

Jul 25, 2026

Obituary with visitation and funeral details

Dorothea Rose Barrett – beloved daughter, sister, granddaughter, niece, god-daughter, and friend – fell asleep in the Lord at Norton Children’s Hospital in Louisville, KY on July 24, 2026. Her aunts, whom she loved, describe her as “curious and bright” and as facing the impossible with “grace and fortitude.” She was six years old when she passed peacefully in her parents’ arms.

Thea, as she was affectionately called most often by friends and family, had a playful, kind, and extraordinarily sweet nature. Innocent and thoughtful, she often expressed concern for others’ well-being, including for her many animal friends. She joyfully lived out her Orthodox Christian faith in generosity and in forgiveness, which she was quick to bestow. In her final days, she requested hymns rather than entertainments; and when she could no longer speak, she crossed herself and indicated approval at frequent prayers by slowly nodding her head or giving her special thumbs up.

She is survived by her parents Nathaniel and Cathy (Covington) Barrett; her siblings Mary, Philip, Benjamin, Emily, and Stephen; her grandparents Michael and Melody (Mauldin) Covington and Mark and Lois (Kidd) Barrett; great-grandmother Eleanor (Daniel) Mauldin; her aunts Rachel Barrett, Rebecca Barrett, and Sharon Covington; god-parents Ricky and Marta (Moser) Irvine; many uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends; and a loved and loving church family.

Services will be held at St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church (3701 St. Michael Church Drive, Louisville, KY 40220). Visitation is on Monday the 27th from 4PM to 7PM, with Trisagion Prayers to follow. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday the 28th at 10AM, with interment at Floydensburg Cemetery in Crestwood, KY (5600 Old Floydensburg Road, Crestwood, KY 40014).

Flowers are appreciated. Memorial donations may be made to St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church.

Dorothea’s family expresses their heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of love and help from so many dear people, including many generous strangers. May the Lord bless and protect all of you, and may Dorothea’s memory be eternal. +