



# Barbara Binnings

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**O**ur beloved mother, Barbara Jeanne Perkins Binnings, was called by God on September 26, 2013.

She was a spiritual person, a beautiful kind and gentle spirit who loved life — loved to laugh, dance, loved music, art, good books and an occasional glass of chardonnay. While she's now in heaven with our father and her great love, Walter James Binnings, her absence leaves a great big hole in the lives of her family--daughter Pamela Binnings Lott and husband James Lott, son Bill Binnings and wife Janice Binnings, and son Michael Binnings and wife Charlotte Binnings; as well as her grandchildren, Christopher Binnings and fiancé Brigid Murphy, Scott Ewen and wife Andrea, Nicholas Binnings and wife Ellen, Daniel Bowen Binnings and fiancé Arianne Hughes, Baelee Binnings, and the great grandchildren--Devon and Chase Binnings, Lex and Lucia Ewen, Davis, Brooke, and Brett Binnings, Jakob and Cyrus Binnings, and Jack and Lucy BinningsBlack.

Our mother was born of medical missionary parents in Bangkok, Siam in 1921, Dr. Harvey Perkins and Barbara Bond Perkins. Barbara Jeanne was an exceptional lady of grace and wisdom, the embodiment of ideals.

Our mother was our north star. Barbara Jeanne is also survived by her beloved sister June Perkins Anderson, and June and Robert Anderson's children, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins from the Binnings/Burke and Perkins/Bond sides of the family, all of whom were close to her heart. Reverend Stephen Holzab also had a special place in her heart, and in our family's hearts as well. Barbara Jeanne was, and is, a true child of God. Growing up in New Orleans, she attended Miss Edith Akins School and then the Louise S. McGehee School and Sophie B. Wright. She spent many happy years in New Orleans, Philadelphia, Pa., Sulphur, La., and Mandeville in St. Tammany Parish, La.



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The last years of her life were spent in Christwood Retirement Community in Covington, Louisiana, where she was cared for by many angels.

### FOR OUR MOTHER

The sun asked the moon why she only shines at night.  
Planets spun, asteroids whirled and then a comet cried,  
She's the mother of the stars, and of time and the tide;  
Without her reflection, the stars would have no guide.  
She's the most important one.  
Then the stars winked and nodded in her soft, white light.

Family and friends are invited to attend the funeral service at Christ Episcopal Church located at 120 South New Hampshire St., Covington, La. at 2:00 PM on Monday, September 30th. Visitation will begin at 1:30 PM. A celebration of Barbara Jeanne's life will be held in the Garden Room at Christwood Retirement Home, 100 Christwood Blvd., Covington, at 4:00 PM.

Our family would like to thank St. Tammany Hospital Hospice for their sensitive, loving care of our mother in her last days.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be sent to St. Tammany Hospital Hospice at 725 W. 11th Street, Covington, La. 70433.



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LL

**Linda Lundahl** posted:

Dear Binnings Family, My heartfelt sympathy on your recent loss. I have read "The Moon in the Mango Tree" & I cried when I read of Barbara Jeanne 's death. From what I read in her death notice, Barbara Jeanne was very much like her mother-a very beautiful woman with much courage and love. I will hold your family in my heart & prayers for many days to come.

October 26 at 7:00 PM

DB

**Daniel Bent** posted:

Pam, Bill, Mike and Families: This is to extend my condolences on the loss of your Mother. I remember that she taught me to use an abacus in 1962 and remember the great conversations I had with her from time to time. Thank you for sharing her with the rest of us. May she rest in peace...

October 9 at 7:00 PM

CO

**Carlene Oehler** posted:

Although I never met her, it is obvious to me that Ms. Barbara was a wonderful, strong woman and well-loved by her family. I enjoyed stories of her told to me and was touched by the efforts of her family to always visit and secure her comfort and happiness. She is an example of someone who has touched a life she has never met. Much love to your family.

September 29 at 7:00 PM

LB

**Lisa Bilich** posted:

Mike, So very sorry for your loss. I hope you and your family can find peace and strength through this trying time. Your Mother will always live within your heart and will always be your shining star. God Bless.

September 29 at 7:00 PM

SO

**Sandra Owens** posted:

Pam and family--So sorry for your loss. she had a good long life. RIP

September 29 at 7:00 PM



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CB

**Christopher Binnings** posted:

Grandmother, I will always look at the moon at night and think of you with a smile...seeing you in my minds eye, doing your flyby on your way to be reunited forever with your hero and mine, CAP. Of all people in my life, my whole life, you were always there as a bright source of inspiration and a true example of grace, ladylike qualities, and goodness. Through the years, when times were hard...you kept your smile, wit, and even until the moment you fell asleep forever, your sense of humor....and I quote...."the MOON!"

September 29 at 7:00 PM

JL

**Janet Lynch** posted:

Pam and Bill,How deeply I understand the lovely words used in your Mother's obituary. A friend told me years ago upon her mother's death " no one ever loves you like your Mother". I learned that to be true this past year as well. My deepest sympathy to you both as well as the rest of your family.

September 29 at 7:00 PM

PD

**Patricia Melson Delaune** posted:

To The Binnings Family, Bill & Janice,My Deepest Sympathy in the Loss of Your Mother/Mother-In-Law.My Thoughts & Prayers are with You & Yours. Love,Patricia Melson Delaune

September 29 at 7:00 PM

LB

**Laura And Stephen Bartlett** posted:

Michael,Our thoughts and sympathies are with you and your family.Laura and Stephen

September 28 at 7:00 PM

EG

**Ej Gamble** posted:

Mike and Charlotte, My heartfelt sympathies to you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. EJ Gamble

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CT

**Charlotte Ryniker Tassin** posted:

Your Mother and Father were good friends with my mother and Father Mimi and Sam Ryniker. Take comfort in knowing that now you your mother is special guardian angel to watch over you.

September 28 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

HE Will Raise Her Up On Eagle's Wings,Bear Her On The Breath Of Dawn,Make Her To Shine Like The Sun,And Hold Her In The Palm Of HIS Hand.An Old Friend

September 27 at 7:00 PM

GC

**Gary Civello** posted:

Please accept my deepest sympathies.

September 27 at 7:00 PM

TO

**The Staff Of E** posted:

Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

September 27 at 7:00 PM

AN

**Ann** posted:

Chuck and I have known "B.J." for the past eight years since Katrina. What an elegant woman she was - all that one would hope to be. We will always remember her and wish to be as Godly as she was. We wish her family peace.

September 27 at 7:00 PM

JM

**Jim Miller** posted:

I know how difficult it is to have someone so dear for so long and lose them. Gather together and remember all the times together. I know she is at peace with all the loved ones that went before.

September 26 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Bill, We are sorry to hear that your mother has passed away. Our deepest sympathies to you and all your family. She embodied a quiet and gentle spirit. Jeannette and Cary

September 26 at 7:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Barbara by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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