



Barbara Jane Pennington

May 1, 1937 - October 9, 2025

Barbara Jane Pennington, age 88, of Russellville, passed away on Thursday, October 09, 2025 at her residence.

If you knew Barbara, you immediately loved her and you knew she loved laughing, having a good time, and dancing. She loved playing the piano for her church at Heritage Fellowship Church until she wasn't able due to her vision loss. She couldn't read music but had a gift from God to play by ear any song she heard she could pick it up. She sold Avon for many years and was often recognized for her top sales. She also sold Paparazzi Jewelry and loved wearing her jewelry. More than anything, she loved her children, grandchildren, her other family, and her friends. She was longing to see her parents, her son, Keith, her sisters, being able to see again to play the piano, and most of all see her Jesus. She now knows with absolute clarity what we sing about, pray for, and vaguely understand. Such a loss for her family and friends, but we know there is rejoicing in Heaven.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her children, Christy Simmons (Marc "Cooter"), Tim Washington; daughter-in-law, Lisa Washington; grandchildren, Brittney Wadkins (Alex), Brandon Stanfield (Haleigh), William Washington (Deandrea), Justin Thompson (Erann), Hannah Bray (Mike), Cody Simmons (Tiffany), Heather Mikel (John); great-grandchildren, Brooklyn Simmons,

Cayson Simmons, Brantley Wadkins, Aidynn Wadkins, Cannon Wadkins, Liam Washington, Ellie Washington, Rylee McDonald, Breanna Mikel, Blaine Bray, Madeline Bray, Kylene Bray; great-great-granddaughter, Aariah Howard; brother, Vernon "Buddy" Sartain; special friend, Wilma Rea; a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband and father of her children, Willie Washington; husband, Dale Pennington; son, Keith Washington; parents, Horace and Loretta Sartain; and sisters, Elaine Blount and Betty McCollum.

The visitation will be 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Monday, October 13, 2025, at Spry Memorial Chapel. The funeral service will be at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at Spry Memorial Chapel with Derek Washington, Bro. Tim Smith, and Vic Mayfield speaking at the service. The burial will be at Duncan Creek Cemetery.

The pallbearers will be Alex Wadkins, William Washington, Justin Thompson, Brandon Stanfield, Mike Bray, and Cody Simmons.

The family would like to offer a heartfelt thanks to Dr. Aaron Karr, Kandice and Andrew at Alabama Hospice of the Shoals for your love and care of our mother & grandmother.

Barbara wanted to thank her precious son-in-law, Cooter for always being there for her, loving her, and promising to care for her daughter.

Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family. To give private condolences, please visit our website at www.sprymemorialchapel.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Spry Memorial Chapel/ Funeral Home
907 Jackson Ave S
Russellville, AL 35653-2625
(256) 332-1122

Funeral Service

OCT **14.** 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Spry Memorial Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Jane Pennington*



Spry Memorial Chapel - October 13, 2025 at 11:48 AM

LB

You will be miss .you fly hi you got this

Linda Bomar - October 13, 2025 at 06:57 PM



“ *99 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Spry Memorial Chapel - October 13, 2025 at 11:30 AM

CL

“ This lady was a pure ray of sunshine. With such a beautiful heart and soul. My prayers goes out to Christy and her family. She is loved and will truly missed by so many. I had the pleasure of speaking with her once and she treated me like she had known me her whole life. I just wished that I would have gotten to know her better. Her bubbly personality would have probably laughing so hard. Please join me in praying for the entire family.



Cindi Lord - October 13, 2025 at 08:34 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Barbara Jane Pennington.



October 12, 2025 at 09:01 PM

LF

“ Larry Bates family, Jerry Goins family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Jane Pennington.

Larry Bates family, Jerry Goins family - October 12, 2025 at 09:01 PM

LW

“ I loved Barbar she was my friend and mother in law and I loved our talks i would always ask her for her opinion and boy would she tell me. We had so many laughs she was so fun to be around she would make me blush some time lol but it was always good to see her she loved me and my boys and I am going to miss her! Love you always Barbar. Love 💕💕 Lisa

Lisa Washington - October 11, 2025 at 06:29 PM

LT

“ Love you Laura Thirkill planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Jane Pennington.

Love you Laura Thirkill - October 10, 2025 at 07:30 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Jane Pennington.



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