



## Barbara Jean Crews Roakes

August 3, 1934 - February 5, 2014

Barbara Jean Crews Roakes, 79, of 279 Ivy Knoll Drive, Gladys died Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at Lynchburg General Hospital. She was the wife of Ellis "Ed" Wilson Roakes for fifty-seven years.

She was born August 3, 1934 in Pittsylvania County, a daughter of the late Joseph Stone Crews and Mattie "Ethel" Robey Crews. She was a member of Kedron Baptist Church and a long-time dedicated and compassionate school bus driver with the Campbell County School System, retiring with over forty years of service. Barbara Jean's love of her life was her family and cooking and caring for them. She loved raising flowers and having a garden.

She is survived by a son, David Wilson Roakes and his wife Nicole of Gladys; her twin daughters, Sandra Roakes Francis and her husband Grayson of Nathalie and Susan Roakes Nash and her husband Binnie, Jr. of Gladys; six grandchildren, Jennifer Becker (Matt), Laura Borel (Marcus), Jessica Nash, Jillian Nash, Cooper and Cole Roakes; two great grandchildren, Lily Becker and Meredith Borel; one sister, Mary Pat Owen; one brother, J.T. Crews and his wife, Bernice; very special friends, Joyce Guthrie and Nancy Robertson.

She was preceded in death five brothers, Raymond, Robert, Billy, Edwin, Herbert and Raymond Crews; and two sisters, Virginia Compton and Lucille George.

A funeral service will be conducted at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, February 8, 2014 at Kedron Baptist Church by the Rev. Brian Reynolds with interment to follow in the church cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6:30-8:00 p.m., Friday at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Gladys and other times at the residence.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider Kedron Baptist Church, c/o The Guatemala Missions Trip, P.O. Box 38, Gladys, VA 24554.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to all the friends, neighbors and co-workers, who visited and brought food by during mom's illness. Also to the staff of The Summit Health and Rehab Center in Lynchburg.

# Cemetery Details

## Kedron Baptist Church Cemetery

7862 Brookneal HWY  
Gladys, VA 24554

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Gladys  
124 Flynn St.  
Gladys, VA 24554

## Funeral Service

FEB 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

Kedron Baptist Church  
7862 Brookneal HWY  
Gladys, VA 24554

# Tribute Wall

JJ

“ I just heard this week of Barbara's passing. I am so sorry for the family and the Gladys Communities loss. I know she is being so missed by all. I will never forget all her kindness. Joanne Jordan

Joanne Jordan - March 21, 2014 at 08:47 PM

KE

“ So sorry to hear of Mrs. Roakes passing I will be praying for the family during this time.

Kelli - February 11, 2014 at 01:06 PM

SR

“ When I came to Gladys 30 years ago as a new bride and didn't know anyone but Barn's family I met Barbara thru my mom in law and she became a great friend. She treated me like a family member and treated Matthew as if he were a grandson to her, to this day he calls her Nanny Roakes. Whenever we ran into her we always hugged and kissed. I loved her and my heart aches. What a woman!!

susie riddle - February 09, 2014 at 05:14 PM

KH

“ Just now reading of Barbara's passing. I worked with her at Blue Ridge Mfg. in Lynchburg way back in the late 50's. She was an awesome lady.....you had to love her. She knew my husband, Bob and his family and played "cupid" to get us to the alter. My love & prayers are with each of you as you feel the void of one who lived life so well. Kathy Purvis Hendricks

Kathy Purvis Hendricks - February 08, 2014 at 04:11 PM

DM

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Roakes, she was a dear lady. I have many memories of growing up with Sandra and Susan and how very much she loved all of her children. She will truly be missed. It is so very hard letting go of a loving Mom. May God grant you with the peace that passeth all understanding.

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**Dianne Tanner Marstin** - February 08, 2014 at 10:19 AM

LB

“ We are sorry to hear about Barbara Jean. We have a lot of fond memories of her. We were talking last night about our children riding Barbara Jean's bus, how she looked after them like they were her own. May God bless all of you and give you comfort at this time of need. Lynn & Helen Boteler

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**Lynn & Helen Boteler** - February 08, 2014 at 08:11 AM

CD

“ Our prayers are with all of you at this time. Just heard about the death of a loved one. Brought back lots of memories from the past. Love and sympathy. Shirley & C. W. Dudley.



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**C. W. & Shirley Dudley** - February 08, 2014 at 12:13 AM

DB

“ We have such wonderful memories of Barbara Jean. She was family friend for over 40 years, always willing to help out, sharing produce from her garden and setting an example of what it means to be a good neighbor. Our community has always produced wonderful people willing to come to your aid in a moments notice; Barbara was one of those people. She will be missed.

