



## Barbara Downing

December 22, 1948 - April 7, 2026

Barbara Sue Downing, 77, of Cross City, Florida passed away April 7, 2026. She was born on December 22, 1948, to the late Maureen and Richard Hilliard, Jr. in Gainesville, Florida, but had lived in the Cross City area for most of her life.

Mrs. Downing retired as the Food Service Manager for the Dixie County School System after 15 years of dedicated service. She was a faithful member of Central Baptist Church in Cross City. She will always be remembered for her remarkable musical talents as a gifted piano player and singer in gospel groups. In her younger years, she was also known as an excellent softball player. Her many talents and warm spirit will be fondly remembered by all who knew and loved her.

Mrs. Downing is survived by her sons Keith Fowler (Barbara) and Ricky Downing (Crystal), 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and other extended family members. She was preceded in death by her husband Martin "Buddy" Downing, her daughter Susan Fowler Eatmon, and her sister Carol Potter.

Funeral services for Mrs. Downing will be held 12:00 PM Monday, April 13, 2026, at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel with Pastor Dwayne Kight officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Cemetery in Jena,

Florida. The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and Chiefland 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at [rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com](http://rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olive Cemetery

1039 SW 320th Ave  
Steinhatchee, FL 32359

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City  
16984 SE Hwy 19  
PO Box 1208  
Cross City, FL 32628

## Funeral Service

APR 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel  
16984 SE Hwy 19  
Cross City, FL 32628

# Tribute Wall



“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Barbara Downing



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**Rick Gooding Funeral Homes** - April 13 at 11:51 AM



“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Downing



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**Rick Gooding Funeral Homes** - April 12 at 06:22 PM

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“ Keith and Ricky, Im so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Barbara was a wonderful lady and will be greatly missed. You both are in my prayers.



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**Carla Kidd** - April 29 at 08:48 AM



“ Gloria Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Barbara Downing



Gloria Gilbert - April 13 at 01:24 PM



“ 67 files added to the album Life Tributes



Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - April 12 at 11:50 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Downing.



April 10 at 05:40 PM



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

April 10 at 05:40 PM