



## Barbara "Sydney" Underwood

October 25, 1937 - March 6, 2025

Services for Barbara "Sydney" Underwood, 87, of Tyler, will be held Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Ken Brumley officiating. A private family burial will be held at Cathedral in the Pines in Tyler preceding the memorial service.

Sydney passed away peacefully in her sleep Thursday, March 6, 2025, in Tyler. She was born October 25, 1937, in Tyler and raised by her loving parents Wayne and Dorothy Pendergraft.

Sydney was a long-time member of Green Acres Baptist Church and was blessed to share her faith and friendship with her Sunday school class, Women of Grace. She was dedicated to her faith, family, and friends.

Sydney was a 1955 graduate of Tyler High School and attended business courses at Tyler Jr College. She built a successful and respected career at Prentice Hall Publishing Company. She left a lasting impact on colleges, clients, and the industry. With her outgoing personality and her ability to talk and relate to anyone in the field of outside sales it was a career that suited her perfectly. She consistently exceeded her sales quota goals and for ten consecutive years she was one of Prentice Hall's top sales representatives in the country. After her retirement from Prentice Hall, she worked part-time at Brookshires Wildlife Museum and volunteered weekly for Bethesda Health

Clinic.

Sydney was preceded in death by her parents, husband Monroe Underwood, and cousins Debbie Sword and Rick Parker. She is survived by her daughter Rhonda Dennis, and son Robert Dennis (Sheli and son Bryce).

Honorary Pallbearers are long-time friend Cary Medlock, members of Women of Grace Sunday School Class at Green Acres Baptist Church, and members of the class of 1955 Tyler High School.

The family wishes to thank everyone who was a part of the exceptional care she received at Prestige Estates Assisted Living and Memory Care and the staff at Paloma Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to:

Bethesda Health Clinic  
409 W. Ferguson St.  
Tyler, Texas 75702

Alzheimer's Alliance of Smith County  
3531 S. Broadway  
Tyler, Texas 75701

# Cemetery Details

**Private Family Graveside - Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Service

MAR 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

### Visitation Following Service

MAR 12 (CT)

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7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara "Sydney" Underwood



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Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 10, 2025 at 05:15 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara "Sydney" Underwood.

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March 12, 2025 at 10:33 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara "Sydney" Underwood.



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March 12, 2025 at 10:33 AM



“ 12 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - March 11, 2025 at 11:37 AM

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“ Rhonda and Robert. My first memory of meeting your parents was when the drove down the driveway at my grandmothers house. I was probably 5 or 6. Sydney was always so nice to all us Turman brats. May she rest in peace.  
Chris

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**Chris Turman** - March 11, 2025 at 09:01 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara "Sydney" Underwood.

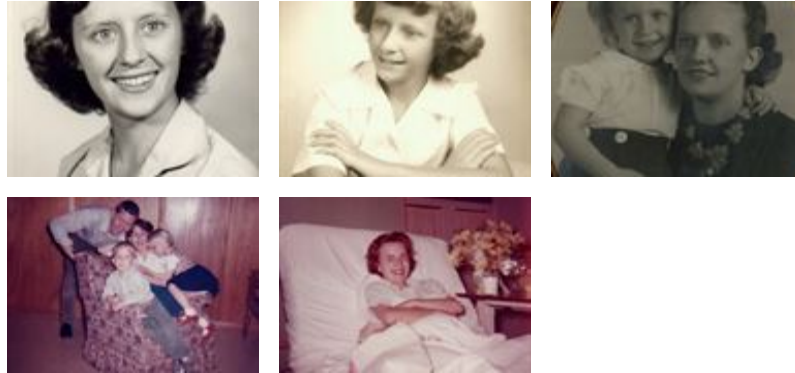


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March 10, 2025 at 07:08 PM



“ 34 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 10, 2025 at 05:14 PM

KB

“ Honored to know such a beautiful lady. I spent many afternoons at the Dennis home when I was growing up. I loved making Syd laugh. Loved her style. Glory to God for His great work in her life.  
Kelly B. Burton, and Karen Hannon Burton-

Kelly Burton - March 10, 2025 at 04:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara "Sydney" Underwood.

March 10, 2025 at 02:34 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara "Sydney" Underwood.



March 10, 2025 at 02:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara "Sydney" Underwood.*



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March 10, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ *Kelley Uzzell lit a candle in memory of Barbara "Sydney" Underwood*



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**Kelley Uzzell** - March 08, 2025 at 03:55 PM