*Deborah Nash Burman & Family*

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**Deborah Burman** - February 07, 2014 at 03:03 PM

SM

“ Barbara was a fine example of a true friend to many in the Gladys community. She was willing to share fresh vegetables from her garden, take friends to the doctor, and visit with those who were ill. For many years, she and Ed were the hardworking team who kept Kedron clean and shiny! She was a dedicated bus driver for Campbell County and loved those children like her own. Barbara was a wonderful Mom and doting Grandmom. She not only loved them but showed them how to be fine Christian men and women. God has prepared a place for her, and she is home now resting in His Loving Arms! Well done , Mz. Barbara!



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**Scottie and Steve Moyer** - February 07, 2014 at 09:26 AM

RB

“ Barbara was a very special lady and I will always remember her fondly. She always made me smile and I was blessed to have her as part of my family when her daughter married my brother. My youngest son Ryan said that she was the Queen of mashed potatoes, that she made the best mashed potatoes ever!!! I know that she joins her savior and so many others we have loved and lost. I can just hear her and my mother talking about old times and Barbara is telling Mary all about their beautiful great granddaughter Meridith! Our thoughts and prayers are with Ed, Sandra, Susan, David and all the family!! May God embrace you and give you strength through this difficult time. Much Love, Rhonda Francis-Brown and Family

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**Rhonda Brown** - February 07, 2014 at 08:42 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Crews Roakes .



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February 07, 2014 at 08:31 AM



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DC

“ *Sandra and Susan,  
I am so sorry for the loss of your Mom. I have so many memories of when we were young. Your Mom was the sweetest person. She was always our room mother for parties at school. I will never forget how nice she was to me when I stayed at your house. Sending prayers and hugs your way.*

*Debbie Mitchell Cash*

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**Debbie Mitchell Cash** - February 07, 2014 at 08:04 AM

JS

“ *Barbara Jean was a lovely lady, wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and true friend. She will be greatly missed by her family and the entire community as she presented such a strong presence within the community always sharing her love for others. Please find peace in knowing she no longer suffers, the pain is gone.*

*We send our love and prayers to each of you, we will truly miss her also.*

*Nell Coates, Jamey Shelton, Nancy Sullivan*

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**Jamey Coates Shelton** - February 07, 2014 at 07:39 AM

SW

“ *Barbara watched me grow up in Kedron Baptist Church and on Ivy Knoll Drive. I probably drove her nuts at times but she amazingly kept her cool. As an adult visiting my parents, I'd often see her walking on Ivy Knoll Drive to exercise and chat with neighbors. I will miss seeing her and my heart goes out to all her family, friends, and the Gladys community.*

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**Sherry Tucker Wien** - February 06, 2014 at 11:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Crews Roakes .*



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February 06, 2014 at 09:20 PM



“ *Eugene & Mary Edmonds lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Crews Roakes*



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**Eugene & Mary Edmonds** - February 06, 2014 at 08:43 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Wishing you comforting memories, love & prayers.....*

*Phillip & Shirley Rosser*

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**Shirley Rosser** - February 06, 2014 at 08:00 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss.  
Sincerely,  
Ricky & Evelyn Bell*



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**Ricky&EvelynBell** - February 06, 2014 at 07:01 PM

GM

“ *Barbara, You were a wonderful person and a strong Christine who is loved and going to be missed by many. I just know now when I go to church your seat is going to be empty and I know the talks we shared and the many things I did at your house as a kid growing up will be cherished memories that are to my heart. You are a very sweet lady and I know that God has His arms wide open and the angels are sing. I love you dearly and will miss you but you will always hold a very special place near my heart. Love Gloria Mosebrook*



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**Gloria Mosebrook** - February 06, 2014 at 04:36 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Crews Roakes .*



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February 06, 2014 at 02:58 PM

DE

“ *Mrs.Roakes was so special to me!! She was my bus driver the entire time I was in school! She was so thoughtful and always treated me like I was one of her own grandchildren! One of my fondest memories was of her giving me a plastic bag to put on my head on rainy days "so I wouldn't catch a cold!!" I will treasure my visit with her last week!! Sending prayers and love to a great family!! She will truly be missed.*

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**Dana Elder** - February 06, 2014 at 02:51 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Crews Roakes .*



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February 06, 2014 at 01:36 PM



“ *Diane Puryear lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Crews Roakes*



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**Diane Puryear** - February 06, 2014 at 09:35 AM



*we were so saddened to hear of Barbara's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family. Know we will surely miss her but have wonderful memories.*

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**Diane Puryear** - February 06, 2014 at 09:37 AM

ED

“ *So very sorry and shocked to see this tonight. I enjoyed my conversations with Barbara. She would stop by the store from time to time to chat. She was a joy to visit with. Thoughts and prayers for her family and loved ones.*



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**Elaine Dalton** - February 05, 2014 at 10:14 PM

BT

“ To the Roakes family,  
I am so very sad to hear of Barbara's passing today. I know that the recent months have been very hard on her and on you all, but had hopes that she would continue to improve and come home. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and be of comfort to you.

Sincerely,  
Becky R. Thomas

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**Becky Thomas** - February 05, 2014 at 05:10 PM