB" Beane, Whitney Edmister, and the "guys" who came into her and her daughter's lives: Chris, Joe-Joe, and Julio: they were a blessing and showed Christian love when it was needed most. The family also wishes to thank the many friends, family, and church members for their care, love, and support.

Flowers are welcome. If you would like to make a donation in her name, please donate to the Montgomery County Friends of Animal Care and Control or The Agape Center NRV.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, August 3, 2024, at 2:00 PM in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor J.B. Beane & Pastor Gary McCoy officiating. Interment will follow in the Halls Church Cemetery. A visitation will be held on Friday, August 2, 2024, from 5-7:00 PM at McCoy Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Halls United Methodist Church Cemetery

4302 N Fork Rd  
Elliston, VA 24087

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home  
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060  
(540) 552-3211  
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net  
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

AUG 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel  
150 Country Club Dr S.W.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

# Tribute Wall

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“ Tony, I just saw your mother's obituary at McCoy's, Lorrie forgot to tell me of your loss. Please share my condolences your family. Your mother and dad were truly special people to have known when we lived in the Elliston/Shawsville area many years ago.

*May God be with each of you in the coming days, cherish all of your wonderful memories and know that you will see her again over there in a much better place than we are today. God bless each of you and take care of one another, please continue to be safe.*

*Sandra T. Atkinson  
Lorrie Atkinson-Mims  
Murrells Inlet, SC*

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**Sandra** - August 13, 2024 at 06:00 PM

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“ I have known Barbara most of my life. She was the Mom of one of my fellow classmates Tony. The time I remember the most was when the parents of our area were forming a 4-H Club. Our first meeting was held at her home. I was somehow elected president of that chapter. I didn't have a clue as to what the president did. Both Barbara & Mrs. Joan Harvey were so kind and helped me through this life experience. She was always kind and pleasant any time you saw her. She will be missed by all.

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**Darlene Oliver** - August 03, 2024 at 02:30 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Ellen Sarver Bradford.*



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August 01, 2024 at 07:40 AM



“ *Libby , we are so sorry to hear of the passing of your dear mother. Like you, she was a sweet and caring person. The last time I saw you two were at Blacksburg Christian Church parking lot. Church was about to start. I am so glad I stopped to say a few words. She just smiled when I called her 'Mama". Please know that we are here for you. Sending hugs and prayers.*



*Diana & Mitch Albert*

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**Diana Albert** - July 31, 2024 at 10:09 PM