



Barbara Hamilton Benton

April 18, 1941 - September 25, 2019

Barbara Elizabeth Hamilton Benton, 78, of Salisbury, passed away Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at her residence.

She was born April 18, 1941 in Darlington, SC to the late Robert Lafayette Hamilton and Bessie Elizabeth Hill Hamilton. She was a graduate of Landis High School; earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Catawba College and a Master's Degree in Education from UNC- Charlotte. Barbara loved family, education, art and politics. She was a retired educator best known for her time at Knox Middle and Corriher Lipe Middle School. She had a love of learning. She won a Fulbright Scholarship to India and was awarded a Keizai Koho Teaching Fellowship to study in Japan.

Barbara was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Surviving is her husband of 52 years, James Cashion Benton, formerly of Charlotte; sons, Robert Hamilton Benton and James Brett Benton; daughter, Amber Benton Lawson; and grandchildren: Emling Hart Benton, Robert Hamilton Benton, II, Abigail Grace Lawson and Benton Ryan Lawson.

A memorial service will be held at 11 AM Friday (Oct 4) at St. John's Lutheran Church, conducted by Rev. Rhodes Woolly. The family will receive friends at Peeler Hall after the memorial service. A private burial was held at Welsh Neck Baptist Church in Society Hill, SC.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association, 128 S. Tryon St., Suite 1588, Charlotte, NC 28202.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Benton family. Online condolences

may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Your fiends at Wells Fargo Advisors, Myers Park purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Barbara Hamilton Benton.*



Your fiends at Wells Fargo Advisors, Myers Park - October 03, 2019 at 08:43 AM



“ *Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of Barbara Hamilton Benton.*



October 02, 2019 at 03:40 PM

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“ *Mrs. Benton was a great teacher. I'll always remember her sense of humor and her enthusiasm for history, both of which were contagious. I'm so thankful to have landed in her classroom.*

Caroline Vance - October 01, 2019 at 10:03 PM

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“ *Sending my heartfelt sympathy to you, Jim, and your family .. Keeping all of you in my prayers. With Deepest Sympathy, Delores Thomas*

Delores Thomas - September 30, 2019 at 09:16 PM

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“ I was so very sorry to hear of Barbara's passing. When you teach beside someone for years, a special bond forms and many stories are shared. She was an excellent teacher and will be missed by all who know her. May God bless Jim and her children.

phyllis h little - September 27, 2019 at 08:13 PM

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“ 20 years of formal education, and she will always be my favorite. “In my classroom, you will not learn about America and Europe. You’re going to learn about the rest of the world,” she told us. We learned about the five pillars of Islam, we learned what Torii gates are, we learned about Hindu gods and Gandhi’s salt march, and we learned about the diversity of the African continent. The only time I ever remember hearing about white people in her classroom was in the context of what I now know as colonialism. She went with me when I went to the NC Geography Bee in 8th grade. No one I’ve met before or since has shared both her passion for teaching and her ability to be the awkward annoying middle schooler whisperer. Her only flaw in the eyes of this Carolina girl was the Duke flag she hung outside her classroom. If you are a teacher, never underestimate the influence you have on future generations. Thank you, Mrs. Benton. ❤️

BethAnn Guevara - September 27, 2019 at 02:39 PM

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“ Jim, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.
Gary and Katie Mayhew

Katie Mayhew - September 27, 2019 at 12:44 PM