



Gretchen Barnette Dickson

February 24, 1938 - September 8, 2025

Martha Gretchen Barnette Dickson, 87, passed away peacefully on September 8, 2025, at Swift Creek Health Care Center at The Templeton in Cary, NC.

Born in Oxford, NC, on February 24, 1938, to the late Murphy J. and Ruth W. Barnette, Gretchen spent her life in Raleigh where she grew up and built a life grounded in faith, family, and quiet devotion to those she loved.

A 1956 graduate of Needham B. Broughton High School, Gretchen was known for her strong convictions, quick wit, and love of animals.

Gretchen was preceded in death by her husband, Wallace Gregg Dickson and her sister Alida Barnette Baker. She is survived by her stepsons, Blake Dickson (Luanne) of Greensboro, NC and Gregg Dickson of Burlington, NC; nieces Martha Eggleston of Cary, NC, who was her devoted caregiver, and Elizabeth Eggleston of Wilmington, NC, and her step-grandchildren Stephen Dickson, Lisa Curtis (Tony), and Slone Dickson.

Our family would like to express our deepest gratitude to the compassionate and dedicated staff of the 4th Floor at Swift Creek Health Care Center. Your kindness, professionalism, and attentive care brought comfort to Gretchen during her time with you.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, October 11, at 2PM at Raleigh Memorial Park. Family and friends are welcome to gather and remember Gretchen.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly request donations be made in Gretchen's name to Hayes Barton Baptist Church, 1800 Glenwood Ave, Raleigh, NC 27608, or Transitions Hospice Care, 250 Hospice Circle, Raleigh, NC 27607, honoring her lifelong commitment to compassion and community.

Cemetery Details

Raleigh Memorial Park

7501 Glenwood Ave
Raleigh, NC 27612

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 11. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“Gretchen was my dear friend for 27 years. We bonded over our love of animals especially cats. We liked going to special patriotic events in downtown Raleigh and walking together in our neighborhood. She was a generous and thoughtful friend and will forever be missed.

Donna Loveless - September 12, 2025 at 08:24 AM