



## Barbara Jean Cliffin Sharpe

May 31, 1937 - February 8, 2022

Barbara Jean Cliffin Sharpe, 84, of Gainesville, passed away from this earthly life on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at Haven E.T. York Hospice Care Center surrounded by her loving husband and her three daughters.

Mrs. Sharpe was born on May 31, 1937 in Quincy, FL to Joseph Wesley and Eva Mae (Butler) Cliffin. She served as President of the Florida School Boards Association, which presided over 67 counties. She served on the Alachua County School Board for sixteen years. Mrs. Sharpe was a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

She is preceded in death by her sister, Gloria Dewdney Coring and her brother, Earl Cliffin.

She leaves to cherish her fond memories: her husband, Clevern "Cleve" Sharpe; daughters, Debra King (Eugene) of Palatka, FL, Tami McKinnon (Eric) of Lumberton, NJ, and Leslie Sharpe Chestnut of NC; brothers, Michael Cliffin and Brian Cliffin, both of Putnam County, FL; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

A Memorial Service for Mrs. Sharpe will be held on Friday, February 18, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 100 NE 1st Street, Gainesville, FL 32601, with Rev. Canon J. Fletcher Montgomery, officiating Priest.

Please click on "Watch Event" below in the Live Webcast section to view the Livestream service of Barbara Jean Cliffin Sharpe.

Due to COVID-19, all in attendance are asked to please wear a facial covering.

The Cortege will form at 10:15 AM at the Sharpe Residence, 1014 SE 10th Street, Gainesville, FL 32601.

Arrangements Entrusted to the Care of Chestnut Funeral Home, Cards may be sent to 18 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601. To order floral arrangements, please visit [www.chestnutfh.com/obituary/barbarasharpe](http://www.chestnutfh.com/obituary/barbarasharpe). Any questions may be directed to 855-5-CHESTNUT. "A CHESTNUT SERVICE"

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ To Cleve and Family: I was so very sorry to hear that Barbara passed. She as such a beautiful person and a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. My God Bless each of you and give you peace and understanding for your loss. She is in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What a wonderful place to be. Dr. Donna Wintons James, Tampa, Florida

Dr. Donna Wintons-James - March 04, 2022 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ With deepest sympathy,

Martine Lowe - February 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ My heartfelt sympathy to the family. I have lovely memories of our conversations and her great sense of humor. Love and peace be with the family during this sorrowful time.



Martine Lowe - February 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ There are no words for the heartache that your family must feel, but it is our prayer that the beautiful memories you've made will bring your comfort and uplift you all. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

The Hodge Family - February 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ Vicki Taylor lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Cliffin Sharpe



Vicki Taylor - February 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Continued prayers and blessings to you Ebony & Family! I love you sis!

The Reynolds Family - February 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Calvester Davis and family - February 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Pray God grant His peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. We will miss her dearly.

Tribute Store - February 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Tami, Leslie and family, we extend our deepest condolences. I will always cherish the many memories of your mom and dad when we all were at P.K.Y.

Randall Leath Sr. - February 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family during this difficult time.  
~Gilbert Randall & family ~Collins Family*

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**Lisa Collins/Gilbert & Jacquelyn Randall and families** - February 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *My deepest sympathy go out to the family. I will cherish the time I worked with her during her time as a School Board Member. She was an amazingly sweet, lovely, friendly, graceful person who never failed to greet you by name with a smile and take time to talk with you. She will be missed. May God grant your family with peace and comfort during this time.*

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**DeeDee Talbot** - February 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *A small expression of my condolences. Keeping you all in prayer.  
Love, Karen (KD)*

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**Karen A Demps** - February 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *May your heart and soul find peace and comfort. Praying for you all.*

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**Tribute Store** - February 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Mrs. Barbara was always someone I have always looked up to very much. She was an influential leader in our community, but also such an incredible friend to those that knew her. She had an infectious smile, laugh and personality, and she lit up any room that she walked in! Thoughts and prayers to her family and friends suffering from this gigantic loss. Our family will make a donation in her honor to the Alzheimer's Association. Another wonderful person gone entirely way too soon from dementia. We must find a cure.



Christina Ramos - February 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ Barbara was one of the first "pew pals" I met at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, and one of the reasons I kept coming back week after week. I fondly remember her warm personality and vivacious wit. She will be missed. May she rest in peace and rise in glory, and may her family and friends find a soothing balm in their fondest memories of this lovely lady.

Gregory Orloff - February 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Leslie, You and your family have my deepest sympathy at this time. Praying for strength and comfort now and in the days ahead. Kathy Willis and Family

Kathy Willis - February 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Darrell (her son), Laura (daughter in law), Melonie (her oldest grand child) and Demetria (grand) sorry for your loss! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of the family!!

Tara - February 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *My sincere condolences to the family.*



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**Ava Green** - February 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *We are thinking of you during this difficult time.*

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**Kathy Willis** - February 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *My deepest prayers go out to the Sharpe family. I sang with Barbara with the Holy Trinity Folk Choir. She had such a beautiful loving spirit and would light up a room! She sang a rendition of Happy Birthday that couldn't be beat! I guarantee you that the heavenly choir has a beautiful addition. I know she will be missed.*

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**Mike Pittman** - February 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ *Barbara was a giver, to children, educators and the community. It was a an honor to serve on the school board with Barbara. Her heart was always in the right place. You will be missed dear friend!*

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**Carol Oyenarte** - February 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Momma Sharpe, You ment so much to me. Thank you for the skills you taught me and helping me to be a leader for the community. You touched the lives of so many when you were on the school board. I love you and will never forget the memories we had together. Love always. Burt Wetherington

Burt Wetherington - February 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Leslie My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Much love,

Michael - February 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Leslie my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. May God grant you the peace and ease that you need during this difficult time.

Jasmine Wilson - February 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Barbara was an inspiration for many. I enjoyed my time serving on the school board with her. She had a heart for students and served her community well. She was a very special woman!

April Griffin - February 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Aunt Barbie, you will forever be in our hearts.

Kathy, Tracy, Lisa, Melissa, and Adrian - February 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Dear Leslie, my heart is with you and your family. Your mother was such a sweet friend to me and my family. I enjoyed my time working for her on the School Board. She was a breathe of fresh air and always shared her truth. She will be deeply missed. God bless and love from Rose Ramos and family❤️🌹

Rose Ramos - February 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I met Ms. Barbra and Mr.Cleve when Ms. Barbrafirst ran for School Board.What a great and loving team. She brought common sense and openness to the Board. I shall cherish her memory. A true love story Stephan Homewood

Stephan k Homewood - February 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Leslie, our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. Clarence & Irene Scott

Clarence & Irene Scott - February 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ My deepest prayers and condolences to Mr. Cleave and the family. Barbara had been a great asset to our community. Nationwide Insurance and many other establishments . She will be greatly missed.

Lestine Ford & Family - February 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ We want to offer our prayers and condolences to you and your family.

Art & Carol Adkins, Antique City Mall - February 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ We were so thankful for all she did in Hawthorne to help the kids!  
Cannot speak highly enough of the difference she made out there.

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**Art Adkins** - February 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ Mrs Barbra Sharp, known in her adopted home town as "Bobbie",  
was a big sister to her little sister's friends in her presence. On very  
special program occasions at the church she would come to see as  
many friends as possible.....she was a person i was proud of as her  
lift style was helpful to other people..my familys condolences are  
oiffered to her family. Evelyn hayes Williams and Alfred

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**Evelyn & Alfred** - February 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM