



Barbara Anna Dawkins

July 12, 1944 - February 2, 2026

Barbara Anna Dawkins, 81, of Chestertown, Maryland, passed away peacefully in her home on February 2, 2026.

Barbara was born on July 12, 1944, in Chestertown, Maryland. She was the late daughter of John David Hurd and Helen (Maslin) Hurd. A lifelong resident of the area, she graduated from Chestertown High School and went on to marry the love of her life, Albert W. Dawkins, on October 4, 1963.

In 1966, Barbara and Albert moved to Chester Harbor, where they raised their three children and built a life rooted in family and community. Barbara devoted many years to her family, later working as a bookkeeper for her husband's contracting business. After Albert's passing in 1997, she continued working, spending four years as a housekeeper at Magnolia Hall in Chestertown.

Barbara had a deep love for animals, especially cats. She was well known for caring for and feeding the neighborhood cats in the Harbor—naming every one of them and making sure none were forgotten. She also found joy in decorating her home for the holidays and was famous among family and friends for hosting a great yard sale.

She is survived by her children, Christopher Dawkins (Amy) and Marie Meeks (Tom); her grandchildren, Jordan Dawkins, Justin Dawkins (Kylei), Megan Meeks, and Tommy Meeks; and her great-granddaughter, Drue Dawkins. She is also survived by her sister, Mary Grussing.

In addition to her parents and her beloved husband, Albert W. Dawkins, Barbara was preceded in death by her son, William Thomas Dawkins

("Butch"), and her brothers, John David Hurd Jr. and Charles Edward Hurd. Services will be held on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, Chestertown, Maryland. A viewing will be held one hour prior, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow at a later date at Chester Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Barbara's name to the Animal Care Shelter of Kent County, 10168 Worton Road, Chestertown, MD 21620.

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Burial

FEB 9 (ET)

Chester Cemetery
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Anna Dawkins*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 05 at 09:56 AM

RN

Marie and family, my heart aches for you all. I send prayers and hugs to you all. I didn't your mom but I know you, and you would give your shirt off your back. Sending love ❤️

Roxie Newsome - February 05 at 01:42 PM

LN

“ *Larry & Namcy lit a candle in memory of Barbara Anna Dawkins*



Larry & Namcy - February 07 at 08:06 PM

LN

Larry & Nancy are sending thoughts and prayers to the family

Larry & Namcy - February 07 at 08:07 PM

TB

“ *Ms. Mary sending hugs and prayers for your loss.*



Tracy Burris - February 05 at 04:54 PM

RM

“ *Sending prayers to the family.*



Robin Merchant - February 05 at 10:28 AM

TR

“ *Tracie Riddell lit a candle in memory of Barbara Anna Dawkins*



Tracie Riddell - February 05 at 07:21 AM



“ *Lisa Boone lit a candle in memory of Barbara Anna Dawkins*



Lisa Boone - February 04 at 10:18 PM

SM

“ Susan McGinnis lit a candle in memory of
Barbara Anna Dawkins



Susan McGinnis - February 04 at 04:33 PM

BN

“ Barbara K Nelson lit a candle in memory of
Barbara Anna Dawkins



Barbara k Nelson - February 04 at 03:14 PM

BN

Chris & Amy So sorry about your mom. She was a kind and thoughtful woman. Condolences to all of the family!

Barbara k Nelson - February 04 at 03:21 PM

RK

“ Barbara was a special person. She was a patient of Dr. Dick many years ago when I was his secretary/nurse. She was always pleasant and kind to everyone. She especially loved her family and talked lovingly of them. My prayers are with her family.



Rita Kulley - February 04 at 02:21 PM

FL

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers.



Frankie and Cathy Legg - February 04 at 11:58 AM

NM

“ Nancy Morris lit a candle in memory of Barbara Anna Dawkins



Nancy Morris - February 04 at 09:31 AM

MS

“ Had many of talks with her on our rides to and from . She was a great lady my Prayers are with all of you.

Marie Spray - February 04 at 08:48 AM

KD

“ Justin, Kylei&Drue Dawkins



Kylei Dawkins - February 04 at 08:20 AM

SH

“ *SharonCrew lit a candle in memory of
Barbara Anna Dawkins*



SharonCrew - February 03 at 05:50 PM