



Barbara Faye Pigford

December 11, 1948 - July 27, 2024

Barbara 'Memaw' Brock Pigford died July 27, 2024 in Wilmington, North Carolina at the age of 75.

Barbara is survived by her son Mitchell Dale Pigford Jr. (Carolyn), her beloved grandchildren Derrick Pigford (Blair), Darsha Aldous (Joel), Brittini Ricci (Matt), Jeffrey Connolly (Maggie), Brock Pigford, Joss and Jamie Williamson, and Cassidy (Chris) and Dylan McLean (Chaney). Memaw was also blessed with great-grandchildren Valen Pigford, her namesake Barbara Aldous, and Liam Ricci and Lilly Ricci. In addition to grandkids, "Aunt Barbara" is survived by nephews James 'Jimmy' Brock (Faye), Chris Brock, Mike Pigford (Bobbie) Walt Pigford Jr. (Leigh) and niece Melissa Wright (Brendon). She is also survived by her beloved daughter-in-law Tina Hudspeth. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents Roscoe and Marie Brock, her daughter Nicole, her brother Randy and her nephew Paul. She was widowed in 2000 when the love of her life, her husband of 36 years, Mitchell Pigford passed away.

Barbara was born in Wilmington NC, New Hanover County. A student at New Hanover High School she married Mitchell, her childhood sweetheart. Mitchell and Barbara raised their two children Dale and Nicole in their Wilmington home.

Barbara was passionate about working. Despite her small stature, she proved to be tougher than anyone expected in the male-dominated field of industrial insulation. In her field, she climbed scaffolding and led a sometimes rowdy

crew, yet she always found time to be a generous and giving mother. After Mitch died, Barbara moved to Maryland to work at the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Facility and made very special friends while living there. Many summers of fun and vacations to Aruba with her friends were enjoyed by Barbara when she wasn't working. Barbara's work life was stopped short when an injury caused her to retire before she was ready. She valiantly fought to regain mobility, and though she was slowed down some, she never quit being tough. She moved back to Wilmington to her lovely Mill Hill house and spent the rest of her years in Wilmington.

As Barbara got older, she enjoyed sewing and jewelry creation and often gifted loved ones with her fantastic designs and crafts. Barbara had a servant's heart, donating her time and talent to multiple endeavors with her beloved Salvation Army church. One of her most lovely was sewing outfits for babies in the NICU that did not survive at birth. Having lost several infant children herself, she knew a mother's anguish and used her incredible talents to donate any way she could. The men and women of the Salvation Army fondly remember Barbara as a woman who dedicated many hours to the church and never shied away from doing things to support it.

Barbara was a 2-time cancer survivor and amazed everyone with her grit. She never suffered fools and knew how to comfort and spoil the ones she loved. Her son Dale fondly remembers that Barbara never knew a stranger, was the best cook around, and treated every child like one of her own. Her nickname 'Memaw' began when her first grandson Derrick called her that and the name stuck for life. Barbara was a loving force of nature. She will be forever remembered and admired by all of the people who knew and loved her.

'And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise"'

Luke 23:43

The date for a service of remembrance has not been set. The family will announce via social media the specifics. The family would especially like to thank Faye Brock for her loving thoughtfulness during Barbara's illness. We would also like to thank the kind people of the Salvation Army church for their

support and beautiful friendships with Barbara.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ I was married to Barbara's nephew Paul Brock (mother of his sons Noah & Jonas Brock and backwards stepmother of sorts to his daughter Ragen Brock). I met Aunt Barbara in summer 1993 when I was 17 years old and like anyone upon meeting her instantly recognized her as larger than life and full of warmth, humor , and wisdom. One of my first interactions with Aunt Barbara was the day I was given the task of going to her house to borrow a cooking pot. I was unsure of myself and afraid of her reaction but after much reassurance from the boys, I mustered the courage to go and ask this brazen and bold favor convinced she wouldn't remember me and would think I was quite arrogant and presumptuous. Those who knew Aunt Barbara know how this story ends. Obviously, she said yes. She didn't hesitate; she didn't bat an eyelash; she didn't make me swear to immediately return it after finding out what I was going to do with it.

She simply gave.

She gave without reservation and without conditions. Not because of who I was but because it was who SHE was.

I have many more stories and memories of her; her cooking, her advice, her hospitality, and her unending generosity. Generosity of spirit, of love, of compassion, and of her precious time.

That first story will always be my favorite. That day I learned about Aunt Barbara. It turned out to be all I would ever need to know about her. I was blessed to have known her and to have been loved by her. I am a better person for it.

Thank you to her family for sharing her so selflessly with us. She was truly a gift and will be missed immensely.

Meredith Madison (formerly Brock) - August 05, 2024 at 02:06 PM

KP

“ Rest in Peace Barb! Toughest little insulator I ever worked with.
Keep the men of yours straight. ❤️🙏

Kathy Powell Ewing Parker - August 01, 2024 at 11:02 AM

LW

“ Love you girlfriend have a beautiful day with friends and family and
have a wonderful reunion

Lanette Cottle Wiggins - July 31, 2024 at 11:18 PM

BR

“ Barbara will always be remembered for her giving spirit loved by
many. She shared her go go energy with her Mom Marie Brock...I
know her and Betty King 10-24-1942-4-30-2024 will enjoy many
laughs as being new up above. I'll miss you so Barbara

Brinda - July 31, 2024 at 09:58 PM

JA

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Barbara's passing. Please accept my
heartfelt condolences to you and your family. She is resting in the
arms of Jesus and free of pain. Sending you thoughts of love and
prayers.

Jennie Avery - July 31, 2024 at 02:33 PM

MK

“ I will miss you my dear sister. This world will not be the same
without you. May you rest in peace. "Give rest, O Christ, to thy
servant Barbara, with thy saints, where sorrow and pain are no
more, neither signing, but life everlasting.

Mary B. King - July 31, 2024 at 01:03 PM

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“ *What a treasure to have known her and to be loved by her! She was such a gift to many, but to me she was so much more than that, she was truly my friend, and I will forever miss this precious lady! Love you so much Aunt Barbara!* ”

Faye brock - July 30, 2024 at 06:26 PM