



## Dorothy Virginia Barnhill

August 28, 1940 - February 27, 2026

Dorothy Virginia Barber Barnhill—though most everyone knew and loved her as “Fluffy”—was born on August 28, 1940, in Farmers Exchange, Tennessee, to Ernie and Thelma McLaren Barber; Dorothy passed from this earth, February 27, 2026. From the very beginning, she brought a little extra spark into the world—and she never once turned that spark down.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Albert Shelby Barnhill; her son, Michael Douglas Barnhill; her brothers Tommy, Larry, and Bill Barber; and her niece, Sherry Hailey. No doubt there was a joyful reunion when she arrived, and we can only imagine she made quite the entrance.

She leaves behind her son, Keith (Cynthia) Barnhill; her sister, Joann Hailey; her grandchildren Matthew, Kristen, Justin, and Travis; her nieces Teresa Hailey Clark and Misty Woods; and seven great-grandchildren who will grow up hearing legendary stories about their unforgettable “Fluffy.”

And what a legend she was. Affectionately nicknamed “Fluffy” because of her big hair and even bigger personality, Dorothy was the self-appointed social butterfly of the family. She never met a stranger, never missed a good gathering, and certainly never hesitated to say exactly what was on her mind. If you needed honesty—whether you asked for it or not—Fluffy delivered. She kept everyone on their toes and, more importantly, kept everyone laughing.

Dorothy spent many of her early working years at the Levi factory in Centerville, forming friendships and memories that lasted long after the factory doors closed in the late 1990s. Later, she found her true calling as a home health personal assistant. Caring for others wasn't just a job—it was her passion. She served with heart, compassion, and just enough spunk to brighten even the hardest days. Later in life she spent time working at the daycare of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Dickson, Tennessee.

More than anything, Dorothy loved her family. She loved being surrounded by them, laughing with them, and making sure every gathering was just a little more lively because she was there. For her, life wasn't meant to be watched from the sidelines—it was meant to be lived out loud.

Though her voice may be quieter now, her spirit certainly isn't. It lives on in the stories, the laughter, the honesty, and the love she leaves behind. And somewhere, we're certain, Fluffy is still keeping everyone honest.

In keeping with Dorothy's wishes, she will be cremated and buried at Hilltop Cemetery at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Barnhill



Ronald Gammons - March 08 at 05:36 PM



“ Deborah RowlandShively lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Barnhill



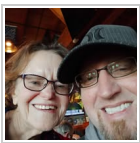
Deborah RowlandShively - March 08 at 11:20 AM



“ tatia capley lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Barnhill



tatia capley - March 07 at 09:48 AM



“ Loveless Carole lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Barnhill



Loveless Carole - March 04 at 09:32 PM

TA

“ *She will be missed dearly! She was definitely one of a kind.* 🙏



Tamara - March 04 at 04:20 PM

FW

“ *Felicia Wilbanks sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorothy Barnhill*



Felicia Wilbanks - March 04 at 09:39 AM

JB

“ *You will be missed Aunt Dot please give my dad Bill a hug for me.*  
*Julie Barber Bullock*

julie bullock - March 03 at 10:00 PM



“ *Laura Tully Teet lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Barnhill*



Laura Tully Teet - March 03 at 05:17 PM

RS

“ WE ARE SO SORRY OF THE LOSS. YOUR FRIENDS, REGINA & MARTHA SHELTON



Regina Martha Shelton - March 03 at 02:19 PM

WL

“ Wilbur & Dianne Lancaster lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Barnhill



Wilbur & Dianne Lancaster - March 03 at 01:08 PM

JH

“ JoAnn Hailey sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorothy Barnhill



JoAnn Hailey - March 03 at 01:04 PM

BC

“ Bill and Teressa Clarke sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorothy Barnhill



Bill and Teressa Clarke - March 03 at 01:04 PM

MB

“ *Michael Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorothy Barnhill*



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**Michael Bates** - March 03 at 11:34 AM