



## Martha (Barrie) Sneed

September 25, 1944 - November 29, 2018

Martha Muilenburg (Barrie) Sneed of Asheville, NC died peacefully at home on November 29, 2018 after a long, brave encounter with Parkinson's Disease. The eldest of three daughters, she was born in Washington, DC on Sept. 25, 1944, to Paul Luther Muilenburg of Sioux Falls, SD, and Martha Dulin Muilenburg of Charlotte, NC.

Raised in Charlotte, she grew up in an elegant old house with a big yard where she enjoyed high speed badminton with her sisters and delicious cookouts with her large, extended family of Dulins. She graduated from Myers Park High School, then attended the Women's College of UNC at Greensboro and graduated from UNC Chapel Hill in 1966 with a degree in education for Special Needs children.

Barrie taught Special Education in the schools of Virginia Beach, VA, Middletown RI, and Durham, NC.

In 1967, she married her college beau, Lt JG Albert Sneed, Jr. Soon after, they moved into a charming carriage house in Newport, RI. In 1969 when her husband deployed to the Sixth Fleet, Barrie was able to follow the fleet from port to port and tour Europe when the fleet was out at sea. It was a glorious trip. After the Navy, Barrie and Albert toured the U.S. in a pick-up truck and camper before Albert entered Duke Law School in 1970.

While her husband was in Law School, Barrie delivered their first son Lee on the day of the Trusts and Estates final exam. Albert could be seen studying feverishly by her bedside light at Watts Hospital.

After moving to Asheville in 1973 and having her second son Paul, Barrie became active in her community through the Junior League and other volunteer organizations. She served on the Board of Directors of the Junior League and the United Way, chaired the Public Relations Committee of the Junior League and the United Way Allocations Committee, was co-chair of the First Southern Conference Basketball tournament, chair of the 1989 Bele Chere Festival, and coordinating director of the first City of Asheville Light Up Your Holidays Festival. Barrie was elected to the vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church where she also served as Senior Warden.

Besides contributing to her community, she shared her many talents. She had a wonderful voice and loved to sing. She'd grown up listening to gospel on the radio, and after being diagnosed with Parkinson's, she crossed off an important entry on her bucket list by auditioning in 2012 for the Charleston Symphony Gospel Choir. After being accepted, she drove four and a half hours to Charleston every week for nearly a year to practice and perform. It was one of the highlights of her life.

Singing wasn't Barrie's only passion. Of the three sisters, Barrie was the dancer. Her innate virtuoso rhythm led her as a teenager to become a whirlwind on the dance floor when the Beach Step arrived. Despite the Parkinson's, she danced gracefully, fast, and on beat with her son Lee on the day of his wedding in October, 2013.

Barrie had an unstoppable creativity that shone through everything she did, from cooking to decorating to writing travel postcards or thank you notes. She also had a wonderful warmth, empathy and smile for everyone she met. She could find something in common with anyone and most always left them with

a trademark humorous quip that made them smile too. Her life was filled with fun and laughter.

Barrie is survived by her husband of 51 years, Albert L. Sneed, Jr.; her son, Albert Lee Sneed, III and his wife, Kristen Cline Sneed; her son, Paul Ryman Sneed, and his wife, Tracie Sexton Sneed and granddaughters, Mattie Kae and Lucille Barrett, all of Mount Pleasant, SC. She is also survived by her sisters, Lisa M. Carrigan and her husband, Michael of Alexandria, VA, and Jo Muilenburg of Mill Valley, CA; many cousins, nieces and nephews; and by her angel, Ona Hensley.

Barrie will always be remembered for her sunny disposition, the humorous asides she came up with in every situation and the kindness she showed to everyone she met. She will be greatly missed by her family, not only close kin and long-time friends, but also those who only “passed by her once, but remember it with affection.”

The family extends special thanks to Dr. James Patton, Dr. Clay Ballantine; caregivers, Ona Hensley, Najee Norris and Lillian Davis, and the wonderful staff at Care Partners Palliative Care.

A service to celebrate the Resurrection to eternal life will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, 60 Church St., at 11:00AM on Friday December 7, 2018. A reception will follow in Tuton Hall.

