



Barbara Toney King

August 6, 1931 - February 5, 2026

Barbara Toney King, 94, of Anniston, Alabama, passed away peacefully on February 5, 2026, in her hometown, surrounded by the love of family and friends. A woman of remarkable spirit and drive, Barbara's life stood as a beautiful testament to hard work, leadership, and compassion.

Born on August 6, 1931, in Anniston, Alabama, to Darrell C. and Edna Lucile Perryman, Barbara showed early signs of her intelligence and ambition, earning a double promotion and graduating from Anniston High School with distinction in 1948. She married her first husband, Fred S. Toney, whose career in the papermill industry led them to live in many communities across the South. Barbara embraced each move with enthusiasm, making friends easily and creating a warm home wherever she went. Widowed in 1979 Barbara began a new chapter in her life with courage and determination.

In 1973 Barbara joined the Weyerhaeuser Corporation, where she quickly rose through the ranks through sheer dedication and leadership skill. Her pioneering spirit made history when she became the first woman to hold an executive position at Weyerhaeuser. In 1980, she met Edward King, and the two married in 1981, later settling in Columbus, Mississippi. Barbara continued her work with Weyerhaeuser there until her retirement in 2003 leaving behind a lasting legacy of excellence and mentorship.

Barbara's energy was boundless. Often described as an "A-type personality," she poured herself into community service and church life. She was an Elder and Secretary-Treasurer of the First Presbyterian Church of Columbus and an active member of The Pilot Club. Barbara also served as a Lifeline consultant and even volunteered as an aide at the Masters Golf Tournament in 1999. Her hospitality was unmatched-she loved entertaining, cooking wonderful meals, tending to her garden, and hosting her beloved bridge club.

Those who knew Barbara remember her optimism, generosity, and ability to lift others with her encouragement. She gave selflessly to her parents, was a steady source of support for her family, and always offered a listening ear and an uplifting word.

Barbara is survived by her sister, Laura Perryman Hobbs, and her husband Jimmy; and her son, William David Toney and his wife Ethel. GrandSon Robert Toney (Jennifer), Great Grand Daughter Jillian Toney and Great Grandson Reed Toney. Granddaughter Lisha Toney, Great Grandsons Garrett Breeding, Ryan Breeding, and Ethan Breeding. She was preceded in death by her parents, both husbands, her brother Vernon C. Perryman, and her sister Linda Lou Rogers.

Her family loved her deeply and will remember her as a shining example of grace, perseverance, and love. The family would like to thank the Management and staff at NHC Place in Anniston for providing excellent care and a good home for the past 14 years. The family is also grateful to Enhabit Hospice for the wonderful care given to Barbara the last days of her life