



Peggy B Barger

July 24, 2018

Early in the morning on July 24th, 2018, Peggy B. Barger met her savior and was reunited with her father and mother.

She was born Peggy Neal Branson on December 6, 1931 to William Neal Branson and Pauline Wade Branson in Wallace, VA. Her father passed away in 1937 and, as she used to say, she and her mother (who never remarried) grew up together in Bristol, VA.

After graduating from Bristol Virginia High School, she started working at Washington Bank & Trust in

Bristol, VA as a bank courier. One of her responsibilities was to take checks drawn on other banks downtown to those banks for deposit to Washington Trust's account. Every afternoon after the banks closed, one particular bank she visited was First National Bank of Bristol, across the street. She would often see a handsome young man from First National crossing the street at the same time to take the deposit for First National to Washington Trust.

Eventually, that young man, Billie A. Barger, asked her for a date. After some reluctance, she agreed. They would often eat lunch at Bunting's Drug Store near the banks, purchasing two chili dogs and sharing a Coke for a whopping twenty five cents!

The relationship grew and Billie and Peggy were married on December 26, 1950, days before he reported for duty in the United States Air Force. From that date until her passing, she always signed her checks as Mrs. Billie A. Barger because, as she was proud to say, "That's one of the reasons I

married him!" On January 2, 1953, while Billie was home on short-term leave from Wheelus Air Base in Tripoli, Libya, their only child, Daniel A. Barger was born.

When his enlistment was up, Billie returned to Bristol and worked for Dominion National Bank. When their son was old enough to go to kindergarten, Peggy's mother, Polly as her friends called her, quit her job at S. E. Massengill to tend to Danny and Peggy went to work for Bristol Tennessee Electric System.

In September 1958, Billie, who was then working for the Federal Home Loan Bank System as an examiner, was transferred to a sub-regional office in St. Petersburg, FL. The family, which included Pauline (who was known to everyone in the family as "Nana" and passed away in 2004), packed up and made the drive to their new hometown where they still reside.

Peggy worked briefly for St. Petersburg Beach Bank & Trust but in 1959 she started a career at Florida Power Corporation (now Duke Power) which spanned 28 years. She retired in 1987 as a Supervisor of Customer Service. During that time, she became involved with Business and Professional Women's Foundation (BPW). She was President in 1981.

After retirement, she supported her husband in founding two banks in Seminole, FL. The highlight of her retirement, however, was the birth of her only grandchild, Leah Christine Barger on Mother's Day, May 13, 1990. They spent many hours together watching and singing to Gaither Homecoming videos.

She was active in her church, Lakewood United Methodist and was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist at the time of her passing.

There is a classic Southern Gospel Song entitled "What a Day That Will Be", written and copyrighted by Jim Hill. It speaks of no more heart aches, no more tears, no more sorrow, no more burdens, no sickness or pain, no more parting and living in the presence of her Savior. The words express the joy and peace she now has.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years Billie (St. Petersburg, FL), her son

Daniel, daughter-in-law Kim, granddaughter Leah and her granddog Lexie (Sarasota, FL).

She will be interred at Mountain View Cemetery, Bristol, VA.

Peggy never wanted a "big deal" made of her passing. In lieu of flowers, she and her family ask that donations be made to:

Operation Sing Again, a foundation that has taken on the task of raising funds to manufacture almost 47,000 Hymn DVDs to be distributed to Skilled-Nursing Care facilities across the United States.

<http://gospelmusichymnsing.com/>

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Operation Sing Again

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Morristown, TN 37816

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PO Box 3294

Seminole, FL 33775

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Boy Scouts of America

Greater Tampa Bay Council

13228 N. Central Ave,

Tampa, FL 33612

<https://tampabayscouting.org>

What a Day That Will Be

There is coming a day,

When no heart aches shall come,

No more clouds in the sky,

No more tears to dim the eye,

All is peace forever more,

On that happy golden shore,
What a day, glorious day that will be.
What a day that will be,
When my Jesus I shall see,
And I look upon His face,
The One who saved me by His grace;
When He takes me by the hand,
And leads me through the Promised Land,
What a day, glorious day that will be.
There'll be no sorrow there,
No more burdens to bear,
No more sickness, no pain,
No more parting over there;
And forever I will be,
With the One who died for me,
What a day, glorious day that will be.
What a day that will be,
When my Jesus I shall see,
And I look upon His face,
The One who saved me by His grace;
When He takes me by the hand,
And leads me through the Promised Land,
What a day, glorious day that will be

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Tribute Wall



“ *The family of Peggy B Barger uploaded a photo*

August 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Nick Drizos/Gail Clifton - Friend posted a condolence Mr. Barger, Gail & I are so sorry for your loss! Our thoughts & prayers are with you and the family! Nick Drizos / Gail Clifton from SMART*

Nick Drizos/Gail Clifton - Friend - August 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cindy Matosky Ninis - friend posted a condolence Mr. Barger and Danny, My Mom, Lois Matosky and I are so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in our prayers. Sincerely, Cindy*

Cindy Matosky Ninis - friend - August 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cheryl Irwin - Cousin posted a condolence Billie & family, so sorry to hear of Peggy's passing but know she is celebrating her homecoming. Praying for your comfort I am Billy Wade's youngest daughter and it's been many years since I've seen you. Peggy and my daddy were first cousins. My daddy went to heaven 1-5-2011 and I'm sure they're catching up! Take care and God bless you! With Love, Cheryl Wade Irwin, Lakeland, FL*

Cheryl Irwin - Cousin - August 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Barry Wade - Cousin posted a condolence Bill and Family,so sorry to here of Peggy passing.you are in our prayers*

Barry Wade - Cousin - August 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Merrilee K. Foerster - Friend - Seminole Chamber of Commerce posted a condolence Billie and family, my heartfelt prayers to all of you. May you rejoice knowing she is home with our Lord. May you share smiles and happy thoughts remembering wonderful times you shared. Peggy is no longer of this world but she does remain a part of all those who have known and loved her. As Billie Barger, I too am a past Ms. Seminole.*

Merrilee K. Foerster - Friend - Seminole Chamber of Commerce - August 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ *Gerry Cachia - Seminole Lake Rotary Club posted a condolence Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this most difficult time. God Bless!!*

Gerry Cachia - Seminole Lake Rotary Club - August 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *Greg & Jerrie Cunningham - Friend posted a condolence Billie and Family, Jerrie and I are praying for you all. Although it's sad to have Peggy leave us, we know she had a wonderful life with a loving family and many friends. We will remember her kindness and it's been a pleasure to work with her these many years.*

Greg & Jerrie Cunningham - Friend - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ *Gene and Kathy DeHaven - St. Luke's posted a condolence God bless you all during this time.*

Gene and Kathy DeHaven - St. Luke's - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Beverly Becker - also a member of St. Luke's posted a condolence I'm sure no words from will make this transition easier for you all. We will be praying for you all.

Beverly Becker - also a member of St. Luke's - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Mariella Stevens - Daughter of Frank & Marian Galloway - member of St. Luke's posted a condolence My thoughts and prayers are with you, may you find strength and comfort. Traveling mercies as you take your mom to her final resting spot. Continued prayers for Billie; miss seeing you at church.

Mariella Stevens - Daughter of Frank & Marian Galloway - member of St. Luke's - August 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Judy May - Friend posted a condolence Bill and family, My prays are with you and Son. Pat Kulp also sent her best wishes too.

Judy May - Friend - July 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM