



Barbara Wilsher Tyree

November 3, 1942 - March 4, 2025

Barbara Wilsher Tyree, 82, of Chesapeake Virginia passed away Tuesday March 4, 2025 after a long battle with breast cancer. Born November 3, 1942 in Lynchburg Virginia, she was the daughter of J. Edwin Wilsher and Katherine Campbell Wilsher. She is survived by her husband, Leslie L. Tyree; one daughter, Katherine Tyree Ford and her husband, Frank Ford; and grandson, Benjamin Tyree Ford.

Barbara attended Amherst County schools, graduating in 1961 with a desire to become a teacher. Barbara and Les were married June 9, 1962. She graduated from Longwood in 1964, and first taught in Henrico County 1964-1965, and Amherst County 1965-1970. Returning to Henrico County, she taught at Baker Elementary from 1970-1978. In 1978 she taught at the opening of Donahoe Elementary in Henrico. Barbara earned her master's degree with honors from Virginia Commonwealth University in Elementary School Administration in 1982. Teaching 5th grade was her favorite class. She was assigned as a resource teacher in later years at Donahoe. Barbara is remembered by many of her students for the innovative classroom management and teaching techniques with her students. Barbara and her husband, Les, taught together at Donahoe Elementary for many years. In 2000 they both retired from teaching and enjoyed traveling. In 2005 after discovering her first cancer diagnosis they moved to Florida, spending winters there, and summers in Virginia and North Carolina.

A funeral service is scheduled for Sunday, March 9 at Providence United Methodist Church in Quinton, Virginia. Visitation will begin at 2:00 pm, followed by the service at 3 pm. Interment will be at the church cemetery. Rev. Bill Johns will officiate the service. Flowers are welcomed, however, in lieu of flowers donations may be made to Moffitt Cancer Center Foundation, 12902 Magnolia Drive, MBC-Found, Tampa, Florida 33612.

Cemetery Details

Providence United Methodist Church Cemetery

4001 New Kent Highway
Quinton, VA 23141

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Providence United Methodist Church
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Quinton, VA 23141
<http://www.pumcqva.org>

Funeral Service

MAR 9. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *George And Patricia Oliver lit a candle in memory of Barbara Wilsher Tyree*



George and Patricia Oliver - March 23, 2025 at 03:44 PM

PW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Paulette Whitehurst - March 09, 2025 at 11:17 AM

KF

“ *Katherine Ford lit a candle in memory of Barbara Wilsher Tyree*



Katherine Ford - March 08, 2025 at 07:47 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - March 08, 2025 at 06:22 AM

PW

Les, Kat, Frank and Ben, I am so sorry for the loss of Barbara. She has been my neighbor and friend for around 27 years. I will miss her too. I used to visit her and Les and we would have wonderful warm conversations. She was always loving and kind to me. I will miss her dearly. ❤️

Pat Walden - March 12, 2025 at 04:19 PM

JN

“ Jenny Nelson lit a candle in memory of Barbara Wilsher Tyree



Jenny Nelson - March 07, 2025 at 09:28 PM

LT

“ Leslie Tyree lit a candle in memory of Barbara Wilsher Tyree



Leslie Tyree - March 07, 2025 at 08:11 PM

JN

*Barbara, Les, and I have been friends since she was at Baker Elementary, traveling together and sharing many wonderful memories. When they came to Richmond, they stayed with me. We were like family. I've missed our travels and will continue to miss Barbara. She is no longer suffering. Love you,
Jenny*

Jenny Nelson - March 07, 2025 at 09:20 PM

BS

*Barbara, Les, and I have been friends for many years. I worked with both of them at several schools. We traveled together and played cards together. Barbara was a dear friend and will be greatly missed.
Love, Betty Scruggs*

Betty Scruggs - March 08, 2025 at 12:44 PM

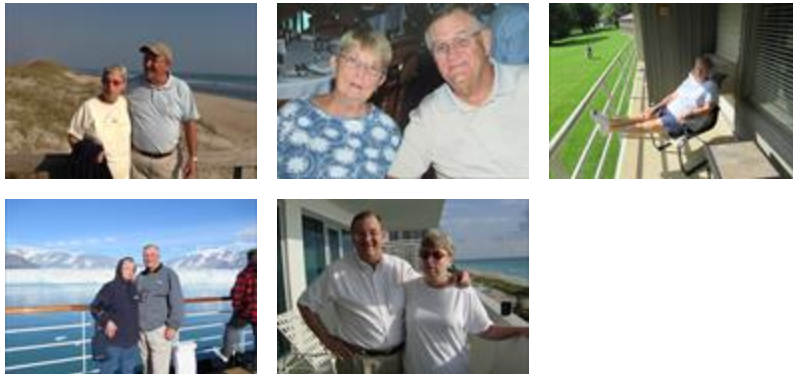
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Sending my heartfelt condolences and love to Les, Kathy, and family. Barbara and I were good friends and worked together for about 25 years, first at Baker and then at Donahoe Elementary and lived in the same neighborhood for about 10 years. I have always had the deepest admiration and respect for Barbara and in the way she put her heart into each thing that she did. I haven't talked to Barbara for a long while, but I have such lovely memories of her that I will cherish forever. God bless you all. Gayle

Gayle Bush - March 13, 2025 at 12:06 AM

LT

“ 59 files added to the tribute wall



Leslie Tyree - March 07, 2025 at 05:13 PM

LT

“ I am really, really am going to miss my best friend, my Love, and wonderful wife. For almost 63 years we shared the good times and the hard times. A large part of me will go with her and I look forward to seeing her again in the place Jesus went to prepare for us. Till we meet again I Love You Barbara.

Leslie Tyree - March 07, 2025 at 03:55 PM

PC

Barbara Tyree was such a special teacher. Her legacy will live on in the many lives she touched & inspired through education. Our daughter, Rebecca, for one, has been a teacher, an administrator and Assistant Superintendent. And I am sure there are many other former students who are professional educators because of Mrs. Tyree's influence. RIP Barbara. You did good.

Peggy Cunningham - June 09, 2025 at 04:42 PM