



Barbara Kay Duncan

February 11, 1946 - February 17, 2021

A visitation will be held 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Saturday, May 8, 2021 at Marshall Funeral Home Chapel. Portions of the visitation will be livestreamed on Marshall Funeral Home Facebook page.

Barbara Kay (Thornberry) Duncan, daughter of the late Wyveta (Rader) Calhoun, was born February 11, 1946, in Cherokee, Oklahoma, and passed away February, 17, 2021, in Little Rock, Arkansas, at the age of 75 years and 6 days.

Barbara attended Alva Schools through the sixth grade and then with encouragement from Lee Haley, she attended the Muskogee School for the Blind where she graduated in 1963. After she graduated she returned to Alva and attended Northwestern where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Speech, graduating in 1969. After graduating, Barbara moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, and went to work for the Arkansas Governor's office. While working in the Governor's office she attended the University of Arkansas and earned her Master's in Social Work. Barbara married Adren Duncan December 15, 1978, in Little Rock where they made their home. She worked in the Governor's office for 37 years, retiring January 8, 2016. Barbara never let the fact she was blind hold her back from doing anything she wanted to do.

She was a member of the Village Creek Baptist Church in Little Rock, served on the Arkansas Council of the Blind, and was a member of the Cardinal Key National Honor Sorority. She and Adren loved to travel and attend concerts. Barbara always tried to come home to Alva once a year to visit family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Wyveta.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Adren, of Little Rock; cousins, Don and Audrey Rader of Oklahoma City and Sherry and Melvin Evans of Alva; a very special friend, Rita Miller of Alva; and other relatives and friends.

Contributions may be made in her memory through the funeral home to the Fairview Cemetery north of Alva.

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Kay Duncan*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Barbara was a wonderful lady God put here on this planet to help people. For one example she worked for the Arkansas Governors Office for almost 40 yrs.helping thousands. She received many awards, accommodations, letters, etc. from all the governors like Mike Huckabee, Bill Clinton better known as Slick Willie LOL, including current Governor Asa Hutchinson they all loved her and showed it many ways. Barbara and her husband Adrian my cousin both blind did not let that or anything hold them back from basically anything. Both brilliant and have excelled in school, college, and in both their professional lives, jobs, etc. They never ceased to amaze me or anyone who has known them. They have traveled all over Hawaii, cruises, etc. we have enjoyed traveling with them especially to our family reunions in Hohenwald, Tennessee. She will definitely be missed and we will look forward to seeing her again in Heaven, and know it won't be long, this side of Heaven is a vapor here today gone tomorrow.*

Rick & Sheri Horner Choctaw, Oklahoma

Rick D Horner - May 08, 2021 at 01:49 PM

RM

“ Barbara and I grew up as kids next door to each other we have always kept in touch, I made a few trips with her mom to Muskogee to see her when she was in school there, she has been a great inspiration to me, my husband & I attended her graduation in Little Rock when she got her masters, I miss her so much, we would kid each other on our birthdays about our age, I know she's talking to the Lord now, & we'll meet again someday!

Rita Miller - April 03, 2021 at 09:19 AM

DT

“ Bro. Adren, so sorry to hear of Barbara's passing. She was such an inspiration to so many and a blessing to know. We know she is able to see the streets of gold in heaven right now! We will be praying for peace and comfort in the days ahead for you. Love, Bro. Danny & Sis. Betty Taylor



Danny & Betty Taylor - March 02, 2021 at 06:32 PM

JC

“ I was so sorry to hear of Barbara's passing. I know without her Bro Adrien will be so alone. Barbara helped our son John get disability in 2017. He applied but was getting nowhere until Barbara took care of it & it went through. I know she's receiving her reward. She was a blessing to so many people and a beautiful soul. She will be greatly missed. I love you Bro Adrien. Love and prayers, Joyce Cantrell

Joyce Cantrell - March 02, 2021 at 03:22 PM

KR

“ Mrs. Barbara was such a joy to know! She will be sorely missed. Praying for you Mr. AD!

Much love from The Holliman Bunch, David, Krista, Haley and MaKayla



Krista - March 02, 2021 at 12:42 PM

JH

“ I remember how kind she was when I was a child and she went to the Otterbein United Methodist Church here in Alva. Sincere condolences. Julie Davison Helm

Julie Davison Helm - March 01, 2021 at 07:44 PM

JS

“ May God be with your family in these sad times. Sorry for your loss.



Jim Scribner - February 26, 2021 at 09:46 PM

KC

“ As a member of Cardinal Key at Northwestern, I, and other members of the Club, would take turns reading to Barbara while she painstakingly would "write" her notes in Braille. Those days were very memorable for me to see and observe a very ambitious classmate. I can only imagine the influence she had on other people!

Kay Coffman Campbell - February 25, 2021 at 09:14 AM

DW

“ *Don, Audrey & sons, Sorry for your loss....our sympathy sent your way.*



Dudley & Jeanne Winn - February 24, 2021 at 04:24 PM