



## Barbara Ann Gentry Hardister (Mitchell)

January 6, 1946 - April 28, 2019

Barbara Ann Gentry Hardister (Mitchell), 73 of Salisbury, NC passed away Sunday, April 28, 2019 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born January 6, 1946 in Avery County, NC to the late William Manning Gentry and Virginia Faye Napier Gentry. Barbara was a Special Education teacher for Rowan Salisbury School System, worked in the First Baptist Church WEE Center, and as Director of Trinity Wesleyan Preschool. Barbara was a member of Main Street Methodist Church in Salisbury where she taught Sunday school, served over Pastor Parrish for years and was a member of the UMW. She was a member of The Order of the Eastern Star, Rainbows Mother Advisor and was an essential part of all the activities of her children.

Preceding her in death was her husband Jay Hardister and sister, Billie Gentry.

Surviving is her son, Kenneth Hardister and wife Tracey of Salisbury, NC; daughters, Mandy Bostian and husband Ronnie of Rockwell, NC; Sharon Beck and husband David of Salisbury, NC and Kim Riddle and husband Daniel of Salisbury, NC; and sisters, Patricia Gentry Cranford and husband Jim of Salisbury, NC; Rebecca Gentry Douglass and husband Chris of Charlotte, NC; and Debbie Gentry McClintock and husband Gary of Salisbury, NC. Also surviving are thirteen grandchildren: Elizabeth Cox (Jeff), Kenneth Hardister, Jr. (Christine), Annie Wilkey (Jason), Jordan Hardister, Julian Wilkey, Tyler Hardister, Andrew Beck, Coby Soto, Melanie Beck, Gabriel Soto,

Victoria Soto, and twins, Bryan and Sara Bostian; three step-grandchildren, Jason Bostian, Randy Bostian, and Darren Bostian; fourteen great-grandchildren and her fur baby Gracie.

The family will receive friends from 1-2:30 PM Wednesday (May 1) at Summersett Funeral Home.

A Funeral Service will follow at 2:30 PM in Summersett Memorial Chapel, conducted by Rev. Patience Brumley, Rev. Carolyn Archie and Rev. Tony Owens. Entombment will follow at Rowan Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Memorials may be made to Rowan Helping Ministries, PO Box 4026, Salisbury, NC 28146 and Trellis Supportive Care, 301 South Main Street, Suite 105, Salisbury, NC 28144.

The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to Dr. Chet Amin, Carolina Oncology and Trellis Supportive Care for their love and support given to Barbara and their family.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 633-2111  
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

## Service

MAY 1. 2:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Summersett Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Ann Gentry Hardister (Mitchell)*



**Summersett Funeral Home and Cremation Center** - May 01, 2019 at 09:14 AM

JL

“ *James and Nancy Bost / Bost Logistics purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Barbara Ann Gentry Hardister (Mitchell).*



**James and Nancy Bost / Bost Logistics** - May 01, 2019 at 10:08 AM

LC

“ *Lynn Cox lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Gentry Hardister (Mitchell)*



**Lynn Cox** - April 30, 2019 at 10:30 PM

PC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of your family at this difficult time. May God's comfort be with you. Love, Willie and Pat Christopher

Pat Christopher - April 30, 2019 at 09:02 PM

BB

“ Barbara was a true friend and a blessing in my life. I am deeply saddened at her passing. I will always cherish the times spent with Barbara and Jay. She was truly a wonderful lady and will be missed by all that knew her. Bill Brewer



Bill Brewer - April 30, 2019 at 07:40 PM

BW

“ Prayers for all. I love you Barbara 🙏

Bonnie Loflin Walser - April 30, 2019 at 06:59 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Gentry Hardister (Mitchell).



April 30, 2019 at 05:25 PM

MM

“ Barbara was the sister of our daughter-in-law Debbie Gentry McClintock. Our son Gary began dating Debbie in middle school after which they were married 39 years , so we have known Barbara for many years. She was a true inspiration to the "many" who knew her and to the students she taught. Our grandson Dylan was one of her students many years ago and he always thought the world of her, as did the many other students over the years who had the privilege of having her as their teacher. Her family is very devoted to each other which is a true blessing to each of them. Having known her for many years, I am sure she is now out of pain and with our God and her family members, including her beloved "Jay", who went before her and I am sure God and the angels welcomed her with open arms as they sang "hallelujah " in her honor. She was indeed a window through which others could see Jesus and the plans He had for her have now been completed. Enjoy and rest in peace, Barbara.

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**Mary Lou McClintock** - April 30, 2019 at 05:09 PM

NC

“ We have been so blessed and fortunate to have Ms. Barbara as preschool teacher to 4 of my 5 grandchildren. We all love her and will miss her deeply. She was a very special lady. Love and prayers to the family.

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**Narrie Corl** - April 30, 2019 at 02:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Gentry Hardister (Mitchell).



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April 30, 2019 at 02:04 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Gentry Hardister (Mitchell).*



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April 30, 2019 at 10:09 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Gentry Hardister (Mitchell).*



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April 30, 2019 at 09:03 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Gentry Hardister (Mitchell).*



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April 30, 2019 at 08:35 AM



“ *Judy Brown lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Gentry Hardister (Mitchell)*



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**Judy Brown** - April 30, 2019 at 04:02 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Gentry Hardister (Mitchell).*



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April 29, 2019 at 07:57 PM



“ *Susan Noblett lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Gentry Hardister (Mitchell)*



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**Susan Noblett** - April 29, 2019 at 07:40 PM



“ *Barbara was such a loving kind woman whom I am blessed to have called a friend. My heart and prayers are with all of the family. I know how very special each of you are to Barbara, she was full of love for you all and it showed all of the time.*

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**Diane Peoples** - April 29, 2019 at 02:56 PM



“ *Such a precious lady! I worked with her at Hurley Elementary School she always had a smile! Praying for the family!*

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**Debbie Rainey** - April 29, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Gentry Hardister (Mitchell).*



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April 29, 2019 at 12:03 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Gentry Hardister (Mitchell).*



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April 29, 2019 at 12:00 PM