



## Barbara Jean Tole

August 3, 1937 - June 11, 2021

Barbara Jean Tole, 83, of Memphis, TN, passed away on Friday, June 11, 2021 at Sycamore Village Assisted Living in Swansea, IL.

Barbara was born August 3, 1937 in Benton, MS. After graduating Humes High School in Memphis, TN, she continued her education, obtaining a nursing degree and becoming a registered nurse. Later she completed U.S Air Force Medical Service Training and was commissioned as an officer, obtaining the rank of First Lieutenant. She continued her career for 5 years at Fairfax County Hospital in Falls Church, Virginia and later at St. Francis Hospital in Memphis, TN where she faithfully served for over 30 years. At St. Francis she was recognized as one of the Top 100 nurses in Shelby County an accomplishment that was a source of tremendous pride. Barbara was a dedicated member of Hope Presbyterian Church in Cordova, TN, and volunteered her free time to the church and various charities in the Memphis area. She will be deeply missed by her family and all those she loved.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents; Johnny and Margaret Graham (nee Ship).

Surviving are her two children; Michael Tole of Memphis, TN and Tim (Cynthia) Tole of O'Fallon, IL, one sister, Peggy Youngblood of Coldwater, MS; and two grandchildren Nathaniel Tole and Hannah Tole.

The visitation will be held Friday, June 25, 2021 from 1:30 p.m. until the service time at 2:30 p.m. at Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5668 Poplar Ave., Memphis TN. A private family graveside service will be held Saturday, June 26 at Memorial Park Southwoods Cemetery, 5485 Hacks Cross Rd., Memphis TN 38125.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, <https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html>. Condolences may be extended to the family online: [www.memorialparkfuneralandcemetery.com/obituaries/Barbara-Tole/#!/TributeWall](http://www.memorialparkfuneralandcemetery.com/obituaries/Barbara-Tole/#!/TributeWall)

To view the online memorial tribute video click the link below.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/8FM9KMYW5QXC26NL>

# Cemetery

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## Memorial Park Southwoods Cemetery

5484 Hacks Cross Rd  
Memphis, TN, 38125

# Events

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**JUN 25** **Visitation** 01:30PM - 02:30PM

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Memorial Park Funeral Home  
5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN, US,  
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**JUN 25** **Funeral** 02:30PM

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# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery** - June 20, 2021 at 04:13 PM



“ I am just seeing this as I've tried to reach out to Barbara. I am so very sorry for your loss! Barbara introduced my parents so many years ago and I am so very thankful for that! She loved her family so much! She was always a great listener and would give the best advice. I know she will be missed by so many. Love to Tim, Cynthia, Michael and grandchildren.  
Emily McAllister

**Emily** - March 25 at 05:23 PM

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“ Oh Ms. Barbara, I LOVED you So! In 1990, my husband became a pilot with FedEx. So we moved to Cordova away from all of our family. I started working in surgery at St. Francis. Immediately Ms. Barbara took me under her wing. She not only became a fellow employee but she became family! David and I had two little girls and Ms. Barbara became their unofficial grandmother. She took us for our first visit to the Peabody to see the ducks. Of course we where in awe. She was always there for anyone that needed anything. She was the Best nurse I have ever worked with. If I got out of line, Ms. Barbara would be the first to let me know and I LOVED her more for it. She loved her family and was so proud of them. Most of all, she loved the Lord. Tim and Michael can rest assured she is with her Savior and Lord. Prayers for Comfort and Peace during your loss. With all the Love in the world, Janice Floyd

**Janice Floyd** - June 24, 2021 at 08:03 PM

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“ I was named after my Aunt Barbara. She came to my son's christening and visited our church when I sang. It was touching to be remembered, especially knowing that she was very busy with work and family. Aunt Barbara had a great sense of humor and enjoyed telling funny stories. I taught microbiology at NWCC and many of my nursing students met Aunt Barbara in clinicals. They came back, saying that my aunt bragged about me! That was a real thrill. I bragged about her, too.

**Barbara Youngblood Bugg** - June 18, 2021 at 12:01 PM

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“ Barbara started out as my mentor in surgery and became a wonderful, trusted friend. We were best buds for 30 years. She had the most wonderful little quips about life adventures. She was one of the best nurses ever, always putting her patient first. Honest and trustworthy come to mind when remembering Barbara. Her sons and grandchildren and daughter in law were a source of pride and she loved relating their accomplishments. I loved her so much and miss her everyday.

**Joanne Roberts** - June 18, 2021 at 11:13 AM

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“ My Aunt Barbara married much later than my mom so I always thought of her as my cool single Aunt. She was very proud of her kids and her job at St Francis. She always came to my events and family things. I'll miss you Aunt Barbara.

**Ruth Williams-Hooker** - June 17, 2021 at 09:04 PM



“ RIP Barbara, your friend n Carolyn Heitman

**Carolyn Heitman** - June 18, 2021 at 11:15 AM



“ Barbara was the kindest and welcoming person when I started at St. Francis. She helped me learn the ropes and always made me laugh when I needed it. She was a wonderful nurse. She treated each patient as her family. Rest In Peace Barbara heaven just gain a true angel. Look after us all.

**Anne Booth McCarver** - June 18, 2021 at 11:56 AM



“ So sorry to hear about this. Barbara was such a kind, caring person. She always had a smile and something funny to say. I'm sure she will be missed by many.

**Christy** - June 22, 2021 at 07:13 PM