



## Barbara Carroll Burton Bowen

August 16, 1938 - July 2, 2025

Friends and family lost a strong woman with a sharp sense of humor this past week. Barbara Carroll Burton Bowen, age 86, passed away peacefully after weakening from illness in the town she called home for her entire life.

Born in August 1938, to Rival and Garnet Burton, Barbara grew up in Anderson, Indiana, she loved family, community, and spirited conversations with all of those around her. She dedicated her career to education, spending her days of teaching with Anderson Community Schools, where she specialized in reading and inspired hundreds of students to pursue learning with purpose.

She was the proud mother of Ross Bowen, Vicki Gwaltney (Mark), and Becca Bowen Watson and beloved family of Pam Bowen and Matt Watson. Her legacy continues in her six cherished grandchildren - Chandler (Kelsey), Eli, Zoe, Cameron, Eme, and Theo-and two great-grandchildren, who brought her the brightest smiles. Numerous nieces and nephews knew her as the fun aunt.

She is survived by her brother Tom, and was preceded in death by her parents; her brother Ed; and sisters-in-law Ruth and Goodie.

Barbara found joy in quiet crafts, history, literature and lively music. She

enjoyed the harp, reading, and was a patient crocheter and knitter. She loved musicals, both on stage and screen, and was an avid supporter of her own kids' interests as well as those in her classroom.

Among her favorite ties, Barbara was a graduate of Anderson High School and Ball State Teachers College - later earning her masters degree. An early member of the Model A and Model T Clubs, Chesterfield Christian Church, as well as Beta Sigma Phi sorority, she cherished her friendships and community relationships deeply.

Those who knew her will remember her loyalty, sensibilities and her humor - a presence who enriched the lives of many.

Visitation will be hosted at Loose Funeral Home & Crematory, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm with a service at 3:00 pm on Sunday July 6, 2025.

In lieu of flowers or gifts to the family, please consider donating to a children's reading program close to you.

She will be sincerely missed and lovingly remembered.

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# Cemetery Details

## East Maplewood Cemetery

200 College Drive  
Anderson, IN 46012

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 6. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory  
200 W 53rd St  
Anderson, IN 46013  
(765) 649-5255  
info@loosecares.com

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara Carroll Burton Bowen.

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July 03, 2025 at 10:31 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray* was purchased for the family of Barbara Carroll Burton Bowen.



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