



Barbara Jenerette Torres

July 30, 1937 - January 18, 2025

Barbara Nell Jenerette Torres, 87, of Jacksonville, Florida, passed peacefully on January 18, 2025, surrounded by her family.

Barbara was born on July 30, 1937, to Isaac McNeil (Mack) Jenerette and Edna Johnson Jenerette in Galivants Ferry, SC. After graduating from Conway High School, she received a scholarship that allowed her to be a member of the first class of what would become Coastal Carolina University. She completed her Bachelor's in History at Winthrop University. She was teaching in Aiken, SC, when she met her future husband, Thomas Torres, who was serving in the US Air Force. They were later married in Jacksonville, Florida, where she discovered her true calling as a Guidance Counselor. While working full-time, she earned her Master's in Education from the University of Florida. For over 30 years, she was a guidance counselor at Duncan U Fletcher High School where she touched the lives of thousands of students. She was devoted to her friends from both work and her church, St Paul's United Methodist Church. Barbara was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church and emphasized the teachings of James as part of her daily practice. She especially enjoyed reading, teaching Sunday School, traveling, quilting, making crafts, and trying great local food. American History continued to be a passion, including her own family's history in the Horry County South Carolina area. She was particularly proud to have become a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Even though her immediate family lived states

away from her extended family, she felt it was vital to stay in touch and took great pains to visit often. This was one of the greatest values that she instilled into her daughters.

Barbara was preceded in death by her mother and father and her niece Kim Chestnut. Her beloved sister, Patricia Chestnut, joined Barbara in eternity hours later the same day as her. She is survived by her husband Thomas Torres, her daughters Regina Torres and Rebecca Torres Hawk and her husband Judd, her brother Isaac Jenerette and his wife Sylvia, her nephew Keith Chestnut and his wife Kandis, her nephew Kent Chestnut, her niece Lisa Jenerette and her grandnephew Colton Churchwell.

Celebrations of Barbara's life will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at Rehoboth Community Church, 2775 Barnhill Road, Galivants Ferry, SC 29544. In lieu of flowers, her family would like you to consider making a donation to St Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Please sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

JUN 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Rehoboth Community Church
2775 Barnhill Road
Galivants Ferry, SC 29544, AK

Tribute Wall

RA

“ Tom,
I just learned today that Barbara had passed. I am so very sorry. She was a fine lady and a class act, even if she couldn't make a decision in a restaurant! I will never forget the kind note of congratulations she sent me when I received the Prime Osbourne Award at UNF—the only congratulatory note I received. She will be fondly remembered and sorely missed. Please know you are in my prayers.
Ronald

Ronald Adams - July 08, 2025 at 07:58 PM

AH

“ *Many years of friendship with Barbara.. The Ford family so enjoyed visits, calls, and cards. She was such a warm and pleasant person. Family and relationships were very important to her. Her encouraging words through some of the darkness moments in 2018, will remain on our hearts Her name will continue to be a wonderful memory to share with our generation. Just this past Christmas, I received a card, and she wrote about being in Clarice's kitchen and enjoying her fruitcake.. What a joy! Our sincere thoughts and love to your family. Anita Ford Hayes*

Anita Hayes - January 27, 2025 at 12:35 PM

GM

“ *Barbara was such a sweet, dear friend who will be greatly missed by many. Our love and sympathies go out to Tom, Gina, and Becky and family. May God bless and comfort you and surround you with his arms.*



Georgia & Buddy McFaul - January 26, 2025 at 01:46 PM

BW

“ I remember when she and Tom came up to the choir loft to hear Regina sing. Her smile showed how much she enjoyed Regina’s singing. She was a gracious lady who will be missed. God bless and keep your family in His embrace.

Bob Waddell - January 26, 2025 at 12:28 PM

ST

“ Shirley G Thompson lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jenerette Torres



Shirley G Thompson - January 25, 2025 at 05:16 PM

SL

“ I always enjoyed seeing her at various musical events in Jacksonville and St. Augustine. She was always dressed to the nines and the true definition of a Southern Lady. I'll miss seeing her with Regina.

Shelli D Long - January 25, 2025 at 03:18 PM

CC

“ Barbara was always held in high regard. She was knowledgeable in a great variety of subjects and was always helping others whenever she could. Barbara and Tom were excellent parents supporting Gina and Rebecca in their careers and various endeavors. Barbara will be missed by all who knew her.

Claudia Cuartero - January 24, 2025 at 06:32 PM