



Barbara S. Denton

January 19, 1933 - August 23, 2023

Barbara Sue Denton, 90, of Bethalto, IL formerly of Natural Bridge AL, passed away peacefully surrounded by her children on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 4:24 P.M. She was born January 19, 1933, in Fayette County, Alabama to William Marcus and Ira Jesse (Wilson) Blackwell.

Barbara graduated from Walker County High School in Jasper, AL. In her senior year, she was voted "Most Likely to Succeed." She married Jimmie Carroll Denton on April 4, 1953, in West Jasper, Alabama, and they were married for nearly 65 years before he passed away on January 22, 2018.

Barbara was a devoted and loving wife, a mother who was blessed with ten children, and a grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great grandmother to over 100. She was a wonderful cook and provided meals for her family and many others.

Barbara loved the beauty of nature, especially trees and flowers. All of her life she loved researching Native American Indian and Cherokee history, as well as

her family's genealogy. Throughout her years, she loved rocking babies and enjoyed singing with her children and her grandchildren, playing Bingo, putting puzzles together, crocheting, collecting rocks, reading, and crossword puzzles. Barbara sold real estate for Century 21 and was a school board member in the Edwardsville School District in the past. She was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church in Meadowbrook, IL and a forty-nine-year member of the Gillespie/Bunker Hill Chapter of Eastern Star.

Barbara and Jimmie purchased the Natural Bridge Park in Alabama in 1980, and owned the business for almost forty-four years. Barbara was a board member of the Christian's Place Mission in Nauvoo, Alabama. She supported the church's mission of serving local residents with food, clothes and spiritual guidance.

Barbara is survived by her nine children and their spouses, Deborah and Patrick Drew of Moro, Jimmie and Janie Denton of Palmer, Alaska, Dennis and Susan Denton of Natural Bridge, Alabama, Jeffrey Denton of Moro, Deanna and Gordon Voliva of Pocahontas, Daphne and Bob Gvillo of Fosterburg, David and Lori Denton of Granite City, Jessica and Wally Peal of Bethalto and Doris Dake of Logan, Alabama; twenty-nine grandchildren, seventy-two great-grandchildren, and twenty great-great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Betty Denton of Cairo,

Missouri; several nieces and nephews; other extended family and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Ricky Zook, a granddaughter Abby Gail Partridge; a son-in-law, Barry Dake; her three brothers Ralph, Scott, and Andy Blackwell; two sisters, Lydia Blackwell Sparks and Betty Ruth Blackwell; her brother-in-law, Francis "Tom" Denton, and two sisters-in-law, Minnie (Denton) Retzer and Janice Sue (Denton) Carpunky.

Our family would like to extend our gratitude to Promedica Hospice for their services. A special thank you to nurses Amy and Lora, Janet, and Denise for their abounding love and care for our Mother, as well as, Mother's special care companion, Iva Lee Butler.

In celebration of her life, visitation will be at Pitchford Funeral Home, 2555 Vaughn Road in Wood River, Illinois on Sunday, August 27, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. until time of a service at 6:00 p.m. Visitation will continue at Pinkard Funeral Home, 1308 21 st Street in Haleyville, Alabama on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 12:00 noon. Burial will follow at the Walker Memory Gardens in Jasper, AL. Memorials may be made to Christian's Place Mission, P.O. Box 365, Nauvoo, AL, 35578, and may be

accepted at the
funeral home. Irwin Chapel of Granite City in charge of arrangements. www.irwinchapel.com

Tribute Wall



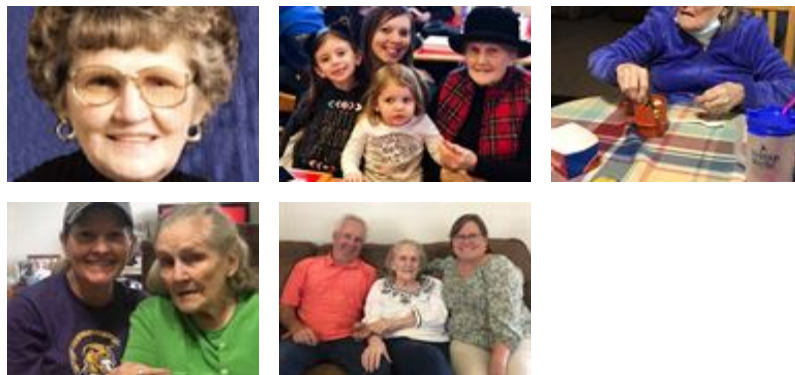
“ *Pinkard Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara S. Denton*



Pinkard Funeral Home - August 29, 2023 at 12:12 PM



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“ My deepest condolences and sympathies to the Denton family. In her youth, Barbara's father gave her the nickname "Wheelbarrow". During my association and friendship with Jim and Barbara, Jim got me to calling her Wheelbarrow. I treasured and adored every second that I spent with the Denton's!!!

Go be with Mr. Jim!! Rest in peace!! Love you, Wheelbarrow!!!



Tony BrakeField - August 26, 2023 at 09:53 AM

BP

Dennis and Susan, I am so sorry for your loss. Miss Barb was a wonderful lady and it was my pleasure years ago to care for her in yall's home. I always admired your hospitality and love for each other and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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RB

*Met Mrs Barbara at natural bridge some years ago, mighty nice lady , Somme kind of cousin.
RoyBlackwell*

roy blackwell - November 29, 2025 at 08:21 PM

SB

“ Dennis sorry for your loss. She was a sweet lady, loved talking with her and husband through the years at Natural Bridge. Now she's at peace.... praying for you and family in the days to come 🙏



Stan and Carol Bryan - August 25, 2023 at 05:53 PM