



Barbara Gayle Barnhill

March 25, 1938 - May 10, 2025

Barbara Gayle Barnhill, 87, of Milburn, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, May 10, 2025, surrounded by her family.

Barbara was born on March 25, 1938, in Arlington, Texas, to Stroud Barnhill and Daisy (Huffman) Barnhill. She graduated from Arlington High School in 1956 and went on to earn an Associate of Science degree from Arlington State College in 1958. While in college, she was an active member of the Phi Kappa Theta honorary society and Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and was a majorette in the marching band.

On December 24, 1958, Barbara married her college sweetheart, Jon Edwin Schnable, in Arlington. Together, they shared a wonderful life filled with love and family.

Barbara moved to Milburn in 2000 and was a former member of Fillmore Nazarene Church, where she enjoyed singing in the choir and cooking for those around her. Later in life, she attended the United Church of Tishomingo. Her faith, music, and fellowship with others remained central to her life.

She had a love for the outdoors, spending time gardening, camping, and enjoying snowy days. She delighted in singing, cooking, playing cards and shopping, always finding joy in life's simple pleasures. Barbara was well

known for her garlic cheese grits, cheese logs, Texas sheet cake, and her beloved apple pie—a treasured tradition with her grandchildren.

Among the proudest moments in her life were marching in the Junior Rose Bowl Parade, winning the 1957 game, marrying the quarterback she adored, and raising her children and grandchildren.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, Jon Edwin Schnable; her parents, Daisy and Stroud Barnhill; and her sons, Kent Schnable and Todd Schnable.

She is survived by her children, Kyle Schnable and wife April, and Jill Malo and husband Mat; her grandchildren, Jon Malo, Cassidy Malo and fiancé Caleb Mollet, Jordan Briggs, Courtney Briggs, and Nate Briggs; along with a host of extended family and dear friends who will miss her dearly.

A private service will be scheduled at a later date. Arrangements were made under the direction and care of DeArman-Clark Funeral Home in Tishomingo.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Janet Schnitker Finnegan lit a candle in
memory of Barbara Gayle Barnhill* ”



Janet Schnitker Finnegan - May 16, 2025 at 10:35 PM