



Virginia Barlow

May 27, 1930 - February 8, 2024

Virginia Barlow was born on May 27, 1930, to Inez Houston Hall and Terry Hall in San Antonio, Texas, and entered eternal rest on February 8, 2024, at the age of 93. Virginia grew up in San Antonio, attending Brackenridge High School, where she was an outstanding student and enjoyed many extracurricular activities. She was editor of the school newspaper and a member of the Purple Jackets. She then attended Trinity University, where she received her undergraduate degree in Education, and was again very active in the Trinity community including membership in the Spurs Sorority. During her time at Trinity, she was voted “most beautiful” by the student body. It was there that she met and fell in love with the love of her life, and “the most handsome man she had ever seen”, James E. Barlow. They married in December of 1951 and remained married until his death in 2010. They both participated in the historic move of Trinity University to its current location.

In the early years of her marriage, Virginia taught school at Arnold Elementary. She and Jim were charter members of St. Marks United Methodist Church, where she remained a member until her death. She dedicated many years of service to St. Marks and served on many committees there. She also served in many leadership positions in the community, including President of the Bexar County Democratic Women, President of the Mental Health Association of Texas, and member of the San Antonio Bar Auxiliary.

Virginia studied to be a court reporter and worked in marketing for a temporary

employment agency. She had a very active social life and enjoyed many hobbies, including travel, painting, sewing, and cooking, which she was exceptionally good at. One of her greatest passions was for the sport of tennis, and she played on many local leagues up until she had to give it up at the age of 78. She would routinely beat players half her age. She was a gracious hostess, dedicated to her family, community, church, and many various charities. Throughout her life she was a gifted caregiver to many relatives including her daughter Valerie, her mother Inez and father Terry, and husband Jim. She was always present to support her daughters in all of their extracurricular activities. Jim would often remark that she should have been the politician in the family because “she sure knew how to work a room”; she was always her husband’s biggest supporter throughout his career and was vital to his campaigns and elections to the Texas House of Representatives, as the Bexar County District Attorney, and as a Criminal District Court Judge.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, husband Judge James E. Barlow, and daughter Valerie. She is survived by daughter Rebecca (Becky) Barlow Dorsey, Melissa Barlow Severtson (Dan), grandchildren Devin Dorsey, Scout Dorsey and fiancé Ari Guadarrama, Josephine Fischer, and Julia Fischer, and sister Margarete Hall Wood. She will be fondly remembered by numerous beloved friends and relatives.

Viewing will be held from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2024, at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North.

Funeral Service will be celebrated on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Interment to follow in Mission Burial Park North.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 I.H. 10
West San Antonio, TX 78230

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North
3401 Cherry Ridge
San Antonio, TX 78230

Funeral Service

FEB 17. 3:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North
3401 Cherry Ridge
San Antonio, TX 78230

Tribute Wall

SS

“ Rest in peace, sweet Ginger. I will always remember your bright smile and genuine heart ❤️

Summer Slater - February 25, 2024 at 09:35 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia Barlow.



February 16, 2024 at 12:50 PM

PB

“ Rest in Eternal Peace Ms Virginia.

Patricia Barnes - February 16, 2024 at 07:21 AM

GA

“ Gail A. purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Virginia Barlow.



Gail A. - February 15, 2024 at 05:29 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia Barlow.*



February 15, 2024 at 11:57 AM



“ *Bill and Susan Schiller purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Virginia Barlow.*



Bill and Susan Schiller - February 15, 2024 at 10:31 AM



“ *From: Bill and Susan Schiller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia Barlow.*

Bill and Susan Schiller - February 15, 2024 at 10:31 AM



“ *Cheryl D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia Barlow.*

Cheryl D. - February 12, 2024 at 09:22 PM

DM

“ Daniel & Maddy purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Virginia Barlow.



Daniel & Maddy - February 12, 2024 at 02:03 PM

MU

“ Virginia was my dearest friend, from high school, college, and through the years. My kindest thoughts are for her family and for her other long-time friends with special memories. Martha Utterback

Martha Utterback - February 11, 2024 at 12:48 PM

CB

“ C. B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia Barlow.

C. B. - February 10, 2024 at 06:05 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Virginia Barlow.



February 09, 2024 at 02:28 PM

AC

“ Ana C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia Barlow.

Ana C. - February 09, 2024 at 02:28 PM

SD

“ My grandparents showed me unconditional love and support throughout my life and until both of their deaths. My grandmother, as I know her as "Gigi", has been one of the biggest supporters of my artistic and educational endeavors from childhood until my current adult life. She was the biggest reason I decided to continue my undergraduate degree; her passion for higher education and encouragement helped guide me in the right direction. Gigi, I love you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you for your kind words of encouragement and every single art show, Tae Kwon Do tournament, and ballet recital you attended from my youth until adulthood. I'm heartbroken that neither you or Pappy will be with me when I finally walk the stage with my bachelors degree, but I know that you will both be watching from heaven. Rest easy, you deserve it.

Scout Dorsey - February 09, 2024 at 01:49 PM

AG

“ Thank you Ms. Gigi for all of your love and advice throughout the years. Being one of your honorary grandchildren has been an honor, I love you always 🧡



Ari Guadarrama - February 09, 2024 at 01:35 PM

MN

“ *Mission Park North lit a candle in memory of Virginia Barlow*



Mission Park North - February 09, 2024 at 01:05 PM

CS

I am so sorry for your loss. I will forever remember Mrs. Barlow as a beautiful woman inside and out.

Cathy Stone - February 09, 2024 at 07:53 PM