Memorial gifts may be made to Homeward Bound, 218 Patton Ave, 28801 or Trinity Episcopal Church, 60 Church St., Asheville 28801.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Episcopal Church  
60 Church Street  
Asheville, NC 28801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Morris Funeral & Cremation Care created a Tribute Video in memory of Martha (Barrie) Sneed*



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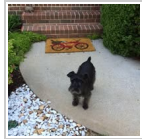
**Morris Funeral Home** - December 04, 2018 at 05:07 PM



“ *Martha (Barrie) Sneed*

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October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I was so very sorry to hear of your loss of Barrie. She was such a gracious and kind and funny woman. During my years of knowing Barrie through VanWinkle, she always made sure to make me feel welcomed. Barrie's kindness made a difference in my life. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Cheryl (Fisher) Greene*

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**Cheryl Greene** - December 12, 2018 at 09:05 AM



“ *It's heartbreaking to realize this energetic, spunky woman no longer is both making lives around her better but also keeping Albert in line. Who else could? So many fond memories of our time at Carolina. God bless—and keep Him on the right path, too, Barrie.*

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**Bill Leake** - December 09, 2018 at 07:49 PM



“ *What a marvelous, spirited, delightful lady. So many fond memories of her from our days at Carolina. Albert, she was perhaps the only one with enough spunk to keep you in line. Beautiful woman and a great family. God bless and -kai-, Bill Leake*

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**Bill Leake** - December 09, 2018 at 03:02 PM

KB

“ *Albert, my deepest condolences to you and your family. May your beautiful memories bring you peace during this difficult time. Kim Burchfield*

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**Kim Burchfield** - December 07, 2018 at 08:39 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Martha (Barrie) Sneed.*



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December 06, 2018 at 01:42 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Martha (Barrie) Sneed.*



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December 05, 2018 at 11:21 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Martha (Barrie) Sneed.



December 05, 2018 at 06:50 PM



“ Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Martha (Barrie) Sneed.



December 05, 2018 at 01:02 PM



“ 43 files added to the album Life Tributes



**Morris Funeral Home** - December 04, 2018 at 04:03 PM

RS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Barrie's passing and wish love and strength for the entire Sneed family. I was probably three years old and in pre-school with Paul when I first met Barrie. Through all those years growing up with her sons, she always had such a great smile and disposition. I am sure she touched so many people.

Robin (Hill) Sanchez - December 04, 2018 at 03:26 PM

LS

“ Everyone who knew Barrie smiled in her presence. She spoke to everyone she met with kindness and humor no matter. She loved singing, sewing, exercising, cooking, conversations, and most of all her family. She was generous to a fault and devout in her beliefs. She lived her life fully despite her physical disease in a way which was exemplary to us all. I loved spending time with my dear sister in law and she definitely was one of those larger than life people. We will miss her so. Linda Sneed

Linda Sneed - December 03, 2018 at 04:43 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Martha (Barrie) Sneed.



December 03, 2018 at 03:35 PM

GS

“ Dear Albert, Lee, and Paul, I'm so deeply sorry for your loss. Barrie was a remarkable woman, and an amazing mother. I loved her dearly and I'm sorry not to be able to make it to the funeral. I made a donation in her memory to the Charleston Symphony Gospel Choir to honor her legacy and celebrate her joie de vivre.

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**Gillian Sneed** - December 03, 2018 at 02:39 PM

JS

“ Albert, I am very sorry for your loss. What a wonderful tribute to her.

*Jan Strifling*

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**Jan Strifling** - December 03, 2018 at 01:53 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Martha (Barrie) Sneed.



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December 03, 2018 at 12:39 PM

AH

“ May care and love of those around you provide comfort and peace to get you through the days ahead. My most sincere condolences.

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**Ashley Huddleston** - December 03, 2018 at 11:19 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Martha (Barrie) Sneed.*



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December 03, 2018 at 09:25 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Martha (Barrie) Sneed.*



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December 03, 2018 at 09:21 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Martha (Barrie) Sneed.*



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December 02, 2018 at 11:09 AM



“ *Much love and sorrow for you Paul and your family. I only met your Mom once but her obituary exhibits a full life and great contributions of service. Although she left this world way too young, she is now free to be herself once again. Prayers for you for peace and comfort. Love you.*

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**Sandy Crenshaw** - December 01, 2018 at 03:55 PM