



## Barbara Southworth Wallace

January 25, 1940 - December 17, 2022

Barbara Jean Wallace, loving wife, mother, and grandmother went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday, December 17, 2022. A native Houstonian, Barbara was born on January 25, 1940, to the late Lillian Mae and Luther Franklin Southworth.

Barbara grew up in Garden Oaks and attended Reagan (Heights) High School, where she excelled in school and served as an officer in the Reagan Redcoats Drill Team. Upon graduation, Barbara went to Sam Houston State University, where she enjoyed being an Alpha Chi Omega. She graduated with degrees in business and education and worked for several years as a secretary for Humble Oil.

In the fall of 1964, Barbara met Dick Wallace, a tax accountant at Arthur Andersen. They married on April 17, 1965 and would have married sooner had it not been for the April 15 tax deadline – despite the fact that neither was known for making quick decisions. They were married for over fifty-seven years and provided a beautiful example of marriage and parenting for their family and all who knew them.

In 1967, Barbara and Dick moved into their lifelong home in Walnut Bend, and on September 11 of that year welcomed their daughter Julie. Their son Michael followed almost exactly three years later. Barbara loved being a stay-

at-home mom and was very involved in her children's schools and other activities. She was a Girl Scout leader and never missed any of Michael's football, baseball or basketball games, or Julie's choir concerts or piano recitals. She enjoyed numerous sewing activities including needlepoint, cross-stitch and quilting, and was known for her sequined Christmas stockings and quilts, which have become treasured family heirlooms. She patiently and lovingly cared for her mother and mother-in-law in their later years, as well as the family dogs Pogo and Brandy. Her favorite role was being Nana to five grandchildren – Brittany, Maddie, Matt, Trey and Drew.

In later years they spent many relaxing weekends at their condo in Walden on Lake Conroe. They enjoyed seeing how many of their kids' friends they could pack into that one-bedroom condo! Many wonderful family memories were made waterskiing, tubing and watching Fourth of July fireworks. Barbara was a wonderful hostess, making everyone feel welcome and ensuring no one was hungry! In 1998 they became involved in square dancing and round dancing with the Hey Lollies Square Dancing Club. There they made wonderful friends - spending time together dancing, traveling and having dinner at Los Tios on Friday nights. Barbara also treasured the friendships of her needlepoint and ladies' line dancing exercise groups.

Barbara is preceded in death by her parents, Lillian and Luther Southworth, and brother Larry Southworth. She is survived by her husband Dick, daughter Julie and husband Mike Bryant of Houston, TX, granddaughters Brittany Bryant of Austin, TX, Maddie Mechelsen and husband Jack of Charleston, SC, and grandson Trey Bryant of Houston, TX; son Michael and wife Rachel Wallace of Dallas, TX, and grandsons Matt and Drew Wallace of Dallas, TX.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, from 5:30- 8:00 pm at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77079. The funeral and reception will be at 10:00 am on Thursday, December 22, 2022, at

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, 12955 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77079. It will also be live-streamed at [www.mdumc.org/barbarawallace](http://www.mdumc.org/barbarawallace). The burial will take place the following week in Prairie Hill, Texas.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Memorial Drive United Methodist Church or the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Prairie Hill Cemetery

Prairie Hill, TX 76678

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 21. 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
14094 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-2121  
david@dettlingfuneral.com

## Funeral Service

DEC 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church  
12955 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX  
<http://www.mdumc.org>

## Graveside Service

DEC 27 (CT)

Prairie Hill Cemetery  
Prairie Hill, TX 76678



# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Southworth Wallace*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Barbara Southworth Wallace*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Barbara Southworth Wallace*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Barbara Southworth Wallace*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Dick, Julie and Michael I was so sorry to hear of Barbara's "graduation" - what wonderful neighbors and friends we gained while living briefly beside you in Houston. Thrilled that you made many wonderful memories during the time God has gifted each and I know all will continue to make many more. She always reflected the Holy Trinity in her daily life and was there for us so many times. Yes, serving our needs as Dick has continued to do in a professional manner to Tab and Cheney. May the peace, love and comfort of the Holy Trinity surround you all the days ahead as your adjust to your new journey. In His love and mine, Elvy T Bryan*

