



Barbara Shields Collie

August 11, 1931 - July 28, 2026

Barbara Shields Collie, 94, died on July 28, 2026 at her home with family by her side.

Born August 11, 1931 in Spring Garden, VA and a longtime resident of Keeling, VA, she was the daughter of the late Charles V. Shields and Myrtle Lester Shields.

She married John Collie, Jr. on September 22, 1951, who predeceased her in 1999.

Mrs. Collie was a graduate of Averett College, where she served on the Board of Associates, was recognized with the Mary Jo Davis Lifetime Service Award, and was a member of the Averett Society.

With an early career in business administration, Mrs. Collie later became an integral part of her husband's successful farm and farm equipment businesses.

She was the last remaining charter member of Kentuck Presbyterian Church, where she faithfully served as an Elder, Clerk of Session, Treasurer, Sunday School teacher, and choir member. She also served as President, Historian, and Secretary of Presbyterian Women and was honored with a Lifetime

Membership.

Mrs. Collie was a member and former docent at the Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History. She was also a member of The Wednesday Club, the Danville Science Center, and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

She was the first woman member and chair of the Pittsylvania County Electoral Board. She also served on the boards of Woodlawn Academy and Sutherlin Academy.

Mrs. Collie was a devoted sports enthusiast who enjoyed following local, collegiate, and professional athletics. She was also proud to be an inaugural season ticket holder for the Danville Braves.

Her life was a testament to faithful service and enduring commitment to her family, her church, and her community.

She is survived by a son, John Charles Collie (Cheryl) of Sarasota, FL; daughter, Sarah Lanier Collie of Charlottesville, VA; and three grandchildren, Grace Maginnis (Sam) of Charlotte, NC; Ben Collie of Greenville, SC; and Emily Collie (Brenan Dimery) of Raleigh, NC. She is also survived by her brother-in-law, William Cobbs of Danville along with many beloved nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by sisters, Stanley S. Presto, Ryland S. Coggins, Whitney S. Cobbs, Judith S. Durham, brother, Jack F. Shields, foster brother Clarence Durham, a half-sister, Ruby S. Spencer, and a half-brother Charles V Shields Jr.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 1, 2:00 P.M. at Kentuck Presbyterian Church with Pastor David R. Smith officiating.

The family will receive friends at the Keeling residence.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to one of the following: Averett University Shields Sisters Scholarship; Dan River Region Community Foundation Barbara Shields Collie and John Collie, Jr. Scholarship; Kentuck Presbyterian Church; or a charity of your choice.

Wrenn Yeatts North Main is respectfully serving the Collie family.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Service

AUG 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Kentuck Presbyterian Church
9865 Old Richmond Road
Keeling, VA 24566

Tribute Wall

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“ To The Family, So sorry to hear About Barbara She and other family members have been life long friends and I will miss her.

T Neal Dodson - Yesterday at 07:15 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Shields Collie.



Yesterday at 02:00 PM



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

Yesterday at 02:00 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Shields Collie.



Yesterday at 09:58 AM

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“ *I always enjoyed Danville Braves games with Barbara and my uncles. She was always a family friend and a beautiful lady. So sorry for your loss. Debra Dodson*

Debra Dodson - July 29 at 02:29 PM

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“ *Charles, Sarah, and family*

So sorry to hear of your loss. Precious memories of your mom and the many rides to and from Woodlawn over the years. She had an infectious laugh and sense of humor and the biggest heart for others. She always encouraged us to do our best, to try hard, and you will succeed in life.

Thoughts and prayers to you all.

Lisa Barker McDaniel

Lisa McDaniel - July 29 at 01:45 PM

