



Mrs. Callie Mae Barber Crosby

June 21, 1944 - March 6, 2021

The Life of Callie Mae Barber Crosby

Callie Mae Barber Crosby was born in Cleveland, Ohio on June 21, 1944 to Samuel Barber Sr. and Margaret Mayo Barber. Callie passed on March 6, 2021 in Millbrook, Alabama. After her mother's death in 1949, Callie and her brother Samuel Barber Jr. moved to Coosada, AL. She was raised by her beloved maternal grandparents Tom and Bessie Mayo. She grew up with her aunts, uncles and cousins as siblings.

Driven by her thirst for knowledge Callie flourished academically and socially, she graduated as valedictorian of Sandtown High School's Class of 1962. She also graduated with top honors of her class at Tuskegee University in 1966 with degrees in education and home economics, where Dr. Martin Luther King gave the commencement speech. During her college years, Callie also started her family; she married her high school sweetheart Joe Crosby on August 21, 1963 of fifty seven plus years and she gave birth to two daughters Daphne and Margaret (Peggy). Callie traveled the world with her family as a home economics teacher and wife of an Army Warrant officer. She lived and taught in Virginia, Japan, Germany, all while developing long-lasting and compassionate relationships with her students, colleagues, and family wherever she went. In 1985, she gained her master's degree from San Francisco State University. She also worked at Army Research Center at The Presidio in San Francisco, CA. After her husband retired from the Army in

1986, she returned to her home state of Alabama, where she worked at the ROTC scholarship program at Maxwell Air Force Base. She later joined her husband in establishing the successful construction company, JB Crosby Inc. Callie supervised much of her family at JB Crosby, including her nieces Sonya, Jonnie Mae, Dora, Keina, Mesha, Sherrye, sister-in-law, Doris and Diane who also lived with the family her senior year and calls her mom. Callie was an adored and adoring wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, and friend. She was known for her wide smile, sharp wit, and vibrant laugh that would light up any room she walked into. Her excellent cooking, astute sense of style, and natural charisma brought others into her orbit, but it was her generosity and warm spirit that kept them there for decades. Callie was preceded in passing by her grandparents, Tom and Bessie Mayo, her mother and father, Samuel Barber Sr. and Margaret Mayo Barber, her brother, Samuel Barber Jr. and beloved great aunt Emily "Fatmeat" Jackson, aunts & uncles Johnnie Mae Mayo Steven, Tom Mayo Jr., Callie Mayo Langford, Edward Mayo, Marvin Mayo, James Earl "Jimmy" Mayo. Callie is survived by her husband of 57 plus years Joe Crosby and her daughters, Daphne Crosby (Robert Berlin), Dr. Margaret Crosby-Arnold (Peggy), her granddaughter, Erin Eckstein, Doris "Sister" Mayo Cornelius, her cousins, Georgia "Skinny" Jackson and Joyce Williams who she grew up with as siblings, and her niece, Tiffani (Torin) Barber Dailey, grand nephews Torin & Taylor Nicholas Dailey, cousin Bernice, Debbie, Donnie, Renee, Dot, George, Cookie, Andrea, Wayne, Derrick, Chris & Jennifer Mayo, Sherrye & Janel Jackson Haywood, Bernice Slaton Crosby. She is loved by her brother/sister-in-laws, Doris Crosby Roberts, Sue (Murphy) Bonner, Grant Isom Crosby, Walter (Lula) Crosby, Mamie Crosby Long and Patricia Crosby Long; Vivian Crosby. Callie is also survived by her close friends and extended family; Dorothy Woolfolk, Carolyn Rhodes, Frazine Kennett Jones Taylor, Elvira Pritchett, Carolyn Reeves & Reeves Family. Callie was a mother to many and has a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who she loved as her own. She will always be in all our

hearts forever. We love you!

In lieu of Flowers please make a donation to:

Lighthouse Baptist Church

P.O. Box 944

Millbrook AL. 36054

A Memorial Service will take place for Callie Mae on Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Lighthouse Baptist Church, Millbrook Alabama.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lighthouse Baptist Church
2281 main st
millbrook, AL 36092

Tribute Wall

TW

“ Auntie Callie Mae was one of the funniest and loving aunt's I have known. She always had a funny story to share about us as children and now she even had stories about my children and they are grown!!. My kids were crazy about auntie Callie. We cooked with her , had Halloween fun, swim parties and whatever; Auntie Callie had a way with the kids. We will miss you and will forever remember your spirit and love. To my cousins and uncle, I love you all and thank you for sharing her with us.

