



Barbara Jean Lay

January 19, 1936 - November 13, 2017

Barbara Jean Sadler Lay passed away quietly on November 13, 2017, at her home in Dripping Springs, Texas at age 81. She was born in Huntsville, Texas on January 19, 1936, to Wiley Carrol Sadler and Ludie Mae Sadler. Barbara lived in the Houston area for a majority of her life and taught school for 32 years, retiring in 2002.

Barbara was a devout Christian lady who treasured her family and who had a heart for giving. She was a fighter and persevered through many challenges and trials in her life, always leaning on God's strength. While health issues may have slowed her down physically, she remained sharp as a tack. She possessed a unique sense of humor and always enjoyed a good game of dominoes.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Franklin Lay. She is survived by her 2 daughters and their husbands, Ramona and Jim Stricklan and Angie and Ment Morris, 5 grandchildren, Andrea Stricklan, Austin Stricklan, Maston Stricklan, Ment Morris, and Cade Morris, and her brother and his wife, William and Laura Sadler.

If you would like to honor Barbara's life with a donation in her memory, please consider either of the following:

Open Doors

<https://www.opendoorsusa.org>

Ministers to persecuted Christians around the world

American Bible Society

<https://www.americanbible.org>

Provides Bibles to those who do not have access or cannot afford one

Graveside services only will be held, through Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, on Saturday, November 18, at 11am at the Mayes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery, 800 MLK Blvd., Huntsville, Texas.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV **18**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mayes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery
800 Martin Luther King BLVD.
Huntsville, TX 77320

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Jean Lay*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Mrs. Lay was an awesome person and even better teacher. I took classes with her for four years as I attended C.E. King High School. I was not able too attend college, but with the business skills she empowered me and was able to be very successful in life. I worked for local businesses and ended up as Payroll Supervisor for Sheldon ISD. She will always be my favorite teacher of all time. She is loved and missed greatly! I owe my success in life to her and my Mom, two great ladies and roll models! Rest well, see you soon!*

Cynthia (Cindy) Langdon - May 02, 2021 at 08:51 AM



“ *I was in Mrs. Lay's typing class. I remember so many funny things she would say. One that has stuck with me, while a classmate was looking at the clock she said "Time WILL pass, but will you?" She was a very special lady who taught so many us.*

Linda LaBeth - March 09, 2018 at 07:04 PM

MH

“ Ms.Barbara attended a Bible study at Dripping Springs UMC, where I met her. We became good friends because she had a passion for reading and supporting Christian ministries, and she got me involved with the Voice of the Martyrs ministry. We also traded books and stories when I visited her after she could no longer attend the Bible study. She always had time for me and prayed for me. I will remember her stories and frequent chuckle over the absurd situations in life. A few days before she passed, I introduced Ms.Barbara to my mother and asked her to tell the story about when she and Tom got caught in a flood. She was feeling good that day and entertained us with the story, laughing the entire time, and we got to laughing, also. Only Ms.Barbara could turn a life-threatening drama into a comedy! We sure miss her and will continue to use the prayer calendars that she gave us. We have the 2018 calendars already - one of the last things Ms.Barbara gave to the church. Our condolences to the family and friends!

Michele Hall - December 04, 2017 at 08:27 AM



“ What a wonderful sweet lady she was I just wish I had known she lived in dripping springs I would have gone to visit her. She was a great teacher lived by all her students. Fly free now our Angel teacher. Hugs and prayers to her family

Patricia Levingston - November 24, 2017 at 06:49 PM

JO

“ Wishing your family peace to bring comfort, 2Corinthian's 1:3,4 "God of all comfort ". His comfort from the scriptures and the support from family and friends will strengthen you through sorrowful time.



God promises Isaiah 33:24 "No resident will say I am sick". This promised future includes perfect health and everlasting life. Please take comfort in knowing that all his words are faithful and true.

May the God of peace sustain and strengthen your family. 🌹

Jose - November 20, 2017 at 07:48 AM

VP

“ Mrs. Lay was a wonderful teacher, but more importantly she was a wonderful person. She inspired and encouraged me in high school. I have fond memories of her in bookkeeping, typing and shorthand classes and on our road trip to a UIL contest in Huntsville.. I still have her recipe for chocolate, marshmallow, pecan candy and one of my most prized possessions even after 41 years is a bracelet she gave me for graduation. Her enthusiasm in my first class with her in 9th grade (bookkeeping) sparked an interest in accounting that eventually led to my career as a CPA. I have thought of her many times over the years and regret that I never had the chance to tell her what an impact she made. To her family please find comfort in knowing you had a lifetime with such a special person.

Vicki Portwood

Vicki Portwood - November 18, 2017 at 10:17 AM

AB

“ Have thought about her recently and wondered where she was now. She was a GREAT Shorthand teacher with a sharp witty sense of humor! Two things I remember which seemed to be her pet peeves, chewing gum in class and tardiness. RIP to a great role model for a teacher. To the family, may your memories bring you peace.

Agenda Burnett - November 18, 2017 at 03:35 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Lay.



November 17, 2017 at 12:59 PM

FB

“ Barbara was a beautiful lady, inside and out. She was a wonderful teacher, caring and compassionate with a delightful sense of humor. She was loved by her students and fellow teachers alike. Since she retired, the Barbara Lay scholarship has been awarded to a deserving graduate each year. What a wonderful legacy!

Frances Baccigalopi - November 17, 2017 at 11:42 AM

CV

“ I met Barbara at Dripping Springs United Methodist Church Wednesday Bible Study group when I first moved here from Houston in 2010. She was such a joy to get to know. Her knowledge of the bible, quick wit and awesome stories kept us all entertained and it was an honor to get to know her over the years to follow! May she now rest in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior.

Kindest regards and prayers for her family,

Carrie Vanway

Carrie Lynn Vanway - November 17, 2017 at 09:59 AM

JK

“ I had Mrs Lay fir a couple of years for Typing. She was a very sweet and loving teacher. Rest In Peace Mrs. Lay.

Jan Kilgore - November 17, 2017 at 09:01 AM

NK

“ Mrs. Lay was my typing teacher and attended our church and sang in the choir! I remember her so well as a great teacher (my teenagers marvel at my dexterity on the keyboard!!) and her lovely voice every Sunday at Ralston Memorial Presbyterian Church! Hugs to Angie (my classmate) her sister Ramona and all the rest of the family. - Nona Kelly (Cupit)

Nona Kelly - November 17, 2017 at 08:57 AM

AH

“ Mrs. Lay was my typing teacher at C.E. King High School my Senior year 1985-86, she taught us well and I use the skills she taught us still today. She was a sweet, caring lady and teacher.

I send prayers of comfort to her family.

Alvin Hartmann - November 17, 2017 at 01:56 AM

JF

“ I knew Ms. Lay as Ms. Sadler; she was my typing and shorthand teacher back in the 60s at C.E. King. Ms. Sadler was well respected by her students. I'm so sad to hear of her passing.

Jeanette Fletcher - November 16, 2017 at 11:23 PM

AN

“ 1 file added to the album *Barbara Jean Sadler Lay*



Angie - November 16, 2017 at 05:35 PM