



Barbara Jane (Mullins) Mashburn

April 2, 1944 - January 4, 2020

Barbara Jane (Mullins) Mashburn, 75 of Fayetteville, AR passed away Saturday, January 4, 2020. She was born April 2, 1944 in Fayetteville, AR, the youngest child of Arthur and Dorothea (Brown) Mullins.

She graduated from Springdale High School and attended the University of Arkansas. For 70 plus years, she sang! She loved and sang all kinds of music - sacred, popular, country, but jazz and blues music were her favorite and the hallmark of her professional singing career. She sang across this country and internationally, in every kind of venue. Whether she was singing for everyday people or singing for Presidents, she did so with the same authenticity and gusto. Her voice was no like no other. In her later years, she gave vocal music scholarships to rising college students, produced concerts throughout Northwest Arkansas to showcase their talents, and coached them in the art of performing. There was simply no one else quite like her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Dr. James Dean "Doc" Mashburn, and sister, Ramona Taylor.

She is survived by her daughter Marti Rickel and son-in-law Greg Rickel of Seattle, WA, one grandson, Austin Rickel of New Orleans, LA, sisters Gwen Futrell of Pocahontas, AR, Marcia McGowen-Thurman, of Springdale, AR, and cousin MaryBeth Marschewski of Little Rock, AR. She is survived by many more cousins, nieces and nephews, the children and grandchildren of Doc Mashburn, and many, many friends.

A funeral service will be held at 2pm on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Fayetteville, AR. The officiant is The Rev. Suzanne Stoner and the preacher is The Right Rev. Greg Rickel. A reception will follow the service in the church Parish Hall. A private entombment service will be held at Fairview Memorial Gardens in Fayetteville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to support music and singers may be made to the Barbara Mashburn Memorial Fund at the Arkansas Community Foundation.

To sign the online guest book please visit www.nelsonberna.com

Cemetery

Fairview Memorial Gardens

1728 East Mission
Fayetteville, AR, 72703

Events

JAN 18 **Funeral service** 02:00PM

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
224 N. East, Fayetteville, AR, US

Comments



“ I'm a cousin of Barbara, known yrs ago as Sugar Showalter- granddaughter of Ada Mullins Dailey. Our family came from Abilene TX many summers for visits and family reunions. My brothers JD and LB and I enjoyed playing with the very talented Mullins girls - and hearing them sing during our visits. I think the last time I saw Barbara was about 20 yrs ago in Fayetteville but I remember her and her sisters very well. They were fun and lively in addition to being so talented . I'm thinking of her family at this time of remembering .
Maxine LaPierre

Maxine LaPierre - January 26 at 11:32 PM



“ Barbara's scholarship foundation helped my daughter through the University of Arkansas and for that we are grateful. However, she was much more to us than a provider of educational aid. She was an advocate of fine arts, music in particular, and of young people who had musical talent. Barb had one biological child but she had hundreds of other of her "kids" who sang alongside her. At every benefit concern she would show slides of "the Mashburn kids" and then sing "God Bless the Child." I always shed a tear. Thanks, Barb for your friendship and for the encouragement you gave my daughter Jill. May your gorgeous contralto ring in heaven forever. All my love!

Paul D Woodhouse - January 16 at 02:14 PM



“ Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Barbara Jane (Mullins) Mashburn.



January 14 at 03:50 PM



“ Our condolences to Barbara's family. She was a beautiful lady all of the time. Her smiles warmed our office many times over the years. We will miss her.
Eason Insurance Agency

Eason Insurance Agency - January 14 at 01:07 PM



“ Barbara was a great lady filled with grace, energy, dedication to music, and especially love for her "kids", the music students she nurtured and shaped. She will be missed.

Eric Hutchinson - January 14 at 10:01 AM



“ Sending prayers of comfort to all of Barbara's family. I remember her from when I was twelve years old. I'm going to miss getting sweet little personal - some of them funny - some of them cute - some of them serious - all of them precious. R.I.P. Dear Friend. Til we meet again...

Bill Wright - January 12 at 08:40 PM



“ Barbara and I met in 5th grade and continued to be classmates through high school lots of fond memories and many laughs during those years. Always a friend.

Karlene Cate Susnik - January 12 at 08:16 PM



“ Sharon and I were sorry to hear of Barbara's passing. She was a wonderful person and so active in the community. Her scholarship program to help singers was of great benefit to fine arts in general. She will be greatly missed.

David Hunt - January 12 at 01:48 PM



“ Barbara and I were friends from childhood. She was like my little sister. Thankfully, we stayed in touch over the years. I feel so blessed to have shared a long Facetime chat with her Christmas eve. Barbara was one of a kind; vibrant, generous, loving, with a voice like an angel!!!! I will miss her deeply. My love to the family. Lynda Watson-Muth

Lyn Muth - January 12 at 12:52 PM



“ I attended high school with Barbara. She was such a talented person. More than that she was a good person. She seemed to have her perspective on life oriented in the right direction. I would like to attend the memorial service but my wife and I must attend our great granddaughter's birthday celebration in Bryant on that day. Her family can rejoice in the memory of a great, talented and caring lady.

Gary Johnson, class of 1962

Gary Wayne Johnson - January 12 at 11:26 AM



“ We dearly loved sweet Barbara. A talented, intelligent, creative, passionate person Barbara was so full of love for family, friends, animals and her dear Doc. My family and hers go back many years and we shared many wonderful memories. I will miss hearing from her but I am glad she is finally with Doc dancing and singing in heaven.



Margi Maestri Tucker - January 12 at 09:44 AM



“ Barbara will be greatly missed by a lot of people., she was one of a kind. She graduated the year before me, with my brother Rocky, so we knew her since way back in the school days. Our prayers go out to all the families she left behind....and will be together again one day. Heaven has another Angel to sing His praises throughout all eternity!!!
Cindy(Poling)Strawser
SHS 1963

Cindy (Poling) Strawser - January 11 at 11:08 AM



“ I attended church with Barbara as I was growing up in Springdale. It was a pleasure to know her and, of course, to hear her sing! I have enjoyed reconnecting with her again on Facebook and already miss her. Her family meant everything to her and my sincere sympathy goes out to them.

Donna Treat Medders - January 13 at 07:16 AM



“ Barbara was a precious SHS classmate and friend. We all will miss her music and laughter. Praying for her family.

Marilyn Horn - January 16 at 09:52 PM