



## Thelda Barker

March 27, 1930 - November 16, 2018

Mrs. Thelda M. Barker passed away on Friday, November 16, 2018 at Crestpark Nursing Home. She was 88.

She was born on March 27, 1930 in Bald Knob, Arkansas. Thelda was a member of Wynne Baptist Church. There, she served the Lord for 67 years playing the organ. Her musical skills graced countless weddings, funerals, church services and much more. Some of her favorite melodies honored the military veterans through the years. She was named Citizen of the Year in May 2000 and Thelda Barker Day was proclaimed on March 27, 2014. She was a member of the Wynne Music Club, Women's Progressive Club and Retired Teachers. Thelda was recognized in May 1996 for 47 years of service in the field of education, three of those years as Parent Coordinator by the Wynne Education Association. Thelda also received the "Golden Ruler" award from Channel KAIT in Jonesboro.

She is survived by her sister, Marilyn Haynes of Memphis, Tennessee and many beloved friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Slim and Hazel Lowery and her husband, Ben L. Barker, the love of her life.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 from 10 AM until 12 PM at Kernodle Funeral Home with graveside services following at 12 at Cogbill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to charities close to Thelda's heart; St. Jude's, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105, Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, 848 Adams Ave, Memphis, TN 38103 or Disabled Veterans of Americans, 109 S 2nd St, Jacksonville, AR 72076.

# Cemetery Details

## **Cogbill Cemetery**

Wynne, AR

# Tribute Wall



“ *By far my favorite teacher ever. I Always sent her a Christmas card no matter where I was. I was addressing hers this year and just found out of her passing. She was angel and I will never forget her.*

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**Alexa O'Leary** - December 16, 2018 at 07:58 PM

SD

“ *Our families go back many years. We will miss Mrs Thelda. Shirley & Paula Dye*



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**Shirley & Paula Dye** - November 20, 2018 at 01:14 PM

BO

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. May the God of all comfort sustain you at this very difficult time. 2 Co 1:3, 4.*

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**BO** - November 19, 2018 at 07:21 AM

RS

“ *Mrs. Barker will be greatly missed. she was the organist at Wynne Baptist church for many years. she was a great Lady.*

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**Rickey and Lisa Stutts** - November 18, 2018 at 09:59 PM

DB

“ *What a wonderful person. She had one of my children plus played for a wedding for one of them.i feel honored to call her friend.*

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**diann hunter brumback** - November 18, 2018 at 09:31 PM

SL

“ The organ at Wynne Baptist has been silent for some time now; it doesn't seem the same without Thelda. Her willingness to share her talent was a ministry for so many years. She was always a great encourager of young people, too. I am afraid she is a part of that fading generation that we cannot replace.

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**Sharon Lawson** - November 18, 2018 at 04:10 PM

TG

“ She was my 2nd grade teacher. Prayers go out to the family.

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**Tommy Graff** - November 17, 2018 at 03:16 PM

GS

“ Ms Thelda's life was such a positive force in our community and she was loved by a great many here. I'd known her all of my life and she and my mother were good friends and worked together on many different endeavors from the Wynne Music Club to veterans projects and she will be missed by so many here whose lives she touched. Grace and peace to all of her family.

*Greg & Alisa Spence  
Sharon Spence Langley*

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**Greg Spence** - November 17, 2018 at 12:49 PM

 Irina  
Taylor

“ She was such a sweet lady. Always spoke To me and hugged me and my little boy when she seen us. She will be missed. ❤️ Irina Taylor

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**Irina Taylor** - November 17, 2018 at 10:37 AM

DB

“ MRS. THELDA was my teacher when I was in the 5th grade at McElroy School. It was her 1st year to teach I believe. She took me to the Spelling Bee in Wynne. where I spelled grocery instead of groceries.

*Rest in Peace Mrs. Thelda*

*Don Burnett*

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**Donald Burnett** - November 17, 2018 at 09:59 AM

SJ

“ Ms. Thelda was wonderful at whatever she was doing whether it was teaching, playing the organ or helping others. She worked with me at the court house where we became close friends. She never forgot to send a card for my birthday. Loved her and I'm happy to say I know she is with Jesus today.

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**Sheila Jones** - November 16, 2018 at 07:50 PM

MB

“ Marice Clayton Boardman lit a candle in memory of Thelda Barker



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**Marice Clayton Boardman** - November 16, 2018 at 06:20 PM

DB

“ My second grade teacher 1959-60. She was wonderful. I remember her fondly as my teacher and for years as the organist at Wynne Baptist Church. Chip Baker

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**Darryl Baker** - November 16, 2018 at 04:09 PM

RC

“ *What a wonderful person and friend. She was outstanding at whatever she put her hands to. She was an outstanding teacher for many years and was loved and respected by all she served. As a musician myself, I especially appreciated her musical talent. She spent more than 60 years of faithful service on the organ at Wynne Baptist. There is no doubt in my mind that, if there is an organ in heaven, she is at the keyboard today. She is someone I will never forget.*

*Ronnie Cox*

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**Ronnie Cox** - November 16, 2018 at 03:24 PM

LR

*She was a wonderful lady.*

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**Lennie Riley** - November 17, 2018 at 09:10 AM

JC

*Mrs. Barker was my 2nd grade teacher in '69-'70 and everyday was full of learning and encouragement. She taught us cursive writing and debate. She always remembered you years later if you were her former student. What a sweet lady.*

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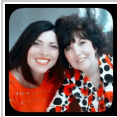
**Jeff Clayton** - November 24, 2018 at 02:17 PM

KW

“ *My sweet friend is now where she wants to be....in the arms of Jesus. PTL I'll love her forever.....Karin Weaver*

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**KARIN VAUGHAN WEAVER** - November 16, 2018 at 03:05 PM



*Loved and enjoyed her each week .. she would sing to me ... and then we would laugh.....*

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**Ann Moore** - November 16, 2018 at 10:33 PM