



## Barbara Jean Crout

July 11, 1930 - December 22, 2018

Barbara Jean Montague Crout was born on July 11, 1930, to James Robert and Ruby (Williams) Montague in Hattiesburg, MS. She grew up in the country nearby, a true southern girl. The grand-daughter of a Methodist minister, she always had a strong faith and was active in UMW and sang in the choir. Her father died when she was six years old, then her mother went to college to become a school teacher to raise Barbara and her younger brother Robert (Sonny). The closeness of their small little family, supported by relatives on both sides, instilled a strong sense of family in Barbara that was her passion.

Barbara met Robert Crout through family connections - her aunt married his uncle. They married in March, 1949 when Robert returned from serving the Navy. They headed off to Tulsa, Oklahoma so he could get an education in geophysics. The first trip away from home set them on an adventure living in many different places, from Anaheim, Roswell, Chickasha, Ponca City, and Houston, ready to move on a moment's notice. She was a great story teller, relaying many humorous tales of her and Bob's escapades with fellow "doodle buggers." Because of their relocations, all four children were born in different states.

Barbara loved being a homemaker and entertaining, but agreed to begin working to ensure their children received a college education. She was a land analyst for Conoco in Ponca City and an executive secretary for Conoco in

Houston. She served as president of the Houston chapter of Desk and Derrick, an organization of oil company support staff whose motto is “greater knowledge, greater service.”

In 1988, Barbara and Bob retired and built their lovely lake home in Huntsville, TX. She continued activities at the church, was a member of the ladies golf association, active in Reach to Recovery, and played bridge. She and Bob travelled extensively, from golfing vacations to cruises and tours in Spain.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Robert Crout, son Michael Crout and wife Annette, daughter Mary Schooley and husband Doug, daughter Laura Grimes and husband Glenn; ten grandchildren and eight great-children. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents and brother, and daughter Jacqueline Crout Reynolds.

Family will receive friends Wednesday, Dec. 26th, 1pm – 2pm, with service at 2pm at First United Methodist Church, Huntsville, TX. Graveside service will be held Friday, Dec. 28th, 10am at Highland Cemetery, Hattiesburg, MS.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Cemetery

3401 W. 7th St.  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 26. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of Huntsville  
1016 North Sam Houston Avenue  
Huntsville, TX

## Service

DEC 26. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of Huntsville  
1016 North Sam Houston Avenue  
Huntsville, TX

## Graveside Service

DEC 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

Highland Cemetery  
3401 W. 7th St.  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401



# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Jean Crout*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *One of our Garden Street neighbors. Burton, Barbara and Colleen Brinson from St Pauls have died within the last 30;days. My condolences to the Croats*  
*Norma Casad*

**Norma Casad** - December 26, 2018 at 08:38 PM



“ *Mrs. Crout was a sweet and caring lady who will be deeply missed. All my blessing to the Crout family. May you rest in peace Mrs. Crout.*  
*Scott Francis*

**Scott Francis** - December 26, 2018 at 09:33 AM



“ *Jimmy M> Jones, DMS lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Crout*



**Jimmy M> Jones, DMS** - December 26, 2018 at 02:05 AM

JD

“ *Joyce Lynd, Tamara Matthews and Julie Dunnam purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Barbara Jean Crout.*



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**Joyce Lynd, Tamara Matthews and Julie Dunnam** - December 24, 2018 at 12:34 PM

RH

“ *So sorry to hear. We are out of town and will not be able to attend services but we will pause and think of Barbara, her wonderful smile and of Bob and the family. She will be missed. Rich and Connie Heiland*

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**Rich Heiland** - December 24, 2018 at 10:55 AM