



Ms. Barbara Jean Cogdell

November 9, 1949 - August 17, 2025

Barbara Jean Melvin Cogdell was born November 9, 1949, to the late James Samuel Melvin and Florence Rich Melvin in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Barbara accepted Christ at a young age and worked diligently in the church.

She began her education in the Bladen County Public School System. She then attended E.E. Smith High School, class of 1968. She served in the United States Army until 1971 and was discharged as a Sergeant. After her military service, she pursued higher education at Fayetteville Technical Community College graduating with an Associate's degree and she attended Pembroke State University receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree. While at Pembroke State University she became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated. Barbara was married in 1973 for 29 years, no children came from this union but a deep family bond was created.

After retiring from a distinguished career with the State of North Carolina Government Systems, she enjoyed spending time with her family, working in her yard, and volunteering in her community. She found solace in helping those in need. She was an active member the E.E. Smith Alumni Association, voters' registration efforts and handing out meals to the less fortunate.

Barbara was about kingdom business and spreading the love of Jesus Christ.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents James and Florence Melvin.

Barbara's memories will be cherished by: siblings, Roger Melvin, Motty Melvin, Robbie Melvin, Pamela Williamson (Jim), Neal Melvin (Jennifer) and Wendy Johnson (Grady); ten nieces and nephews, twelve great nieces and nephews whom she loved and supported dearly and a host of special friends and family members.

Cemetery Details

Rockfish Memorial Park

4017 Gillespie Street
Fayetteville, NC

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Cogdell*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - August 22, 2025 at 09:28 AM

ST

“ *Sandra Terry lit a candle in memory of Barbara Cogdell*



Sandra Terry - August 24, 2025 at 02:29 PM

FG

“ *This lady here Barbara M. Cogdell treated me so very much like her own daughter when she allowed me to live with her in Raleigh NC while I worked at the Women’s Prison. She was Love and everything about her was a Light! Just found out today she had transitioned and a part of my heart will forever hold her . Rest my Friend. Until we meet again.*

Fenicha Graham - August 24, 2025 at 01:36 PM

TS

“ *My Prayers and Condolences 🌸 to all who loved Barbara Jean. Barbara had a Heart ❤️ of Gold and now She is resting in the bosom of God.*

Tracy J. Scott - August 24, 2025 at 10:40 AM

BY

“ *Bobby(Louis) Rich Jr. Love Y'all purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ms. Barbara Jean Cogdell.*



Bobby(Louis) Rich Jr. Love Y'all - August 23, 2025 at 11:23 AM

SE

“ *Thankful to God to have had time in life with Barbara, a God-fearing woman of faith and service in God.*



Shiryl Evans - August 23, 2025 at 08:15 AM

TF

“ *The Hadley Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Ms. Barbara Jean Cogdell.*



The Hadley Family - August 23, 2025 at 07:40 AM

LO

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family & friends of Sis. Barbara. Sis. Barbara encouraging words and smiles will be missed but not forgotten. May God comfort you all.

Deacon Franklin Sr. & Sis. Lucretia Oates



Lucretia Oates - August 22, 2025 at 01:04 PM

TH

“ Tammy, Glenn Jr. Brianna Hollingsworth purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ms. Barbara Jean Cogdell.



Tammy, Glenn Jr. Brianna Hollingsworth - August 22, 2025 at 09:40 AM

TH

“ Tammy, Glenn Jr. Brianna Hollingsworth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Barbara Jean Cogdell.

Tammy, Glenn Jr. Brianna Hollingsworth - August 22, 2025 at 09:40 AM

TH

“ In loving memory of a beautiful soul. Your kindness and helpful spirit will always be remembered with love. We will miss you. Rest peacefully.

Tammy Hollingsworth - August 22, 2025 at 09:29 AM

JR

“ Joe RANDALL lit a candle in memory of
Barbara Cogdell



Joe RANDALL - August 21, 2025 at 10:06 PM

MF

“ With us for a season, but with God for eternity. Barbara exuded warmth and compassion to everyone and smiled with humility. She was a confidant, friend and an humble servant who was dedicated to live her life to be ready to go home with her Savior. Through her genuine love for others and to others, she served others as unto the Lord. So, when the last moments approached, and she desired "to go home", we who are left behind, hopefully, find comfort in knowing that Sister Barbara is where she lived and longed to be - at home with God. Rest in peace our beloved Barbara. Submitted by Mother Gladys Cogdell and family & Calvin, Ferlene, Crystal and Brandon Rosser

Mother Gladys Cogdell and family - August 19, 2025 at 10:15 PM

AW

My thoughts and prayer go out to the Cogdell and Melvin family once was a classmate at Baden Central High until her family moved to Fayetteville N C Angeline Worley Whitted

Angeline Whitted - August 21, 2025 at 06:12 PM

JR

BEAUTIFUL WOMAN OF GOD WE will miss your smile and passion for other SLEEP WELL MY SISTER

Joe RANDALL - August 21, 2025 at 09:26 PM



Hello Ms. Barbara Cogdell it was truly a pleasure meeting you in the early 2000's at work. We worked together for several years on various task. After we went to other work places our friendship continued. In fact we spoke about a month ago for almost an hour. Little did I know we were saying our good byes? I will miss you and hope to see you in heaven. Your friend Leonard Lassiter.

Clyde Flassite - August 24, 2025 at 09:33 PM

FP

“ *From Pastor Rogers & God's Pathway purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Ms. Barbara Jean Cogdell.*



From Pastor Rogers & God's Pathway - August 19, 2025 at 08:47 PM

BI

“ *I had the pleasure of living by Ms. Barbara for the last few years. She was so kind and welcomed us like family. We love her so much and will miss her terribly.*

Bethany Ivanica - August 19, 2025 at 05:53 PM

TS

“ *My Deepest Sympathy 🌸 and Condolences to My Family! Barbara Jean had a heart ❤️ of Gold! We Will Miss Her Down Here on Earth but Heaven Has Gained An Angel ❤️ ☐*



Tracy J. Scott - August 19, 2025 at 04:28 PM

MM

“ *Barbara was instilled with a sweet compassion spirit of love even as a child. She mentored many with her inspirations of God's love and her faith. She will be missed but not forgotten* 💔



Mae D. Melvin - August 19, 2025 at 03:23 PM

PS

“ *My heartfelt condolences are extended to the entire family of my classmate, a fellow veteran, the President of the Alumni Class of 68, and a genuine and beloved person! May Gods grace and mercy comfort your hearts during these difficult times, knowing that our Sister and Friend is resting comfortably in Gods enormous arms! Rest In Heaven Barbara until we meet again!*



Patrick Smith - August 19, 2025 at 02:46 PM