



Barbara Ellen Dockens

October 5, 1948 - October 22, 2025

Barbara Ellen Dockens, age 77, of Willis, Texas, passed away on October 22, 2025.

Barbara was born on October 5, 1948, in Normangee, Texas, to parents Bernice and Jim Bob Tarpley.

On December 19, 1969, she married the love of her life, Robert Earl Dockens. A devoted homemaker, Barbara was a longtime resident of Willis and a faithful member of Calvary Baptist Church for over 20 years. She had a great love for baseball and Dr. Pepper, passions she joyfully passed down to her family. Barbara will be fondly remembered for lovingly sewing baby quilts for each of her great-grandchildren and for her tradition of waiting for trick-or-treaters every Halloween with a bowl full of Reese's Pieces. Her life was a beautiful testament to love and was filled with laughter that will echo in the hearts of all who knew her.

She is survived by her daughters Tammy Gilsdorf with husband Mike Gilsdorf and Kimberly Berryhill with husband Sheldon Berryhill as well as her cherished grandchildren, Ashley, Amy, Amber, and Leia; and her twelve adored greatgrandchildren, Colby, Kylee, Conner, Ash, Soren, Cooper, Parker, Knox, Hayden, Wayne, Sawyer, and Lincoln. She is also survived by numerous other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Dockens was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Robert Earl Dockens; her parents, Bernice and Jim Bob Tarpley; and her siblings, Gloria (Chick) Struck and Bobby Tarpley.

If you would wish to donate to the memorial fund then please give directly to Tammy Gilsdorf or Kim Berryhill.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Smith Memorial Park
10129 FM 1097 Rd W
Willis, TX 77318

Tribute Wall

TP

“ Mrs. Barbara was a very sweet lady. I am sorry for your loss. My thought and prayers are with the family. Tammy you are in my prayers.

Tammy Pursley - October 26, 2025 at 12:59 PM

AM

“ I will always remember your laugh Grandma and the cards you mailed to us for every occasion. I remember playing baseball and uno during each holiday and swinging on the porch as the sun set. I will always cherish the memories and special moments we shared. I love you Grandma.

Amy - October 24, 2025 at 03:20 AM

CW

“ Aunie-I hope you ran straight to Mom. I love you so much and we are going to miss you. John loves and misses you like crazy. Till we meet again. 🙏👼❤️

Carrie White - October 23, 2025 at 09:09 AM

TG

“ Barbara my amazing Mommy!! How she loved her family! She loved the holidays and decorating for Christmas.. Her love was selfless .. I love you Mommy!!❤️❤️

tammy Gilsdorf - October 23, 2025 at 12:05 AM

CC

“ *Calvary Baptist Church purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Barbara Ellen Dockens.*



Calvary Baptist Church - October 22, 2025 at 06:35 PM

RR

“ *Randy, Vicki, Joshua,JoAnn Reynolds purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Barbara Ellen Dockens.*



Randy, Vicki, Joshua,JoAnn Reynolds - October 22, 2025 at 05:45 PM

EC

“ *Edna C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Ellen Dockens.*

Edna C. - October 22, 2025 at 05:22 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Barbara Ellen Dockens.*



October 22, 2025 at 03:34 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Ellen Dockens.*



October 22, 2025 at 02:34 PM



“ *Dan and Linda Bull planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Ellen Dockens.*

Dan and Linda Bull - October 22, 2025 at 02:34 PM