



Barbara Dotson

July 20, 1942 - May 5, 2026

Barbara Anna Wilson Dotson, beloved mother, grandmother, friend, and woman of deep faith, passed away at the age of 83 surrounded by the love of those she cherished most. She is preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Billy Eugene Dotson.

Barbara was born in Palestine in 1942 and spent her early childhood growing up between Texas City, Galveston, and California before returning to Palestine at the age of 10 after the passing of her father. Those who knew Barbara knew she carried strength and determination with her from an early age. By all accounts, Barbara was spunky, loving, bold, and unforgettable. She loved to dance and took every opportunity she could to dance with friends and family. She once proudly shared that she had entered a beauty pageant, saying, "All I had to do was walk across the stage in a swimsuit and high heels and it took guts. But I had that." And she certainly did. Barbara loved all things beauty. Makeup, jewelry, fashion, and sparkle and she rarely wore the same outfit twice.

At just 18 years old, Barbara married the love of her life, Billy, shortly after graduating high school. By the age of 20, she was raising two boys, Jerry and Rob, while living in Odessa. In 1969, they moved to Streetman, where they became deeply woven into the fabric of the community. Barbara played shortstop on the Streetman ball team while Billy pitched, and together they became well known as the lively family with the loud drag race cars. They spent many nights hosting friends, playing dominoes, and hanging out at the

roping pen up the block.

Drag racing cars at Prairie Hill turned into showing classic cars all over the country. This was a hobby and passion that extended from their family of 4 and then engulfed the grandchildren when they came along later. Racing cars may have been Billy's hobby but Barbara made her own friends everywhere she went. There was never a race or a show that she wasn't walking around with the wives, adding roses, and 50's dolls to the display, or making sure everything was polished and sparkling.

Barbara loved the Lord deeply and found great joy in her church community. She led many Bible studies over the years and attended countless others, always eager to pour into the lives of her "church ladies," whom she loved dearly. Her faith guided her life and shaped the kindness and encouragement she freely gave to others.

An avid gardener, Barbara had a gift for bringing beauty to life. There wasn't a flower, vine, or tree she couldn't identify, along with exactly how much sun or shade it needed and whether it would faithfully return the next season. Every season she would venture into her garden with a few cans of spray paint and "just make things a little brighter". Every lawn ornament, fairy house, and stone had been a few different colors to match the season. If she was decorating the inside of her house for the season or holiday, she was carrying the theme out into the yard as well.

Barbara's greatest joy was her family, especially her grandchildren, Kendall and Rowdy. She never missed a chance to cheer them on at their sports and activities, always arriving in a team shirt she had covered in rhinestones and sparkles, paired with bold matching jewelry. Her presence in the stands was impossible to miss and impossible to forget.

Barbara will be remembered for her fearless spirit, her deep faith, her unmistakable style, and the way she made people feel loved, welcomed, and celebrated. Her legacy lives on in the family she adored, the friendships she nurtured, and the countless lives she touched through her generosity, laughter, and unwavering love.

She will be deeply missed and forever cherished.

Barbara is survived by two sons, Jerry Dotson and his wife Lisa and Rob Dotson, both of Fairfield, Tx, Two grandchildren, Kendall Walker and husband Brad, of Bryan, Tx and Rowdy Dotson and wife Breanna of Huntsville, Tx. 4 great grandsons, one step granddaughter, Megan Myers and one Great Goddaughter, Antonia Burns both of Fairfield, Tx, one brother, Paul Wilson and wife Lawis of Centerville, Tx and one sister, Linda Ward and husband Willie of Fairfield, Tx.

Visitation will be 10:00 am - 11:00 am Friday, May 15, 2026, at First Baptist Church Fairfield with Memorial service will beginning at 11:00 am.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
303 S Mount
Fairfield, TX 75840

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

HB

“ *Deep sympathy to the Dotson family from Howard Brewer.*

Howard Brewer - May 14 at 08:46 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Barbara Dotson.*



May 14 at 02:31 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara Dotson.*

May 14 at 02:31 PM

LG

“ *Sending my thoughts, and prayers for the Dotson family! Ms. Barbara was an amazing woman, and she will be missed very much! I always enjoyed her stories she would tell.*

Laurie Gilley - May 11 at 01:47 PM

PW

“ *I met Barbara at BSF the first year we had it in Fairfield ... along with her sister Linda, friends Sue and Wanda ... I am so glad that I was able to study with her for a season ...*

Pat Wiggins

Pat Wiggins - May 09 at 01:34 PM

BR

“ I remember the first time i meet Barbara, we were moving in to Streetman and her and Billy offered their home to us to res and made us lunch, Friends from then on.
Brenda Robinson

Brenda Robinson - May 07 at 10:02 AM

DM

“ I enjoyed working with her at Parkview and Groesbeck LTC. She will be missed.

Debra Minchew - May 05 at 09:33 PM

PS

“ Such a sweet lady. Beautiful soul. Fly high with the other angels Mrs. Barbara. Prayers for your family.



Patsy Stark - May 05 at 06:49 PM

JP

“ I will always remember how sweet Mrs. Barbara was. She had such a kind heart and pleasant demeanor. She will be missed. Prayers for her family.

Jeffrey Price

Jeffrey Barton Price - May 05 at 03:48 PM