



Barbara Ellen Sheppard Surface

May 12, 1932 - April 7, 2026

On Saturday, April 11, 2026, at 11:00 am, all family and friends are invited to celebrate the life of Barbara Ellen Sheppard Surface, who passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at the age of 93. She will be missed by all who crossed her path in life.

Born in the Prices Fork community, where she lived her life. She worked at Poly-Scientific and was recognized as an exemplary employee, and was a senior member of Prices Fork Community Church. A lover of all growing things, for many years, she supplied bouquets to all the teachers at Prices Fork Elementary School for the first day of class. Those who knew her envied her green thumb and her ability to turn her hand to many things... drawing, painting, sewing. She could transform the ordinary into the extraordinary.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Albert Surface, and her parents, John and Ruth Linkous Sheppard. A baby sister, Catherine, and her older brother, Garland (Billy) Sheppard. Two nephews, Carl and Wendell Sheppard, and her son-in-law, S.Wali Abdi.

She was well known for her kind nature, love of flowers, and willingness to provide unconditional care for all. Free with praise and opening doors to the word of God.

Survived by her four children: John (Sherree) Surface, Angela (Ralph) Abdi, Rebecca (Mark) Clark, Timothy (Crystal) Surface; grandchildren, Carrie, Lori, and Sean, Arrin, Michelle, and Carol, Mitchell and Sarah, Dylan, Zoe, Blake, and James; eleven great-grandchildren; her eldest brother, Jay (Pat) Sheppard; six nieces and nephews; and dedicated friend, Peggy Borman.

A special remark of gratitude to Lori Martin for her great devotion and care she gave her grandmother in the last months of her life.

Our family celebrates a purpose-driven life of this servant of God, family, and community.

The family will receive friends Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 10 – 11:00 am prior to the service at McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg. Burial will follow in Westview Cemetery, Blacksburg.

Cemetery Details

Westview Cemetery

723 E. Roanoke Street
Blacksburg, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

APR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

CM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Carol Mccullough - April 11 at 06:38 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Barbara Ellen Sheppard Surface.



April 09 at 09:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara Ellen Sheppard Surface.

April 09 at 09:02 PM

TB

“ The Kenyon's and the Bishop's purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Barbara Ellen Sheppard Surface.



The Kenyon's and the Bishop's - April 09 at 08:17 PM

DF

“ Dave Clark & Clark Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Barbara Ellen Sheppard Surface.



Dave Clark & Clark Family - April 09 at 12:39 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Barbara Ellen Sheppard Surface.



April 09 at 12:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara Ellen Sheppard Surface.

April 09 at 12:35 PM

LA

“ Lee & Laura Aurand planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Ellen Sheppard Surface.

Lee & Laura Aurand - April 09 at 11:28 AM

LA

“ Lee & Laura Aurand purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Barbara Ellen Sheppard Surface.



Lee & Laura Aurand - April 09 at 11:28 AM

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“ Jamie Jess Ali AJ Ari (Pollack/Elbert) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara Ellen Sheppard Surface.



Jamie Jess Ali AJ Ari (Pollack/Elbert) - April 08 at 03:37 PM

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“ Jamie Jess Ali AJ Ari (Pollack/Elbert) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Ellen Sheppard Surface.

Jamie Jess Ali AJ Ari (Pollack/Elbert) - April 08 at 03:37 PM

GK

“ It was a pleasure to get to know Becky's Mom Mrs Surface. At Christmas a few of my neighbors played live Christmas music for her and visited. She was vividly engaged in the words, the music and showed this through her emotions. She was a true servant of God, anyone present could see. Prayers and blessings to our friend Becky and family. What a rejoicing that's taking place with all who have gone ahead of us! Love, Gina and Chris Kaknis

Gina and Chris Kaknis - April 08 at 02:59 PM

RS

“ *Barbara will be missed very dearly for her love and admiral respect of Life. Her kind nature and guidance made her God's Angel from birth to the present.*

Barbara and Family, Ruby and I will miss the Flowers and that bright smile upon our visits over the years to your home. We love you and will miss you.

Thoughts and Prayers to every family member.

Ruby & Larry Sheppard - April 08 at 01:30 PM

RS

Prayers for all the family,for they have lost the most precious lady.She was the most kind and caring person on earth.She will be sorely missed by many many people.

Rosemary Sheppard - April 08 at 03:48 PM

LW

“ *Barbara will leave forever her loving mark on my life. Never has anyone shown more devotion to God, more loving of life itself. Will forever remember her as a cornerstone to my own love and life. Go rest now in the arms of the savior you knew and loved so long.*

Lois Walters - April 08 at 12:56 PM