



Barbara Thames

December 8, 1929 - June 18, 2012

A graveside service for Barbara T. Thames, 82 of Tyler, Tx will be held on Saturday, June 23, 2012 at 4:00 PM at Minden Cemetery in Minden, LA. Mrs. Thames passed away June 18, 2012 in Tyler. She was born December 8, 1929 in Shreveport, LA to W.M. and Julia Baines Thomas. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Edwin Clifton Yeates, Jr, and husband Earl G. Thames. She is survived by her loving family including her sons, Edwin C. Yeates, III and wife Betha of Yellville, AR, William T. Yeates and wife Laura of Raleigh, NC and E. Glenn Thames, Jr. and wife Suzie of Tyler; grandchildren, Jeremy, Parker and Dawson Thames of Tyler, Hunter Yeates of Yellville, AR, and Austin, Summer and Jessie Yeates of Raleigh, NC. Barbara was a devoted mother and strong supporter of her children and their interests. She was also deeply committed to education. A Valedictorian at Byrd High School and Salutatorian at Centenary College, Barbara graduated with bachelor's degrees in math and music. She performed as a bass violinist with the Shreveport Symphony. Barbara also obtained a master's degree in math from LSU and completed all of the coursework for a Ph.D. Along the way, Barbara taught math at the high school and college levels, finally retiring after several years as a professor at Northwestern State University. Barbara was also a lifelong volunteer. She served several organizations, including the United Methodist Churches of Minden, LA, Natchitoches, LA and Marshall, Tx; the Republican Women, and Marshall Memorial Hospital. In her younger days, she served as president of her Junior League chapter and Chairman of the

Natchitoches Christmas Festival. Widowed the first time at age 30, with a 4 year old son and pregnant with a second child, Barbara was one of the real “Steel Magnolias” of Natchitoches, LA. Visitation is scheduled from 10:30 AM –12:00 PM on Saturday, June 23, 2012 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

Tribute Wall

CW

“ *Barbara was a fascinating woman, bright, committed and an enthusiastic volunteer. Her pride in her family was boundless.*

Connie Ware - June 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *I knew Barbara from FUMC Marshall, but felt we had a closer relationship as Realtor and Buyer. I helped Barbara find her home on Fitzgerald St.. We spent many months searching for just the right home. We both loved Louisiana, she told me a great deal about her home in Natchitoches, she was still going there for her hair cuts at the time. I know she loved her family and was very proud of her son's. We both had a child living in Tyler, we discussed grandchildren as they were born. I will always have fond memories of Barbara and have missed seeing her since she left Marshall. From having talked to her son's I know her family loved her as much as she loved them. It was a pleasure and honor to have had the opportunity to help Barbara find her home here in Marshall. May God bless you in your sorrow.*

Patsy Bailey - June 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Barbara Thames*

Bob & Mary Stephens - June 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Glenn and family -- please accept my sincere sympathies. My prayer is that you find comfort and peace during this time. God bless you all.*

Amanda Taylor Roberts - June 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *Lovely, talented, accomplished woman. Precious wife, mother, and grandmother.*

Love and prayers to the family.

Les and Pat Partridge - June 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM