



## Barbara Lou Bias

July 24, 1943 - January 26, 2023

Barbara Lou Bias, 79 of Huntington, WV, passed away Thursday, January 26, 2023. She was born July 24, 1943 in Huntington, WV; daughter of the late Lucille Woods. In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by her lifelong friend, Mary Sexton. She is survived by her close friends, Larry and Joyce Arbogast, Debby Simms, Anna Myers; and beloved dog, Coal. Barbara also enjoyed the company of her caregivers, Courtney Jackson, Terry Roberts, Gayle Ferguson and Emma Mannon. Barbara was a charter member of First Wesleyan Church; where she served in many capacities throughout her life. She was a graduate of Huntington East High School and earned her Master's Plus from Marshall University. Barbara was an elementary school teacher in the Cabell County School system for 40 years, primarily teaching at Guyandotte and Meadows Elementary. She received the Cabell County Teacher of the Year Award for the 1988-1989 school year. There will be a visitation conducted on Sunday, January 29, 2023 from 6:00-9:00 PM at Henson & Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services, 6357 E. Pea Ridge Road, Huntington, WV 25705. Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 AM on Monday, January 30, 2023 at ReClaim Church, 3135 Washington Blvd, Huntington, WV 25705 with Pastors Larry Arbogast and Corey Adkins officiating. Burial will follow at Spring Hill Cemetery in Huntington, WV. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Barbara's favorite organizations, Advocates Saving Adoptable Pets, PO Box 1621 Huntington, WV 25717 or the Cabell Huntington Wayne Animal Shelter, 1901 James River Road,

Huntington, WV 25701. Online condolences and memories may be shared by visiting [www.hensonandkitchen.com](http://www.hensonandkitchen.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Springhill Cemetery

Huntington, WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **29**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services  
6357 East Pea Ridge Road, Huntington, W.Va. 25705  
Huntington  
Huntington, WV 25705  
fredkitchen@hensonmortuary.com  
<http://www.hensonandkitchen.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

ReClaim Church  
3135 Washington Blvd  
Huntington, WV 25705

## Graveside Service

JAN **30** (ET)

Springhill Cemetery  
Huntington, WV



# Tribute Wall



“ *Henson & Kitchen Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Lou Bias*



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**Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services** - January 28, 2023 at 12:41 PM



*One of the finest teachers ever for , Cabell County Schools as well as a lovely person through and through. Barbara Bias-you made the world a better place for so many. Truly a life well lived.*

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**Gerry Sawrey** - January 28, 2023 at 08:03 PM



“ *Barbara Lou Bias*

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October 23, 2023 at 01:49 AM

WC

“ I didn't know Barbara all that long. I met her a little over a year ago, in November of 2021, at my daughter's funeral. My girl was killed on 3rd avenue at Marshall University, hit by a car. It turns out that Barbara knew Maribeth because she worked at Tudor's in Barboursville and Barbara befriended her. It meant a lot to me and my wife that she came to her funeral to pay her respects and offer words of comfort. My wife and I became friends with Barbara, and we appreciate her kindness and her love for our daughter. I have comfort in knowing that the two of them are now rejoicing in the presence of the Lord.

William Cox - January 30, 2023 at 10:16 AM

SR

“ 1 file added to the album Ms. Bias



SHEILA RAMEY - January 30, 2023 at 07:58 AM

RS

“ Barbara was my first grade teacher and I enjoyed being in her class. She was a kind and caring and very funny woman who will be missed dearly ❤️



Robert Stewart - January 29, 2023 at 09:58 PM

KN

“ I've had the privilege of knowing Barbara these past few years from the Ladies Auxillary Htgn. City Mission. A beautiful Christian woman with such a "Big Heart!" And truly lived to love and help others as well as being an advocate for animals 📖🐾🐶🐱  
You will certainly be missed Barb  
Your life truly made a difference here! ...

*Her laughter was contagious*

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**Kathy Neal-Cheslick** - January 29, 2023 at 01:39 PM

TH

“ From First Holiness to First Wesleyan, as a child and into adulthood, Barbara was always a wonderful friend, wonderful lady, and wonderful person. Of course my condolences to the family. Much love, Troy Holcomb.



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**Troy Holcomb** - January 29, 2023 at 04:21 AM

VA

“ Barbara Bias was my kindergarten Sunday school teacher when my father, J.R. Mitchell, pastored the Pilgrim Holiness Church in Huntington, WVA, in the late 1950s. I thought she was the most beautiful and fun SS teacher ever. I also knew she was a schoolteacher; therefore, I wanted to become a Sunday School and Elementary School teacher when I grew up and that’s exactly what happened. I missed her terribly when my family moved to PA when I was six. I never saw her again until I was an adult and traveled with my husband, Tom Armiger to the West Virginia Conference when he was General Supt. of The Wesleyan Church. I was so glad to see her again. I am very saddened that Barbara’s journey here on earth is finished yet glad she is now safe and healed in the arms of our Lord Jesus in her forever home. Thank you, Barbara Bias, for having a profound influence on my young life.

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**Vangie Armiger** - January 28, 2023 at 08:25 PM

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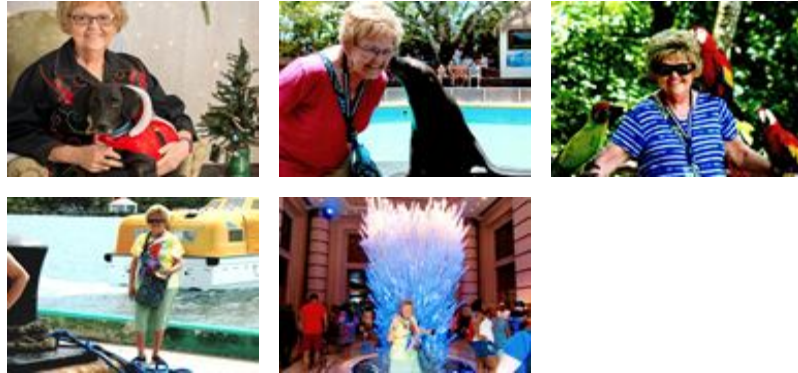
“ Sad for those of us who knew her, happy for Barbara as she has entered into the presence of her LORD. What a wonderful Christian witness!

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**Irvin Scarberry** - January 28, 2023 at 07:21 PM



“ 36 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services** - January 28, 2023 at 12:33 PM



Stephen Roberts

“ *She was the most wonderful 1st grade teach any child could ever have. She was so patient, loving, and an all around amazing person. I am so lucky to have had a teacher as dedicated as her. You provided me with some great memories. Rest in peace. Love Stephen Roberts*

**Stephen Roberts** - January 27, 2023 at 09:57 PM

RB

“ *I taught with Barbara at Meadows Elementary. She was an excellent teacher who truly cared for her students. She will be missed.*

**Rosalee Dorsey Ball** - January 27, 2023 at 09:32 PM

TI

“ Ms. Bias was my 2nd grade teacher very long ago (I'm 60yo). I've always had very fond memories of her. Back then, she would begin each day playing piano while we all sang "Hail Hail, The Gang's All Here". She was a wonderful teacher, very loving and very kind. I'm sure the angels are rejoicing to have her amongst them in heaven.

Tamara Inscoe - January 27, 2023 at 04:51 PM

SE

“ I was so blessed to call Barbara a friend. She will be deeply missed.

Suaie Eavenson - January 27, 2023 at 03:29 PM

CG

“ A very loving & caring person & as a teacher. She knew & remembered all her students, even us as parents to her student from 1st grade at Meadows. We would run into Ms Barbara from time to time. She would ask about our daughter each time & ask us to tell her she missed her. She will be missed by so many of us. Prayers to all her knew her.  
The Green Family



Cheri Green - January 27, 2023 at 12:39 PM

SH

“ Shelby Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara Bias



Shelby Hill - January 27, 2023 at 12:00 PM

TJ

“ Tonya Jones lit a candle in memory of Barbara Bias



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**Tonya Jones** - January 27, 2023 at 10:53 AM

LD

“ Ms. Bias was my daughter Paige’s 1st grade teacher at Meadows Elementary. We have so many wonderful memories of her. She was and still is Paige’s favorite teacher. There was something very special about Ms. Bias.

