



## Barbara Settegast Boylston

December 7, 1943 - August 18, 2016

Barbara S Boylston was born December 7, 1943 at Herman Hospital in Houston, Texas. She died August 18, 2016 at Memorial Herman Memorial City Medical Center. She was preceded in death by her father, William J. Settegast, mother Norma Lee Parker, husband Clifton Lynwood Boylston, sister Mary Dianne Settegast and brother William J. "Bill" Settegast. She is survived by her partner, Charlie Gibson, daughter Alicia Lynn Allred and son-in-law Richard Allred, son Clifton Alan Boylston and daughter-in-law Laura Boylston and their sons Benjamin, Nathan and Christian Boylston.

Barbara was a third generation Houstonian and lifelong resident. After graduating from San Jacinto High School in Houston, she met and married Clifton Boylston, an engineer with Schlumberger and a Clemson University graduate. In 1972 they bought a house out in the wilderness off the West side of Dairy Ashford road and set about turning that house into a home. Her home was always open to neighbors and friends and she enjoyed cooking southern meals for her children and their friends. Somehow the neighborhood kids always knew when fried chicken was for dinner, and there was never an empty seat at the kitchen table on those nights.

While she was anything but a "Stepford Wife", she was always involved in the community and her children's schools. She had a huge heart and volunteered at local animal shelters, the Palmer Drug Abuse Program and she was a frequent blood donor. Much to her husband's chagrin and her children's delight, she enjoyed rescuing and raising stray cats. She paid vets to repair stray cats like the government paid to fix up Steve Austin in the Six Million Dollar Man. Up until the day of her death she was a member of the Humane Society.

Even though her final years were marred with the effects of Alzheimer's, she never lost her love of socializing with the friends she had over the decades, her family and most of all with Charlie Gibson, who she loved dearly.

Barbara's compassion extended well beyond her immediate family and her pets. She

spent months as the primary caregiver for her sister, Mary Dianne, who died of cancer in 1991. Before that she welcomed her aunt, Stella Parker into her home and took care of her until her passing.

In between raising her kids, keeping a home, and volunteering for worthy causes, Barbara found time to hold jobs at the Houston Chronicle, Offshore Data Services and several other local businesses. An avid reader, her house was filled with shelf upon shelf of Reader's Digest condensed books and mystery novels of every kind. She had a beautiful writing style and an enormous vocabulary which was clearly not passed on to her children.

A memorial service for Barbara Boylston will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Dettling Funeral Home, located at 14094 Memorial Drive in Houston. All are welcome and a reception will be held at the funeral home after the service. Flowers can be sent to the funeral home, and donations in her memory can be sent to the Houston Humane Society at [www.houstonhumane.org](http://www.houstonhumane.org) or the Alzheimer's Organization at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)

# Events

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**AUG** **Memorial Service** 10:00AM

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Dettling Funeral Home

14094 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX, US, 77079

**AUG** **Reception** 10:45AM

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# Comments

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“ Alicia & Allan,  
Your mom's service was beautiful! I was very touched by the words that were spoken and the music! Funerals are always a reminder that life is precious!  
Growing up your mom ALWAYS made me feel welcome and loved (although I never got the chance to have the fried chicken). You two have turned out to be amazing adults and I have no doubt your parents helped you get there! Alan you have a beautiful family and Alicia I always love seeing you and Richard!  
May you find comfort in your memories!  
Love and Prayers!  
Amiee Tapley



Amiee Tapley - August 27, 2016 at 02:30 PM

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“ Gornick purchased the Garden Accent- My Mother kept a garden... for the family of Barbara Settegast Boylston.



Gornick - August 27, 2016 at 12:10 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Settegast Boylston.



August 25, 2016 at 08:01 AM

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“ Barbara had an eye for design, she helped me furnish my home. Such a kind lady and good friend. She will be missed. My condolences to her family.

**Karen O'Connor** - August 23, 2016 at 08:01 PM

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“ Alicia & Alan & family, we are so sorry to hear of Barbara's passing. She had a life of service to people & animals which is to be admired. We had some good visits to Houston & always looked forward to visits from your family to Wilmington & Charleston. We are sorry we will not be able to attend the memorial service for Barbara but will be with you in spirit.  
Love, David and Margaret

**David & Margaret Boylston** - August 22, 2016 at 07:04 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Settegast Boylston.



August 22, 2016 at 03:01 PM