



Barbara Lavelle Yeager

June 27, 1937 - March 24, 2026

Obituary

Barbara Lavell Yeager, age 88, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on March 24, 2026. She was born on June 27, 1937, in Erin, Tennessee, to Dudley Miller and Lois Lewis Miller.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Thurmon Eugene Yeager. She is survived by her children: Lynn Hooten (Barry), Mike Yeager (Wren), Chris Yeager (Elaine), and Craig Yeager (Kellie, deceased); 12 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Sharon Lewis (Wilbur, deceased).

Barbara lived a life marked by curiosity, creativity, and an unquenchable thirst for knowledge. She was a lifelong learner who refused to believe anything was impossible. Over the years, she taught herself countless skills—painting, calligraphy, upholstering, sewing clothes for her family, gardening and landscaping, electrical work, masonry, catering, floral design, Bible study teaching, computer work, and more. Every need she saw in others became an opportunity to learn a skill and use it to serve.

She had a remarkable ability to take modest resources and create something extraordinary. She could feed an army and make it taste like a gourmet meal. She could take worn and broken furniture and fixtures and bring them back to

life, filling her home with beauty and warmth.

Barbara and her husband, Thurmon, shared a deep love for each other and for working their farm. Together, they built a life rooted in faith, hard work, and hospitality. They built a log cabin with their own hands using self-hewn logs and constructing a fireplace from rocks they hauled from the Duck River. The cabin became a place of rest and gathering for both family and friends.

Their door was always open to family, to stray animals, and to anyone who needed a place to call home. In that spirit, Barbara and Thurmon welcomed in and raised Ken Simmons, a friend and classmate of their son Craig, loving him as one of their own.

Her faith was central to who she was. Barbara faithfully served in her church and had a special passion for ministering to young people. Through her work in puppet ministry and Bible study, she poured into the lives of others with love and joy.

Barbara saw value in everything and in everyone. She found great joy in allowing God to use her to restore and rescue things and people the world no longer saw as useful and had cast aside. Her legacy lives on in the family she raised and the countless lives she touched. In lieu of flowers please make donations to any Hospice of your choice or the Alabama Baptist Children's Home.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on April 11, 2026, at New Hope Church, 15 County Road 1698, Cullman, Alabama 35058.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

New Hope No. 2 Baptist Church
2290 County Road 1682
Cullman, AL 35058

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara Lavelle Yeager.* ”



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MJ

“ *The Thurman & Barbara Yeager Family were a vibrant part of Concord Baptist Church during my teenage years. (Decades Past now.) They each were great Christian friends to me & my family, during my Dad's Pastorate there, (Rev. Bueford & Mrs. Barbara Haynes.) The countless invites into their loving, humble home, were full of stories, southern home-cooked meals from the garden, conversations & plans going forward at the church & within the congregation's many families.*

Thurman & Ms. Barbara were very gifted from above w/their many talents and their wonderful personalities connecting to people of all walks of life. The annual church youth camps, in summers, were an integral part in forming all of our faith, as well as countless Weds./Sun Fellowship meals, and revivals also. The church music was phenomenal and steadily grew.

I, personally, enjoyed friendship w/their daughter Lynn, and, Sunday afternoons spent together w/her. She will never know how much she taught me about true friendship. She is a Godly woman/wife/mother/even today, w/ a very large family of her own, w/generations more all God-given.

Barbara was also a dear friend to me while at Concord,,,she treated me like a daughter. She loved all, w/all her special ways & talents. Sending prayers for all the family. You each had wonderful, sacrificial parents.

(Melinda Haynes James)

melinda h. james - March 31 at 04:03 AM

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“ Oh Ms Barbara how I enjoyed getting to know you . Hearing about your family and how you loved to paint and draw . And when you would help me do flower arrangements. You never thought you did but they were always amazing. And the laughs we would have when we all had a hen party . You will always be in my heart and memories. RIP I know your with your husband ❤️❤️



Angel Williams - March 28 at 11:45 AM