

Celebration Of Life for



Barbara Brooks

Sunrise:
June 19, 1940

Sunset:
April 23, 2026

Saturday, May 2, 2026
11am

Ruth Fellowship Ministries
733 South Second Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060
Rev. Tracey L. Brown, Pastor

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:1-7

Prayer of Consolation

Selection

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Message Of Comfort

Rev. Tracey L. Brown, Pastor

Committal

Benediction

Recessional



Obituary

Barbara Brooks was born on June 19th, 1940 to Raymond Reed and Catherine Joyner in Newark, New Jersey. There she attended school and met her husband Cleophus. They married in 1956 and moved to Plainfield, New Jersey in 1963 where they settled and began their family.

As she raised her family, Barbara held several jobs throughout the years. She worked at Keenan Book Binders in Hillside, Bradlee's in South Plainfield and Reed's Grocery in Newark which was owned by her brother, Larry. She later divorced in 1980 and continued to live a fulfilling life.

Barbara was a soft spoken, easy to love woman who enjoyed crocheting and made many blankets and scarves throughout the years. She enjoyed day trips to the casino, dining out at her favorite restaurant Red Lobster, watching the Food Network and most importantly, being with her family. Her love and devotion for her family was well known and she loved being in their company and attending the various family gatherings over the years. She ended all of her conversations and good-byes with a sincere "Love You" and you felt it in your heart.

On April 23rd, 2026, Barbara peacefully transitioned to be with the Lord. She is heavenly reunited with her parents Raymond and Catherine; sons Cleophus and Vernon; brother Milton and sisters Jeanette and Carolyn.

Barbara is survived by her loving sons Joseph (Mary) and Darin (Machid); daughters-in-law Vanessa Whitmore, Marva Brooks-Cole and Wendy Hardy; sister Sharon Reed Pryor; brothers Raymond (Rachel Kinsey), Lawrence (Terry), Ronald (Pat), Walter (Maryanne), Leonard (Ann), James, David (Lolita), Kenneth (Terry); grandchildren Barbara, Bobby, Doron, Paige (Whitaker), Brittney, Vernon, Quwanda and Darin; 9 great-grandchildren; long time friends Emma Williams, Novlette Morgan and Wanda Barksdale; and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who will miss her dearly.

Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.
-Helen Lowrie Marshall*

Acknowledgements

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the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown
to their family during this hour of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!*

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