



Barbara Gail Plank

December 25, 1928 - April 14, 2017

Barbara Gail Tackett Plank, 88, a long-time resident of Grand Prairie, entered into eternal life on Good Friday morning at a local care center.

Visitation: 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 20, 2017 at Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home, 500 E. Main Street, Grand Prairie, TX, 75050 where funeral services will be conducted at 10 A.M. Friday, Rev. Rodney Durr officiating. Burial: 2:30 p.m. at Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney, Rev. Larry Williams officiating.

Barbara was a Christmas baby, born on December 25, 1928 in Olustee, Oklahoma, the daughter of the late James T. Tackett and the late Maude Bryant Tackett. She would move to the metroplex as a young lady and a single mother, working numerous jobs making a life for herself and 2 children.

Never afraid of work, she would teach them the value of persistence and strength. It was not uncommon for Barbara to have 2 or 3 jobs at any time. The children were also taught to do what they could to contribute to the home.

Her leadership skills and work ethics would be the reason for her promotion to several positions, including becoming a Campaign Director for The United Way of Dallas. She was the church secretary for the Church of the Nazarene in Grand Prairie, where she was a faithful member for more than 50 years. Many pastors, ministers and members were the benefactors of her kindness

and encouragement.

She is survived by her children; Laura Beth McKinney and her spouse John, Peter Plank and his spouse Linda; grandchildren, Jennifer Martin and her spouse Scott, Christopher Plank and his spouse Heidi, Benjamin Plank, Yulia McKinney; great-grandchildren, Weston Martin, Maxwell Martin, Carson Plank; sister, Rosa Nell Matsuda and husband Nobuo; numerous loving nieces and nephews.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **20**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home
500 E. Main Street
Grand Prairie, TX 75050
(972) 263-5570

Service

APR **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Barbara was such a special friend to me and my daughters. She was the faithful prayer warrior that I needed at a really tough time in my life. She taught me a lot about keeping the faith and I saw her experience a lot of trials in her own life, but her faith was strong and God saw her through it all. She was faithful to God and her Church and definitely had the gift of caring. She touched the lives of many people and I am honored that I was one of them.*

To Peter and Beth...I pray that God will see you through the days ahead and give you peace as well as good memories of your Mother.

Joyce (Balko) Vahrenkamp

Joyce Vahrenkamp - April 21, 2017 at 09:54 AM

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“ *Our condolences to the Plank Family.*

Sylva Dean - April 21, 2017 at 09:43 AM

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“ *Peter: May sweet memories of your mom comfort you during this time of saying goodbye. Jim Micko & Family.*

Jim Micko - April 21, 2017 at 07:09 AM



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Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home - April 20, 2017 at 04:09 PM



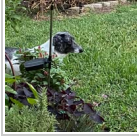
“ *Barbara was a Godly women! I first met Barbara in the 80's through her daughter Beth. We started going to The Grand Prairie Church of the Nazarene in the 90's. We had the privilege of going to Church with her for many years.*

She taught my 2 oldest son's in her her Sunday school class.

She always was able to step in and take charge when no one else would.

She was dearly loved by everyone at GPN. I know she will be missed.

Debra Campbell-Wolf - April 20, 2017 at 12:10 PM



“ When I was about 6-7 years old, my parents left me with Ms. Plank to go to a funeral out of town. I had to stay the night with her. I had never been left before and I cried the whole time I was there, which was next door to my house. I remember crying for my Mother. Ms. Plank only tried to console me and get me to stop crying. She was a wonderful lady and my Mother adored her. I am sure they are up in heaven having their morning coffee enjoying praising God and knowing that we are all going to be just fine. I now believe I have 2 angels in heaven watching over me. Love to her family and my sincere condolences in this time of sorrow. Tricia (Pace) Foster

Tricia Foster - April 18, 2017 at 11:17 AM

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Thank you for sharing that sweet memory.

Jennifer Martin - April 19, 2017 at 01:03 PM