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**Lisa Dodrill** - January 27, 2023 at 10:32 AM

MC

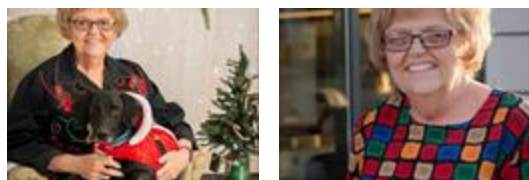
“ A wonderful loving and caring individual. She will be missed by so many.

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**mary Campbell** - January 27, 2023 at 08:54 AM

GS

“ *Barbra was one of the many very sweet ladies I met when I moved to Huntington and joined ASAP, oh this woman had such a love for these animals, I believe she was their protector or angel if you will. When she told me how she got Coal I could just see the love pouring out in her story. She loved him with every fiber of her being, all animals for that matter. We will all miss her so much but I believe she is in heaven now caring for all the animals now.*



Gatha Seldomridge - January 27, 2023 at 08:25 AM

CJ

“ *courtney jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara Bias*



courtney jackson - January 26, 2023 at 09:11 PM

CJ

“ *courtney jackson lit a candle in memory of Barbara Bias*



courtney jackson - January 26, 2023 at 09:11 PM

BM

“ *Barbara Bias will surely be missed! She was a GREAT School teacher and also a WONDERFUL Sunday School teacher. Her mom Lucille was a WONDERFUL Sunday School teacher also. I loved both of them and Mary Sexton too. Brenda McGuffin*



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**Brenda McGuffin** - January 26, 2023 at 08:07 PM

PS

*I had Barbara bias for second grade at guyandotte elementary during the 70/71 school year. She was an excellent teacher and I have so many great memories of being in her class and her kindness as well. We were so blessed to have her.*

*Paul k. Saunders*

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**paul saunders** - January 28, 2023 at 07:59 AM

MB

*I will miss Barbara so much. We taught together at Meadows. She was a great teacher and friend.*  
*Mary Lynn Barnett*

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**Mary Lynn Barnett** - January 28, 2023 at 08:57 PM

MC

*I am saddened to learn today of Ms. Bias' passing. She was my son Andrew's first grade teacher and what a wonderful, busy year that was for our entire family ! We were all so involved in such meaningful learning activities that year that we will always cherish. If I could clone her to introduce children to an exciting beginning of elementary school, I certainly would. Rest in blessed peace, dear Barbara.*

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**MaryEllen Coleman** - February 02, 2023 at 03:14 PM

MP

*Ms. Bias was my first grade teacher at Meadows 1985/1986. There are a few teachers that had a profound impact on my life, as a child. Ms. Bias was definitely one of the best. The teachers today, are not like the ones we used to have. I remember all of the plays, and class parties for holiday's that she would do. I believe the educational experience that she provided, was definitely better than any other teacher that I ever had. She always took time to make sure every student, understood what she was teaching. She had her own way, and it worked. It saddens me to hear that she has passed. She definitely has no replacement. She had so much patience for everyone, including me. And I sure didn't make it easy, at that time. But she seemed to never get frustrated, or raised her voice. But she had no problem letting you know who was the boss. Lol I really wish that I would have reached out to her, as an adult. I've always wanted to go back and talk to a few teachers. Just to let them know that I now realize how important, and influential they were regarding my decisions in life. While Ms. Bias will be truly missed by many. We should all know that she has a special place in heaven, all for her.*

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**Michael Perry** - October 04, 2024 at 10:05 PM