Love,

Tiffini Crosby Whitted and Family

Tiffini Crosby Whitted - April 08, 2021 at 10:53 AM

RJ

“ Callie Mae was the soul of the Mayo-Barber-Crosby family! We would all be SO excited when Mae came to visit.. There was and never will be anyone like her. She could walk in a room and light it up. She loved her family and friends 100%. She was never afraid to tell you what she thought and had the knowledge to back what she was saying with facts. She and Joe were truly meant to be together and from that union came two beautiful girls. She was indeed the family favorite. She will be truly missed on earth but NEVER forgotten in the minds of those that loved her. Hold the fort down till we meet again.
Love ya much!!



Renee and Ted Jackson

Renee Jackson - March 27, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Callie Mae Barber Crosby.*



March 26, 2021 at 12:20 AM



“ *Dorothy Doolfork purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Mrs. Callie Mae Barber Crosby.*



Dorothy Doolfork - March 25, 2021 at 03:41 PM



“ *She bought joy and love to many friends and family.
My friend forever ❤️
Rest in thy entire family i*

You are missed.

Dorothy Jean Woolfork - March 25, 2021 at 01:48 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Callie Mae Barber Crosby.*



March 25, 2021 at 12:02 PM



“ *She bought joy and love to her many friends and relatives.
My friend for over sixty year. You are missed.
Rest in peace until we meet again.
Your friend forever.
Dorothy Jean Woolfork*

Dorothy Jean Woolfork - March 25, 2021 at 11:42 AM



*To the family,
Callie was my beautiful friend, cousin, and Soror who will be missed.
We didn't get to talk often, but oh when we did, I learned a ton of family history and treasured information. We always had good, healthy laughs and serious conversations. She was truly a treasure. May God give you all much peace and comfort in knowing that she meant so much to so many and that she is now in His presence. Blessings to you all.*

Lillie Fenderson - March 27, 2021 at 01:27 PM

PW

“ Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs. I am so sorry for your loss. When my mom was sick, Callie was nice and thoughtful enough to send her musadine all the way to Detroit, MI. Which was something mom told her she like when they met here in Alabama. Mom told her how much she loved them but couldn't find them up there. So during the time mom was in hospice Callie made sure she had them.



Rest well Callie Mae

Mrs. Pamela McBride Whitson and family

Pamela M Whitson - March 24, 2021 at 01:04 PM

TF

“ Tom Crosby & family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Callie Mae Barber Crosby.



Tom Crosby & family - March 23, 2021 at 08:20 PM

CM

“ My sincere condolences to the Barber and Crosby Family. Callie you will be missed. I remember your beautiful smile from our High School days. You were attractive, smart, and had great ambition. Rest in the arms of Jesus!!! Clara Hill-Moncrief

clara moncrief - March 20, 2021 at 07:45 PM

SB

Callie a beautiful classmate and a wonderful sister-in-law you will be missed, love always Sue Bonner.

Sue Bonner - March 21, 2021 at 09:49 AM

LT

“ *Callie, you will definitely be missed. I especially loved talking with you about our younger days. You were always so thoughtful and kind to your Uncle Isom and Aunt Mary. They loved you so much. Peace be with you, our family has lost a special member but we will always have the wonderful memories* 🍷🌸🍷🌸🍷🌸

Lois Thomas-Waters - March 18, 2021 at 03:35 PM

EP

“ *She will always be in my heart, Callie was a true friend, she will be truly miss. but now my friend get you rest because we know that you are in the harms of God , we will meet again your best friend Elvira Pritchett,*

Elvira Pritchett - March 17, 2021 at 11:59 AM

MA

“ *I love you and I will always, always miss you Mom. Your baby, Peggy*

Margaret - March 16, 2021 at 09:31 PM

LF

We all loved Callie. We didn't talk often, but we always had great conversations. We spoke about 3-4 months ago. It never occurred to me that we were having our last conversation. My beautiful, kind, smart cousin and soror will be missed. My prayers are with you all during this time and always.

