



## Barbara Edwards McEwen

May 26, 1931 - September 17, 2011

Barbara Edwards McEwen, age 80, a resident of Wilsonville, AL died on September 17, 2011. Bolton Funeral Home of Columbiana directing. Mrs. McEwen's funeral will be Monday, September 19, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at her church, Wilsonville Baptist in Wilsonville, AL. The Dr. Steve Thomas (her pastor) and Dr. Jim Smith (friend and former pastor) leading in a service of worship celebrating Mrs. McEwen's life. We will bury our devoted wife and beloved Mother and sister's body in Wilsonville Cemetery with the Rev. Frank Sims officiating as we commend her into the hands of God. We invite you to visit with the family at the church from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. prior to the service. Mrs. McEwen is preceded in death by her father, Claude Edwards and her mother, Mae Edwards. Left with loving memories her husband, Samuel McEwen and daughter, Melissa McEwen; a brother Paul (Tommie) Edwards; two nephews, Davy (Sheila) Edwards, and Danny (Pam) Edwards; a great-nephew, Hugh Daniel Edwards. Mrs. McEwen was a graduate of Shelby Co High; graduated from Alabama College for Women (now the University of Montevallo) with a degree in piano performance. She was the pianist or organist most of her adult life at Wilsonville Baptist Church and she was Band director at Vincent High School. She was a charter member of Wilsonville Fine Arts Club and Wilsonville Civitan where she was honored with the Foundation Fellowship Award . She married Sammy and was his faithful helpmate working alongside him at McEwen's Grocery Store. She also worked for Columbiana First National Bank for a number of years before rejoining

Sammy in the grocery business. Mrs. McEwen had a great love for God and it was demonstrated through the life she lived. Her life reached far and beyond the church and into the community. It was always her heart's desire to serve and do the will of the Lord as his humble servant. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society or the Wilsonville Baptist Building Fund. Please sign on line condolences at [www.boltonfuneralhome.com](http://www.boltonfuneralhome.com).

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# Tribute Wall

SK

“ My deepest sympathy to you Sammy and Melissa. Your grief is share by so many people whose lives were made bright by Barbara's touch. I take joy in knowing she and Mary are walking on the streets of gold, singing as they go. My love to you both. Skeet

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**Skeet** - September 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I WORKED WITH MISS BARBARA AT 1ST NATIONAL BANK IN THE 70'S.SHE IS ONE OF THE NICEST PEOPLE I HAVE EVER KNOWN.KIND,INTELLIGENT WITH A BEAUTIFUL SPIRIT. I KNOW YOU ALL ARE MISSING HER.

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**JACKIE LOGAN MARQUESS** - September 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ We are praying for the families that were affected. We all love Mr. Sammy and Mrs. Barbara very much and we will miss her smiling face so much. God Bless

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**Lauren Skelton** - September 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ I am so sorry for your loss, but your loss is heaven's gain. Hearing this news makes me glad that I stopped in to see her when Mrs. Curtis was in Columbiana Health & Rehab. I have fond memories of listening to her playing the piano when y'all would come to Bay Springs. My thoughts and prayers, as well as the thoughts and prayers of the entire Curtis family (including the Jones family and the Reed family) are with you.

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**David Reed** - September 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Sammy , I haven't see you or your lovely wifefor many years. I do still remember you both fondly and count you as good friends, I am so sad for your loss, I know she was an outstanding lady, known and loved by all who met her. God bless you in the coming days. Joe*

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**Joe Mooney** - September 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**John M. Wilson** - September 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Sammy and Melissa, much love and prayers to you both. May God give you comfort as only he can. I have many memories of Barbara. She was such a wonderful christian lady and I will always remember her beautiful smile.*

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**Leisa Cook Falkner** - September 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CY

“ *Mr Sammy McEwen and Melissa, I was deeply saddened to learn of Mrs. McEwens passing. Although I was on briefly around her I came to know her as a very kind spoken and genuine person. May God bless her and you as well. Chuck Yarbrough*

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**Chuck Yarbrough** - September 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ We wish to convey our deepest sympathies and much love to Mr. Sammie and Melissa, Paul, Tommie, Davy and Danny and the rest of the family. As a long time resident of Wilsonville, we have some many wonderful memories of Mrs. Barbara. We will never forget her kindness, compassion, and love for me and my family. Love always, James, Nina and the Jones family.

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**James & Nina Jones** - September 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ I wish to extend my sincere sympathy to Sammy and all other family members.

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**Hylott L. Armstrong, Jr.** - September 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ Sammy and family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss, but I know that Barbara is with the Lord now. She was always a very special person who could light up a room with her smile. Sammy, you and she gave me my first job many years ago, and working with her both at the store and later at First Natl were some of the best years of my life. She will be truly missed.

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**Frances Hardy** - September 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Mr.McEwen, as you always were to me, even when calling on your store for all the different companies and many years.My deepest sympathy to you and your tremendous loss.She was a breath of fresh air with her smile and look of understanding.

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**Basil George** - September 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *The McEwen Family, We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear wife and mother. Barbara was such a sweet, God loving person. We used to talk about her days of working for First Natl. Bank (I work for them, also). I used to look forward to seeing her at the store and visiting with her. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Rest in God's loving peace, my dear friend. You are all in our prayers.*

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**Bill and Yvonne Raia** - September 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *Our dear beautiful lady Barbara has joined Jesus and left a mighty void in our town today. Rest in peace and bask in God's glory. We shall miss your smiling face. Your shadow of love will always surround us. Skeet*

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**Skeet** - September 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Dear Sammy and family--I don't know whether you will recall me or not from the days when I lived with my family, the Cosbys, just outside of Wilsonville. However, I do remember you and Barbara with great fondness. As a teenager, I saw you two as such a loving couple and looked up to you both. It has been so many years since I left Alabama, but with such happy memories of Barbara, I just wanted to express my sympathies and say that my prayers are with you all.*

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**Sallie Cosby Thayer** - September 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Sammy and Melissa, I cannot express the sadness that I feel for you. Barbara was always a great influence when I was growing up. I loved her, and she was always such an important part of my life as a teen-ager. She also was very special to my whole family. I know that she and my mother are making beautiful music together in heaven. God Bless and you will continue to be in my prayers.*

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**Shirley Beavers Reynolds** - September 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *So sorry for your loss. Barbara was such a ray of Son-shine always full of love, joy, and encourgemnt. She will be greatly missed .*

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**Glenda Lightsey Joiner Howell** - September 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM