



Barbara Ann Smith Beckett Gaines

Barbara Ann Smith Beckett Gaines died March 7, 2024 at UAB Highlands Hospital. Barbara Ann was born in 1936 and was predeceased by her parents William Ennius and Elizabeth Belle Smith, by her beloved husband Samuel Monroe Beckett and by her second husband, James L. Gaines. She attended elementary school and high school in Birmingham, earned the Bachelor of Arts degree from Howard College of Samford University and the Master of Arts degree from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University. She also attended graduate schools at Central State University in Edmond, OK, the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN and the University of Alabama in Birmingham and Tuscaloosa. She was a member of the Information Sciences Department at Jefferson State Community College for thirty years where she developed much of the curriculum for the software courses in that department following the advent of IBM desk top computers in the classroom.

Prior to her college teaching career, she taught mathematics at private schools in Chattanooga,

TN (Girls Preparatory School) and in Birmingham at Brooke Hill School for Girls. After her retirement she became active in creating and selling pottery at local art galleries and as a member of Alabama Designer Craftsmen. She was a valued volunteer at her church and local non-profits. She was a devoted parishioner at St Stephens Episcopal Church where a memorial service will be held on March 12 at 3:00 pm. Her remains will be interred in the Memorial Garden at St Stephens and her name added to the Memorial Wall. Memorials may be made to St Stephens Episcopal Church at 3775 Crosshaven Drive, Birmingham, AL 35243, the Greater Birmingham Humane Society or to a charity of your choice.