



## Barbara Ann Gabrielson Edwards

May 15, 1937 - September 30, 2025

Barbara Ann Gabrielson Edwards, 88, passed away peacefully on September 30, 2025, at Ridgecrest Nursing Home in Duffield, Virginia.

She was born on May 15, 1937, in Escanaba, Michigan, and lived a full and meaningful life devoted to her family and those she loved. After proudly serving in the United States Air Force, Barbara met the love of her life, Robert E. Edwards. The two were married and shared 67 wonderful years together, building a family and a lifetime of cherished memories.

A gifted artist, Barbara created numerous paintings throughout her life, many of which she shared with her family, friends, and community. She often gave her artwork as gifts, brightening the homes and lives of those around her. Barbara also delighted in teaching and encouraging others to explore their own creativity, leaving behind not only her own works of art but also an enduring inspiration for those who knew her.

Barbara was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Jonesville, VA, where she cherished fellowship and service alongside her church family. Her faith was a guiding light in her life and a comfort to those who loved her.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Robert E. Edwards; her children, Sherry Mackey-Woodard along with husband Michael Woodard of St. Charles,

VA, Stephanie Tackett along with husband James Tackett of New Freedom, PA, and David Edwards along with wife Lisa Edwards of Jonesville, VA; four grandchildren, Daniel Mackey, Maegan Mackey, James Thigpen, and Austin Edwards; three great-grandchildren, Atticus Mackey, Deacon Mackey, and Trajan Mackey; as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Lorraine Downham; stepfather, Cy Downham; father, Clarence Gabrielson; her brother, Tom Downham; and her sister, Madelyn Trusdale.

A celebration of life will be held at Robinette Funeral Home in Jonesville, VA, on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. In keeping with her wishes, cremation will follow, and there will be no graveside service. Friends and loved ones are invited to attend and share memories in honor of Barbara's life.

Barbara's legacy of love, faith, resilience, creativity, and service will continue to live on in the hearts of her family, friends, and all who were touched by her art.

Online condolences may be viewed or sent by visiting our website, [www.RobinetteFuneralHomes.com](http://www.RobinetteFuneralHomes.com). Robinette Funreral Home of Jonesville is serving the Edwards family.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Robinette Funeral Home (Jonesville)

146 Maple Drive

P.O. Box 238

Jonesville, VA 24263

(276) 346-1196

# Tribute Wall

DG

“ I was so sorry to hear about Barbara’s passing. She was a special lady and I wish I could have attended the service on Saturday. Love and sympathy to Stephanie, David, Sherry and her family!



Debbie Garrett - October 06, 2025 at 07:24 PM

SE

“ Sharon Edwards purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Barbara Ann Gabrielson Edwards.



Sharon Edwards - October 03, 2025 at 08:17 AM

BF

“ Billy & Kim Bump & Andersen Families purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Barbara Ann Gabrielson Edwards.



Billy & Kim Bump & Andersen Families - October 02, 2025 at 02:52 PM

RF

“ Ron, Jason, Missy and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Barbara Ann Gabrielson Edwards.



Ron, Jason, Missy and family - October 02, 2025 at 12:37 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Gabrielson Edwards.*



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October 01, 2025 at 11:02 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Barbara's passing. She was a special person. Prayers of comfort for Bob and family.*



*Dianne and Gary Kiser*

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**Dianne and Gary Kiser** - October 01, 2025 at 11:02 AM



*Prayers for God's comforting hand for you all. I always admired Barbara, she was talented in so many ways!*

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**Tami Lawson North** - October 02, 2025 at 09:46 AM



*barb was my cousin, her dad Clarence was my moms (mildred Gabrielson) brother, we moved to Gladstone mi in 1947 and lived with our grandparents in the buckeye with barb and her sister Madeline, they were two good looking girls, I will always remember the good times at the beach with two of them. love always bob olsze ps I'm 83 on June 15, born in 1943 wow! love you forever barb!*

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**bob olsze** - June 12 at 03:38 PM