



## Mrs. Barbara A. Cates

April 13, 1944 - January 26, 2020

A funeral service for Mrs. Barbara A. Cates, 75, of Anniston, will be on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 1:00 pm in the Toby Miller Chapel at Miller Funeral Home. Pastor Rick Reaves will be officiating. A burial will follow the service at Oxford Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends on the same day from 11:00 am until the time of the service.

Mrs. Cates passed away on January 26, 2020.

She is survived by her husband, Dalton Cates; children, Scott Cates (Donna), Allan Cates, Christy Spate (Jeff); grandchildren, Stephanie Davis (Tyler), Dylan Cates; great grandson, Landon Davis; sisters, Joyce Johnson and Mary Harrell, and a host of extended family members.

Pallbearers will be Terry Preston, Clifford Crumbley, Andy Barnett, Greg Hanson, David Keeling and Charlie Bonner.

Mrs. Cates was a 1962 graduate of Oxford High School where she was a majorette. She was a member of the Communication Workers of America.

Mrs. Cates was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend and will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Mrs. Cates name to the American Cancer Society.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 30. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

VH

“*Keriana Barnett and I wish to express our deepest condolences on the passing of her great aunt. She has pleasant memories from her childhood.*

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**vickey Harriott** - January 31, 2020 at 10:33 AM

SK

“*My Aunt Barbara was one of a kind. She was fiercely loyal to family and friends and you never had to worry about her being in your corner. I have many great memories of her, but one particular is that she took me on my first trip to the beach. While on that trip she bought me my first string bikini. We always had so much fun together and could talk for hours. My dad sometimes got exasperated with me and would say, “you’re just like Barbara Ann!” That thrilled me to my toes, because I wanted to be just like her. I don’t know how to do life without you, but you aren’t a quitter and neither am I. I hope I make you proud everyday! I love you and miss you so very much. Your loving niece, Susie*

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**Susie Barnett Keeling** - January 30, 2020 at 02:52 AM

DC

“ Barb (aka) Maude was “big” in every way. Her heart wasn’t big enough to contain all of the love she had for her family and friends. She never met a stranger and, if she called you friend, she stayed in touch regardless of the length of friendship. Her smile and laugh were big and contagious. She was loyal in a big way, sometimes to a fault but always there to defend and support those she loved. She was a big cook always preparing enough to feed everyone and send all home with leftovers. No one ever turned down leftovers as she was a great cook. For those closest to Barbara, you could count on the fact that she would know how to “push your buttons” and she did. We would get upset and push back. Needless to say, you knew there would be good, challenging conversations. I’m her daughter in law but she loved me as her own. She loved my style, my hugs, and how I love her son Scott. Barbara has only been gone from this earth a few days but the impact is huge. No one can fill her shoes or the holes left in many hearts. We are heartbroken but we rejoice that she is no longer in pain and that she’s giving God a good chuckle. RIP sweet lady.

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**Donna Shadix Cates** - January 29, 2020 at 09:52 PM

JO

“ We shall miss your laughter, your smile and hearing you talk about Dalton, Scott, Allen and Stephanie with such love in your heart for them. We will all miss you dear friend but the angels are waiting for you to join them so that you might watch over all your loved ones. Rest in peace

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**Jane Owenby** - January 29, 2020 at 08:09 AM

LM

*Aww we were young when we first met 51 years ago. She was kicked in a room at UPS counting money and I was in the office next to her. We bonded immediately and since we both had Boys we became friends away from work. I even made summer shorts for her. ❤️ She was fearless, strong, loving and was loyal to her friendships. Always with a big smile and a bigger heart. Oh I will miss our talks and her talking about her family whom she loved dearly. I'll miss my friend and I know she's smiling down on us she never lost her faith and is Wrapped in the arms of God.*

**Linda McQueen** - January 29, 2020 at 10:49 PM

BJ

*“ Rest In Peace, Barbara. Your light will shine through all you love most ❤️”*

**Bonnie Junge** - January 28, 2020 at 10:41 PM



*“ Barbara and I have been close since the 7th grade. We were best friends and spent a lot of time together most of our lives. We talked daily. I will miss her so much. I love you my dearest and best friend. My deepest sympathy to Dalton, Scott, Allan, Stephanie and the rest of the family.*

**Linda Paro** - January 28, 2020 at 09:27 PM

JD

*“ I will remember Barbara with that beautiful smile of hers. I will miss her and our talks for hours when she called. Prayers to her family.*

**Joanne and Jack Davis** - January 28, 2020 at 08:24 PM

BS

*“ Barbara was a great Christian lady who was a blessing to know. She loved her family very much. I will miss our chats on FB. 😭”*

**Barbara Smith** - January 28, 2020 at 07:38 PM

CB

“ So sorry to hear of Aunt Barbara’s passing 😞! I always enjoyed spending time around her when Andy and I were married. She was always so precious, caring, sweet and funny! I will always cherish her and the memories I have of Aunt Barbara. With love, Cheryl Barnett Butterworth

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**Cheryl Barnett Butterworth** - January 28, 2020 at 04:33 PM

BB

*Barbara was one of the funniest and outspoken lady that I have had the pleasure of calling her Aunt Barbara for over 20 years. We will miss that beautiful smile that she always had on her beautiful face. We love and miss you. Brenda Barnett, Shree and Shane*

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**Brenda Barnett** - January 28, 2020 at 08:39 PM

TC

“ I am so sorry to hear this....she was a dear friend, and we had so many great memories back in 1962.....I love you Barbara,

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**Tootie Clancy** - January 28, 2020 at 03:22 PM