



## Barbara "Bobbi" Burruss

September 18, 1931 - May 22, 2019

Barbara (Bobbi) Nelle Elrod Burruss, 87, of Marietta, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

One of eight children, Mrs. Burruss was born September 18, 1931 the daughter of Eugene and Jessie Elrod. Surviving siblings are her beloved twin sisters Mary (Rayford) Barrett of Cornelia and Martha (Joe) Penick of Alto. She was preceded in death by siblings Jack Elrod, Bill Elrod, Dorothy Tate, Betty Sue Haynes, and Charles Elrod.

After graduating from Cornelia High School she met and married the love of her life A.L. Burruss. The newlyweds made their home in Cobb County, started their family in Smyrna, and eventually settled in Marietta where Mrs. Burruss would stay until her death. Marietta was her home. Bobbi was extremely proud to be known as Mrs. A.L. Burruss – she and Al built a beautiful life serving this community together until his untimely death in 1986. Bobbi carried on with true grace and poise in the days following Al's death. Her vibrant and engaging nature, her smile that lit up the room, and her laugh that spread joy in its wake are the elements that come to mind when one thinks of her. She lived her life fully and intentionally, purposing always to be a blessing to those near and dear – ever the generous hostess, ready to share a story or two, lend a helping hand, or a listening ear. As she faced recent years involving health challenges and immobility, she never lost her zest for living and engaging with others.

Mrs. Burruss was preceded in death by her husband A.L. Burruss and infant son Michael Adair Burruss. She is survived by son Robin (Penny) Burruss and daughter Renee (Ken) Davis, five grandchildren - Ashley (Val) Akopov, Meghan (Brad) Respass, Jared Davis, Whit (Lindley) Davis, and Hunter (Molly) Davis, twelve great grandchildren - Kathy (Chris) Guillory, Anna, Henry and Andrew Akopov, Jack, Harry, Teddy and Weezie Respass, Cayden and Quin Davis, Annie Rae and Poppy Davis, and one great great granddaughter Emma Guillory. Her nieces, nephews and cousins are too numerous to count but each and every one is greatly loved. Family meant the world to Bobbi. She would fill the hours regaling others with the latest milestones and activities of her family and cherished their frequent visits.

In lieu of flowers charitable contributions may be made to one of these charities in her honor. Helping Hands of Georgetown (1813 Highmarket Street, Georgetown, SC 29440),

Blue Skies Ministries (1000 Whitlock Avenue, Suite 320, Marietta, GA 30064), or Calvary Children's Home (1430 Lost Mountain Rd, Powder Springs, GA 30127).

The family will receive friends at Riverstone Church (2005 Stilesboro Road, Kennesaw, GA 30152) from 12:00-2:00 pm, Tuesday, May 28, 2019. Funeral services will immediately follow visitation at Riverstone Church at 2:00 pm with Rev. Tom Tanner and Rev. Dr. Charles Sineath officiating.

# Cemetery

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## Kennesaw Memorial Park Cemetery

1306 Whitlock Avenue NE  
Marietta, GA, 30064

# Events

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**MAY** **Visitation** 12:00PM - 02:00PM

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Riverstone Church

2005 Stilesboro Road, Kennesaw, GA, US,  
30152

**MAY** **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ I met dear Bobbi and her mother when they visited the Crystal Cathedral in the 80's to see the Glory of Christmas and Easter productions. We became friends that wonderful weekend and I have spend over 39 years wishing we lived closer so we could get together more often. Thank goodness for emails and phones.

I will miss my dear friend but know I will see her again someday in Heaven when it is my turn to be with our Lord Jesus!

God Bless you all during your time of loss. I will be praying for comfort and strength in the days and months to come. I Love You dear Bobbi~



Sharon Hunter Moore - June 04 at 09:42 PM

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“ So very sorry to learn the sad news about dear Bobbi. I first met her when we were staying with a friend in Atlanta. We had lunch with her and after Bobbi took us to her beautiful home.. when she visited Adelaide Sth Ahstralia we met her and showed her our lovely City. We kept in touch for many years. She was a lovely lady and j share in your great loss.. take care and God bless you all xx

Maureen Hunter - June 02 at 05:15 AM

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“ So very sorry to learn of your loss. Mom told me today as we were passing the Burriss House. My heart goes out to you for your loss. I have heard MANY stories of how nice both your parents were to EVERYONE. Hold you head High and continue giving back just as your parents did. WE ARE SO BLESSED for having such WONDERFUL parents.

Please know we are praying for comfort...Vickie and Mrs. Juanita Thomas

Vickie Thomas - May 29 at 05:20 PM

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“ David And Kaci Berry lit a candle in memory of Barbara "Bobbi" Burruss



David and Kaci Berry - May 28 at 11:31 AM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Barbara "Bobbi" Burruss.



