



Barbara Lee Broome Hardy

April 3, 1936 - October 4, 2020

Barbara Lee Broome Hardy, 84, of 2210 Oak Ridge Farm Road, Danville, VA passed away on Sunday, October 4, 2020 at her residence.

Barbara was born on April 3, 1936 in Danville, VA. She was the daughter of the late Joe Thomas Broome and Imre Cooper Broome. She spent the majority of her life in the Danville area. She graduated from Brosville High School and then went on to graduate from Mary Washington College in 1956. Barbara spent forty-three years as an educator and administrator, and thirty of those years were served in Richmond, Virginia. The school systems included Henrico Co., Chickahominy Academy, Sutherlin Academy, and Pittsylvania County. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Danville, VA.

For Barbara, it was always family first. She was a devoted and loving mother. She was also a proud and doting grandmother and great-grandmother. One of the truest expressions of her love was feeding her family. Her Southern gourmet style cooking was like that of an expert, and one of her many ways of expressing her love and devotion to her family and friends. Coming home to her house after an absence meant arriving to find your favorite food waiting, along with a big smile and outstretched arms. Her collection of dozens of cookbooks attest to her culinary interests. She read cookbooks just as she read novels, cover to cover. Her love of reading, particularly historical fiction, was deeply rooted in her passion for lifelong learning. She spent more than

half of her life in a career joyfully and passionately serving others.

In addition to her parents she was predeceased by her first husband of 27 years, Dennis O'Neal Hardy; her second husband, Lawrence Hamner; and her sister, Imre Joe Shively (Broaddus).

Survivors include, daughters, Denise Rebecca Hardy of Dry Fork, VA, Lee Imre Hardy of the residence and Barbara Neal Hardy-Meyer (Frank) of Danville, VA; grandchildren, Franklin Dennis Tucker, Denise Landon Tucker, Taylor O'Neal Meyer, Annalee Hagan Meyer and Cooper Lovell Meyer; great grandchildren, Dawson, Madison and Karleigh Anderson, and Dakota and Daylin Tucker; special nephew, Dr. Joey Shively (Victoria) and their son Landon; and her faithful companions, Beau and Belle.

A private graveside service will be conducted at Danville Memorial Gardens with Pastor Sallye Hardy and Pastor Robert Hardy, IV officiating.

The family would like to wish a special thank you to Barbara's very special caregiver and friend, Tinka; and to her other caregivers, Gwyn, Pam, Crystal, NeNe and Faye.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the Hardy family.

Tribute Wall

DC

“ Dick Cavedo purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara Lee Broome Hardy.



Dick Cavedo - October 07, 2020 at 09:52 AM

EA

“ Mrs. Hardy was like a mother to me...I loved her dearly and will never forget all the lessons in life that she taught me. I know her family and myself will miss her terribly.
RIP sweet lady.

ellen abbott - October 06, 2020 at 10:52 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Barbara Lee Broome Hardy.



October 06, 2020 at 10:04 AM

SM

“ Barbara's passing leaves a big hole in my life that will never be filled. We shared a special friendship that lasted from our high school days. We talked , shared and laughed together by telephone and occasional visits regularly throughout the years. I shall always remember and miss her. Shirley Hodnett McKeel and her husband, Dick.

Shirley and Dick McKeel - October 06, 2020 at 09:35 AM

DB

“ I will miss my wonderful cousin and our many talks over the years. She was a treasure trove of the Cooper family. i could always count on Barbara Lee for information because she loved family. Love and prayers to her family

Diane Cooper Boone - October 06, 2020 at 08:37 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Lee Broome Hardy.



October 06, 2020 at 06:53 AM

DM

“ Awe, I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your Precious Mother and Grandmother! I offer you my sincere condolences! You're all in my prayers! 🙏❤️



Darleen McBride - October 06, 2020 at 12:07 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara Lee Broome Hardy.



October 05, 2020 at 10:38 PM

JS

“ *Neal and family, so very sorry about your sweet mom. I know she will be missed, sending love and prayers to all*

janet soyars - October 05, 2020 at 09:41 PM

SH

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Barbara was a colleague many years ago, and I enjoyed knowing her.*

Sandra Hylton

SANDRA HYLTON - October 05, 2020 at 06:34 PM