



Barbara Ann Hill

July 11, 1935 - September 10, 2022

Barbara Ann Hill, 87, of Summerville, wife of the late James “Tobin” Hill, USAF retired, passed away on Saturday, September 10, 2022.

Barbara was born on July 11, 1935 in Canton, OH, daughter of the late Robert and Mary Lynch. She graduated from the Cathedral of Christ the King Girls High, Atlanta, GA and attended Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, Indiana. Barbara and Tobin were married at the Cathedral of Christ the King on July 13, 1957. She followed her beloved husband throughout his 25-year career in the United States Air Force to ultimately settle in their favorite spot, Summerville, SC.

Barbara wrote for nearly eight decades, publishing her own little newspaper when she was just nine years old. She continued her life-long love of words by writing for every paper in every town or military base where they were stationed during 22 moves around the world. She joined the staff of the Summerville Journal-Scene in 1980 and covered the town as a part of her regular beat, ultimately rising to Features Editor. Her “Inklings” column was a consistent feature of the newspaper until 2020. She earned countless fans for her ability to tell funny, relatable stories about family, local heritage and entertaining.

Barbara went to work for the Town of Summerville as its first historian, with the assignment to write a town history for its sesquicentennial anniversary.

Summerville, South Carolina, 1847-1997: Our History, was published in 1988.

She was then commissioned to pen the story of Summerville’s longest serving

mayor. In 1989, her book Berlin G. Myers, "The Man and The Business," was published. Besides these accomplishments, Barbara also took great pride as the co-founder of Summerville Writer's Guild now in its 28th year. She also served on the original board for the ABCC (Art, Business, Civic Coalition) and as a Summerville Sweet Tea Trolley Tour guide, spreading her enthusiasm for local history far and wide. Barbara was also instrumental in helping form the non-profit Cultural Arts Alliance of Summerville. She was an active member of St. John the Beloved Catholic Church.

Barbara is survived by her children: Cathryn Hill Mahon (Todd), David Anthony Hill (Amy Goebel), James T. Hill, Jr., Mary Clare Hill Gatch (Mike).

Grandchildren: Riley Hill, Grace Hill, Adam Hill, Jimmy Gatch (Liz Olson), Drew Gatch and Anna Gatch. Siblings: Michael Lynch (Jeannette), Cynthia Lynch Troneck (Jon), Dan Lynch and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her son, Christopher Joseph Hill and her brothers Tommy Lynch and Robert Lynch.

Along with her family's love and support, Barbara also received the special care of many staff members at Harmony-Westcott along with that of her Hospice team. Barbara was a cherished wife, mother and friend and will be greatly missed.

Family and friends are invited to a memorial mass on Friday, September 23, 2022 at 1 p.m. at Saint John the Beloved Catholic Church, 28 Sumter Avenue, Summerville, and a reception immediately following at Madden Hall.

Internment will be scheduled at a later date.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

SEP **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. John the Beloved Catholic Church
28 Sumter Avenue
Summerville, SC 29483

Tribute Wall

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“It was thru Mrs. Hill's articles written for the Journal Scene in 1987 when she published a story (rather short) about a lady who had only been in Summerville for 3-4 years. Her articles on the internal judicial system made her talent beam as an accurate account of the Town operation and history where so many revolved. My her earthly talents in writing be her every resting peace in heaven.”. Nancy Solt resident of Summerville, S. C.

Nancy Solt - November 06, 2023 at 09:50 PM

DH

“ It's time to pay tribute to a very special lady, who was so understanding of Jim's and my fishing passion. Barbara and Jim were part of a very special social group, who spent too many times enjoying each others company. We sure knew how to "party"! Our lives were very enriched having known the Hills. Hope they have a "Writers Guild" in heaven. Thoughts and prayers to the entire Hill clan.

Donald and Linda Haas - February 01, 2023 at 11:47 AM



“ Barbara Ann Hill

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM

GB

“ I knew Barbara through the Writers' Guild. She was a warm, sweet woman. I feel honored to have known her for those years.

Glenda Bolyn



Glenda Bolyn - September 22, 2022 at 10:31 PM

BM

“ *The Myers family was sad to learn about Barbara's passing. She was such a special person to us. We loved getting to know her as she researched and wrote about my father-in-law for the book that she wrote about Berlin G. Myers the man and the business. Please know that your family is in our prayers. Betsy Myers*

Betsy Myers - September 20, 2022 at 01:44 PM

DR

“ *To David and Family: I have many fond memories of the years that Barbara wrote for the Journal/Scene; Marilyn Weber generated DD2 stories; and Bobbie Young and I worked for The Evening Post and The Post and Courier. For some reason, folks in Dorchester County could not keep us straight. Us four women were always being greeted or introduced as each other. Barbara, Marilyn, Bobbie and I would always gently correct the person who erred and then we would share a laugh together later. The virtual "team" is no more, but we will laugh together again in heaven. I did so love Barbara, a great woman, who always enjoyed a laugh and a Notre Dame football game. Dora Ann Reaves*

Dora Ann Reaves - September 14, 2022 at 03:22 AM

KS

“ How do you express your love for someone that has been in your life for 30 years and has gone to her resting place; one word comes to mind about this amazing woman ... Angel. I loved her so, the stories of her and Mr. Jim will forever be in my heart. The laughter of her children growing up while moving around with the USAF. The honor to be a grandmother to her grandchildren. The storyteller of Summerville in the Journal Scene. The kindness in her voice shown toward everyone she met. I will miss you my friend my client and my Angel. My salon would've never made it without you. The chain as been broken but you will never be forgotten. My condolences to all connected to this amazing woman. My heart is broken but knowing you and Mr. Jim are together makes it smile. Heartfelt Always, Karen Stevenson owner of Just Me and Company Nail Spa



Karen Ketchens Stevenson - September 13, 2022 at 11:40 PM

JS

“ It was such a joy working with Barbara at the Summerville Journal-Scene. Her quick wit and knack for putting everyone at ease endeared her to many. I'm so sorry for your loss, but feel sure that she and Tobin are having a great time! My deepest condolences ~ Julie Smith

Julie Smith - September 13, 2022 at 11:26 AM