May 27 at 04:41 PM

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“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara "Bobbi" Burruss.



May 27 at 03:48 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Bobbie and Al were so helpful to me thru the years. Long time family friends She will be missed. You are in my thoughts. Freda Durrett Nichols

Freda Nichols - May 27 at 07:50 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara "Bobbi" Burruss.



May 27 at 06:44 AM

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“ Bobbi truly was an Angel on earth!!! She always had a smile for anyone she spoke too. She has left such a Legacy for us to remember her by. Bobby's kind words and love showed through her every time I saw her. She has touched so many lives in so many ways. Praying for the Burruss family that God will wrap his arms around you to give you comfort. Keep her wonderful memories close to your heart and it will help you in the days ahead.

Sincerely,  
Peggy Cleveland

**Peggy Cleveland** - May 26 at 06:47 PM

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“ Patricia K. McGinnis lit a candle in memory of Barbara "Bobbi" Burruss



**Patricia K. McGinnis** - May 25 at 04:27 PM



“ Bobbi you will be sorely missed by many but I will miss you so much because you were a mom to me here!!! Harry and I and the girls didn't know anyone when we first moved here to Georgia and I wanted to go back home to Florida and my mom!!! But then we met you and things changed.... first I began college at KSU to finish my degree. Then you invited us to several "balls" and I think the forty was the Heart Ball!!! Well I had a blast all because of you!! You took us places we had never been and met people who in the near future would be a great help to Harry in his job. You knew everyone!! I think it took us one hour to be seated at our table because of talking to everyone there!! You knew everyone!! Such a popular beautiful kind lady!! Your smile was shining and brilliant across the room!! You were a beautiful person with a beautiful personality!! No wonder everyone loved you!! I'm sure you had no enemies... maybe envious people but no enemies!!! You helped me in so many ways and the only way I can say thanks is ay it forward!! I've done that already several times and will continue to do so in honor of you!! So many things I could say about you but everyone knows them!!! Bobbi, you were a great inspiration to me and I will never forget you!! Renee is just like you!! You and A.L. raised her well !! I didn't know Robin well but I know he is a fine man!!  
Heaven has gained a wonderful beautiful rose and this one has no thorns or pain!! You have met our Heavenly Father and He has greeted you with open arms!! Smile even larger if possible Bobbi!!! You are home with your husband and other family!!! What a rejoicing it

will be!!! Praise God!!! Love you Bobbi, Queen of Georgia, and will see you again one happy day and I will see my mom and dad too!!! Oh how I miss my mom!! You were my Georgia mom!!! Thank you Lotd for Bobbi

**Patricia K. McGinnis** - May 25 at 04:59 PM

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“ Condolences from our family... Bobbi was always so kind and sweet to our family. I remember many visits to Uncle Chess family in Smyrna !! Dad was so proud of she and Al. I remember that Bobbi sent Dad flowers when he was in the Assistant Living home I'm Gainesville !' She was extremely thoughtful and caring for others !! What special memories you must have!! Praying for you and family !

**carol Burruss Martin** - May 24 at 08:45 PM

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“ Jennifer Hulseley lit a candle in memory of Barbara "Bobbi" Burruss



**Jennifer Hulseley** - May 23 at 08:38 PM

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“ What can I say about my Aunt Bobbi? She was one of the sweetest ladies I have known in my short life. She would help you with anything if you asked her. I will always remember family gatherings there when I was a little one. Heaven has gained a precious soul and I look forward to seeing her again!

**Shawn Cannon** - May 23 at 06:47 PM

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“ I was devastated to hear about the passing of such a dear friend, mentor, and beautiful angel from the Lord! She was so kind and generous to our family since we moved here in 1988. Bobbi took us everywhere and we met everyone she knew! She loved us like her own and kept us laughing!! She loved our children like her own grandchildren. She was always there with a kind and gentle word, always reaching out to help others before self! She was perfect and the embodiment of Christ in every way!

When she moved with Renee and Ken, we lost track of her but we would reach out anyway. I am so sad today and pray for her family and friends. Bobbi, we will see you

on the other side dear lady! Have Jeanette have that fried chicken ready for me!  
Love you and we will miss your dear spirit!! My only wish was that I could have  
helped you more but I will try to "pass it on" as you always told me to do!!

**HARRY MCGINNIS** - May 23 at 03:31 PM

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“ Chad Pendley lit a candle in memory of Barbara "Bobbi" Burruss



**Chad Pendley** - May 23 at 12:59 PM