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CAMBRIDGE — Devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and faithful servant of the Lord, Barbara Ellen Edwards, 85, of Cambridge, Ohio, went home to be with her Savior and her husband, Quincy, on Tuesday, March 3, 2026. She passed at home—exactly where she wanted to be—surrounded by the family who fought so hard to keep her there.

A Life of Faith and Home

Born September 21, 1940, in Logansport, Indiana, Barbara grew up along the railroad tracks of the Wabash River. In May 1967, she moved into her home on Spring Street in Cambridge, where she would remain for over 59 years.

That house was more than a structure; it was her sanctuary, her mission field, and her final resting place on this earth.

A lifelong member of the Pentecostal Church of God, Barbara's faith was the heartbeat of her life. Even as dementia took its toll, her spirit remained resolute; she insisted on attending church in her final months, often resting on her grandsons' shoulders during the service, refusing to miss a moment of worship.

A Legacy of Unwavering Love

Barbara was the definition of a selfless heart. When she married Quincy, she stepped into a "ready-made" family, lovingly raising his children as her own.

She later expanded her family through the adoption of two daughters, Elisa

and Denise, and celebrated the birth of her biological daughter, Faith. Over the years, her door and her heart remained open as she welcomed more than five foster children into her home, providing them with the same steadfast care she gave her own.

While Quincy served as President of the Gospel Jubilee Association for more than two decades, Barbara was the unsung, steadfast powerhouse behind the scenes—the unseen strength that kept every event running, every artist supported, and every soul lifted with her unwavering faith and tireless love. She treasured every family milestone, carefully preserving and labeling a corsage from every wedding of her children and grandchildren as a testament to her joy.

Family

She is survived by: Her Children: Biological daughter, Faith Ann (Walter) Shafer-Hockman; adopted daughters, Elisa Bates and Denise Mitchell; and her step-children, Barbara (Leroy) Betts, Cliff Wigfield, Cathy Stillions, Ed (Pam) Edwards, and Merle Edwards.

Her Siblings: Rose Conklin, Katie (Paul) Schmidt, Rocky Shackelford, and Raymond

Shackelford. The Next Generations: 23 grandchildren and over 35 great-grandchildren, many of whom she loved fiercely and prayed for daily.

Barbara was preceded in death by: Her husband of 62 years, Quincy; her parents, including her mother Laura; her siblings, Russel Suddoth, Helen Shackelford, Mary Shackelford, Orval Lee Shackelford, Patricia Shackelford, Ethel May Shackelford, and Joyce June Skaggs; step-daughter, Judy Conklin Miller; son-in-law, Kenny Stillions; grandson, Christopher L. Edwards; granddaughter, Ashley Bates; great-grandson, Keegan Tyler Osborne; and great-great granddaughter, Liliana Hope Aragon-Shafer.

Special Acknowledgments

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to Heather Hill of New Concord, Ohio, for her tenacious and steadfast dedication as their in-home nurse for well over a decade. Her unwavering support for both Quincy and

Barbara—especially through the challenges of COVID and daily medication management—was a priceless blessing.

The family would also like to thank Tisha Phillips of Cambridge, Ohio, Barbara's dedicated right hand nurse's aide. For the last three years of her life, Tisha fulfilled Barbara's heartfelt wish by printing and hanging numerous family photos on the walls, never once called in sick, and made Barbara her top priority every single day.

Service Information

Services will be held at Bundy-Law Funeral Home in Cambridge, Ohio, on Saturday, March 14, 2026: Calling Hours: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Viewing: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Funeral Service: 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Donny Rowland officiating.

Interment: Burial will follow at Northwood Cemetery, Cambridge. Memorial

Contributions: In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Trinity Full Gospel Church in Zanesville, Ohio, at tfgchurch.com/give. Barbara's online tribute wall / guest book may be viewed and signed at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Northwood Cemetery

10th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Years of being her caregiver . She was the amazing lady. Everyday would be a surprise. On the warm days it was the porch swing and walks up the alley and the road. Around the house to see the wonder plants her grandson planted for her. On the cold days it was on side with the TV on and photo books out each picture she showed me was a great memory for her. May she be at peace

Tish Phillips - March 20 at 01:46 PM



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Bundy-Law Funeral Home - March 15 at 10:43 AM

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“ A wonderful babysitter for both my kids who loved her and Quincy very much.
We will see them again one day.

Cathy Pyle - March 08 at 07:34 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Barbara Ellen Edwards.



March 06 at 08:20 PM

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“ To My Mom Barbara Ellen Edwards my mom was the best mom I could ever ask for when I needed to talk to someone I would call her and she would help me out she's the best mom I could ever ask for even if I did give a hard time when I was younger about going to school I hated school I would have wanted to stay home every day with my mom because I felt self being around her I can remember when I would get bad headache and she would be at work at NCR and my dad Quincy Edwards would have to call her to come home from work because I would be crying with a bad headache and she would give me something for it and would rub my head until I fell asleep my mom was a loving caring amazing awesome loving caring Mom and Grandma and wife God bless me with a Mom like Barbara Ellen Edwards and and dad Quincy Edwards I couldn't have asked for better taking me to church when I was little I always love going to church in Zanesville Ohio at T.F.G.church and when I left to to Florida Mom would call every bus station to get me to back home but I wouldn't listen to them but I came home and they were there for me I love my family that God bless me with that's my mom Barbara and my dad Quincy and all my sisters and brothers and my nieces and nephews and my daughter Abbie and my son in law Shane and my other 2 daughters Torie and Melissa and my grandsons and grandkids.and my sister's in laws I couldn't ask for a better family than want God bless me with family is family never take no one for granted because you never know how long you have with them to make things right I love my family and my mom and Dad they will always be in my heart and never forgotten my mom had a kinda heart and soul she loved me and rise me and took care of me as her own I can remember when I had a seizure she came home from work early because Dad had to call at work at NCR and when she was taking me upstairs to get me into bed that's when I my first seizure at the top of the steps my mom Barbara Ellen Edwards is the best mom I could ever ask for even if I would make her mad at me she still never gave up on me still love me I want to say thank you God for blessing with the best mom like her



*to me she was a perfect mom we as family my have our ups and downs but always remember your family is want God bless you with never take none of your family for granted. Mom I love you and I thank you for everything you have ever done for me and our whole family my mom Edwards had a loving*and caring heart thank you God for blessing me with a Mom like her I didn't care if I was adopted she was my mom God bless me with and I was her daughter as well as her other daughters and sons she was taking care of and rising as her own.y.mom I love you you are with Jesus and with dad Quincy your husband and the rest of your family take care and love and hold Ashley for me .. I love 💕 you Mom Barbara Ellen Edwards and so does Abbie and Shane and everyone else..*

Elisa - March 06 at 06:39 PM

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A wonderful Christian woman I have known all my life to the family a part of you all went with her and will never come back and a part of her will be alive in you as long as your alive because you all was a part of her and she's apart of you she will be alive in you all as long as you all live i know she's in heaven I'm sorry for your loss both of my. Mom and dad h as passed away passed away there's no pain like losing your mom and dad God will help you through it and you will meet them again in heaven. I'm the late Ica mae Hardys daughter Tonya Hardy

Tonya Hardy - March 06 at 08:59 PM

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“ *Abundant Life Church purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Barbara Ellen Edwards.*



Abundant Life Church - March 06 at 02:24 PM