**elvy t bryan** - December 31, 2022 at 10:12 AM

RA

“ Barbara was a wonderful person. I vividly recall some 23 trips my wife and I took with Dick and Barbara plus a few stays at the condo and boating. Included were 16 annual ski trips, 3 cruises, and 3 driving vacations, and a trip to Singapore. She was always very pleasant and enjoyable and will be missed.  
Ralph Adams.

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**Ralph Adams** - December 21, 2022 at 12:36 PM

JG

“ Our friendship with Barbara and Dick has been very special for 20+ years traveling together to square and round dance events and to Fun Valley, Colorado for our annual week of dancing and outdoor activity. Our Friday night dinners at Los Tios with coffee and cookies afterward at their home will now be precious memories. Barbara will be greatly missed.  
Janet & Jess Gravelle

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**Jess Gravelle** - December 21, 2022 at 12:02 PM

LD

“ Mike and Julie, I'm so sorry for your loss. Julie your mom had the biggest smile and was always so welcoming. Recently attended a service of Remembrance on All Saints Day at MDUMC. Heaven gained several of our parents that were long time members at MDUMC this past year. Praying for all of you.

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**Lou Ann Davenport** - December 20, 2022 at 10:45 PM

DD

“ So sad for your loss. We will be praying for all of you. Barbara was a sweet and beautiful lady and always had a smile on her face. God Bless you all.  
Doug and Cindy Dickson

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**Doug Dickson** - December 20, 2022 at 10:21 PM

MW

“ *Julie and Mike, My deepest sympathy for the loss of your Mother. You and your loved ones are in my thoughts and prayers. I will be thinking of you and wishing you peace and comfort and sending healing prayer. God Bless you.*

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**Margaret Walters** - December 20, 2022 at 09:49 PM

JF

“ *Jess and Colin Fitzgibbons purchased the Laver Reflections Spray for the family of Barbara Southworth Wallace.*



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**Jess and Colin Fitzgibbons** - December 20, 2022 at 09:10 PM

YR

“ *Your Friends from Hunt Realty purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Barbara Southworth Wallace.*



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**Your Friends from Hunt Realty** - December 20, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ 84 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Detting Funeral Home** - December 20, 2022 at 05:39 PM

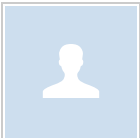


“ *Divine Light* was purchased for the family of *Barbara Southworth Wallace*.



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December 20, 2022 at 03:12 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of *Barbara Southworth Wallace*.



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December 20, 2022 at 02:49 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Southworth Wallace.*



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December 20, 2022 at 02:49 PM



“ *Don and I met Barbara at square dance and enjoyed dancing and visiting with her for 20+ years. We went to Fun Valley in the summers together and she and I were paddle boat partners. What fun and laughs we had! We would practice about 1+ hours a day for the big event but each year would come in second. Our big win though was being with each other and loving every minute of it! Barbara was a kind and caring friend and will be greatly missed!*  
*Lannie and Don Whatley*

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**Lannie Whatley** - December 20, 2022 at 11:52 AM



“ *Barbara has square danced with us for 24 years. She was sweet as apple pie and never had an unkind word. Heaven just adopted one precious angel.*  
*Many Yellow Rocks and much love,*  
*Janice and Larry Smaihall*

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**Janice J Smaihall** - December 20, 2022 at 10:21 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Southworth Wallace.*



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December 20, 2022 at 09:06 AM



“ *Nana, you were the best Mother-in-Law that a Son-in-Law could ever have. You will be dearly missed. You're legacy lives on through Julie and Michael and your grandkids. July 4 will never be the same, but we will carry on the tradition and your memory.*

*Love  
Mike*

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**Mike Bryant** - December 19, 2022 at 07:07 PM