Lillie Fenderson - March 27, 2021 at 04:41 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Callie Mae Barber Crosby.*



March 15, 2021 at 08:37 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Roz Zeigler - March 14, 2021 at 06:46 PM



“ *In memory: When our mother; Mabel L. Jackson-Jones was hospitalized, Callie would call the hospital every day to check on her. I would always take her call. Callie was a very caring family member. A true blessing to the our family.
Willie & Daisy Jones, Rockford, IL.*

Willie Jones - March 14, 2021 at 02:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Callie Mae Barber Crosby.*



March 13, 2021 at 07:36 PM

RZ

“ *My sincere condolence to the Crosby Family. Callie Mae's Grandmother (Cousin Bessie) was my mother's favorite cousin. I was first introduced to Callie when she and Joe would stop by and visit with my Mother (Annie Paul) in San Francisco. Whenever I was in the Montgomery I would stop by and visit with Callie and Joe, they were gracious and always made us feel welcome. She was a source of information and knew a lot about our family history. I learned so much from Callie. I truly cherish the moments we shared together especially the times she took me on a tour of Coosada and Elmore, the times we went to brunch at the Casino and the Downtown Radisson Hotel. Also the wonderful hospitality when we would stay at their beautiful homes. I am thankful I had a chance to visit with Callie and Joe on my last trip to Montgomery in 2019. Callie I will truly miss you. With Love Always, Rosalyn Zeigler (daughter of Lewis and Annie Paul Zeigler).*

Roz Zeigler - March 13, 2021 at 03:07 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



Hillside Memorial & Gardens - March 13, 2021 at 12:53 PM

GC

“ *Prayers for the Crosby and Barber Families during this time. My God continue to keep you in perfect peace. Gloria Crawford*

Gloria Crawford - March 13, 2021 at 11:59 AM

LL

“ Callie was closer in age and spirit to my older sisters, I lived away from home and therefore, I never knew her that well. Even though, I always admired her for her beauty, grace, courage..., the list of positive adjectives can go on and on. Just a few years ago, I found out that she was my Soror and a “Finer Woman” of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. That was an “ah-ha” moment for me. I realized the connection that we had.

Crosby, Mayo, Barber and Jackson Families, please accept my condolences. Callie is a lost to many people.

La Vera Jackson Long

La Vera Jackson Long - March 09, 2021 at 04:53 AM

FT

“ Callie and I started our friendship in the first grade and it has continued through our adult lives. I will miss her and my prayers are with her family at this time. Kennett

Frazine Kennett Jones Taylor - March 08, 2021 at 08:26 PM

EC

“ I have Callie Mae every since I was a little girl My mamma and daddy Bill and Cornelius Hellom use to visit Ms Betsey and Mr Tom often I always thought she wad so pretty with a very kind spirit. But God love to pick pretty flowers for his garden garden. Our thouhts are with your family.Ethel & Bailey Chancey

Ethel Hellom Chancey - March 08, 2021 at 01:40 PM

TF

“ *To the Crosby Family:*

My family and I extend to you our sincere sympathy in the passing of Callie Mae. I first came to know her some years ago, but she had been in my Mama's life from childhood.

Mama had taught her around the same time that she was expecting me. Callie Mae and I had this running joke about how she felt that I had replaced her in Mama's life. Every time we saw each other I would ask her to give me her jealous insult about me. It was all said and done with love and affection for one another. I talked with her a few months ago because I valued her opinion on something that I wanted to do. As always, she listened and gave me wise council. I will greatly miss her presence in my life.

Callie Mae was a beautiful spirit. She was kind, intelligent, strong, and very professional. She was a woman of her word and she told you what she honestly thought. A true blessing to all who knew her. To Bro. Crosby, your daughters, and other family, please know that you are in our prayers. For God to give you all the strength and peace you need as you go through this painful journey. We extend to you our heartfelt love and condolences. Scripture tells us that, "Earth hath no sorrow that Heaven can not heal." May God bless and keep you all.



TONIA RAYE ZEIGLER GARRISON & Family - March 07, 2021 at 01:56 PM