



## Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson

August 12, 1950 - December 23, 2021

\*\*GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH IS HOSTING SERVICES IN LOVING MEMORY FOR THE FAMILY OF MS. BARBARA JEAN JACKSON ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022.

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\*\*\*\*ATTN: EXTENDED FAMILY & FRIENDS\*\*\*\*\*THERE WILL BE A DRIVE THROUGH VISITATION FOR THE EXTENDED FAMILY & FRIENDS-Monday, January 3, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE FRIENDS & EXTENDED FAMILY: YOU MAY VIEW MS. JACKSON DURING DRIVE THROUGH VISITATION ONLY. PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS\*\*\*\*\*

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\*\*\*\*DIRECTIONS FOR DRIVE THROUGH VIEWING\*\*\*\*\*DO NOT ENTER OUR PARKING LOT AT DOUGLAS AVENUE ENTRANCE\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*TO ENTER DRIVE THROUGH VISITATION: PLEASE TAKE NORTH STREET, make a left on Summer Street and then a left to Jefferson Street to enter in at the Jefferson Street Entrance

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If you have any questions please contact us at: (269) 342-1000

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### The Obituary

Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson, lovingly known as “BJ”, transitioned peacefully on December 23, 2021, at Borgess Medical Center after a short illness,

surrounded by her loved ones. She was born August 12, 1950, in Kalamazoo, MI and graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School in 1969. She retired after 45 years from Graphic Packaging International. Barbara accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of The Galilee Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Edward, Sr. and Artie Will Jackson; a beloved son, Gerald G. Whitfield; three brothers, Ross Edward Jackson, Michael Anthony Jackson, Sr., Ronnie Earl Jackson, and Robert Edward Jackson, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memory, three children, Tony (Melissa) Jackson of Gary, IN, Clifford Jackson and Renee Whitfield of Kalamazoo, MI; two brothers, David Jackson and Raynard Jackson of Kalamazoo, MI; two sisters, Atricia Jackson of Atlanta, GA and Veronica (Tracy) Pettway of Talking Rock, GA; one god brother, Brian (Robin) Pratt of Kalamazoo, MI; 19 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild, two special grandson's Tyren Sheppard and Jamar Jackson; special sister-in-law, Debra Jackson of Kalamazoo, MI; special daughter, Luanne Williams of Kalamazoo, MI; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and special friends. Barbara will be greatly missed by all who know and love her.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Rd  
Kalamazoo, MI 49048-1733  
(269) 337-8227

# Previous Events

## Drive Through Visitation (Extended Family & Friends)

JAN 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home, Inc.  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007  
(269) 342-1000  
info@harperfuneral.com  
<https://www.harperfuneral.com>

## Visitation For Family & Friends

JAN 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church  
1216 North Westnedge Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

## **A Service in Loving Memory**

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JAN 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church  
1216 North Westnedge Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson



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Harper Funeral Home - January 02, 2022 at 10:00 PM

PL

*This was a hard pill to swallow BJ we love and will miss you dearly heaven has gain a angel you will never be forgotten friend the Phillips family*

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phillips lorene - January 17, 2022 at 02:14 PM



“ Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson

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October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson

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October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM

KJ

“ *Karen Johnson-Foster lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**Karen Johnson-Foster** - January 09, 2022 at 02:39 PM

ES

“ *Ethel (Jones) Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**Ethel (Jones) Smith** - January 06, 2022 at 08:28 PM

JR

“ *My heartfelt love and condolences to the family of Barbara Jean Jackson.*



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**Janie Reed** - January 05, 2022 at 10:18 PM

SB

“ *Sharon Buchanan sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**Sharon buchanan** - January 05, 2022 at 02:49 PM

SB

“ *She will be missed. RIP Ms Barbra*



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**Sharon buchanan** - January 05, 2022 at 02:49 PM

NG

“ *Nicole Gordon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**Nicole Gordon** - January 05, 2022 at 03:18 AM

DW

“ *David & Laverne Walker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**David & Laverne Walker** - January 04, 2022 at 09:09 PM

SJ

“ *Susan Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**Susan Johnson** - January 04, 2022 at 08:31 PM

SF

“ *Sandra Hines And Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



Sandra Hines and family - January 04, 2022 at 03:31 PM

ML

“ *Malinda Ligon-Whitley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



Malinda Ligon-Whitley - January 04, 2022 at 12:52 PM

HS

“ *Hilda Snell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



Hilda Snell - January 04, 2022 at 12:52 PM

MH

“ *Our prayers and condolences are being sent to the immediate family. My heart is heavy feeling the loss of Barbara. She always looked out for me and my family!!! I'm praying for peace and comfort to surround us during this difficult time. Love, Mi Mi and Family*

Mi Mi Hornbuckle - January 04, 2022 at 11:53 AM

TW

“ *Barb was a great life long friend (more like a big sister) She was loving, giving and could cook a great meal. Barb will truly be missed and never forgotten. Sending much love and condolences to your the Jackson family from Terri Walker and family.*



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**terri walker** - January 04, 2022 at 08:48 AM

RF

“ *Royetta Fry-Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**Royetta Fry-Walker** - January 04, 2022 at 06:37 AM

SW

“ *Sheree Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**Sheree Williams** - January 04, 2022 at 01:13 AM

TA

“ *Tina Avery lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**Tina Avery** - January 03, 2022 at 11:47 PM

RB

“ *Redice Bradley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**Redice Bradley** - January 03, 2022 at 10:37 PM

TF

“ *Tisa Franklin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**Tisa Franklin** - January 03, 2022 at 09:16 PM

MT

“ *Martha Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**Martha Thompson** - January 03, 2022 at 05:55 PM

AB

“ *Barbara will be greatly missed. I always appreciated her love and support. Barbara always showed up and did so in style! There are so many memories that I will cherish. May she rest in heavenly peace.*

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**Alexis Bell** - January 03, 2022 at 05:47 PM

JP

“ *James Phillips sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**James Phillips** - January 03, 2022 at 04:40 PM

JP

“ *Prayers for the Jackson family.*



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**James Phillips** - January 03, 2022 at 04:31 PM

MM

“ *Mozella Mosley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**Mozella Mosley** - January 03, 2022 at 03:11 PM

BJ

“ *Bari Brown Jr lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**Bari Brown Jr** - January 03, 2022 at 09:26 AM

BJ

“ Rest easy my special lady my dance partner love you

Bari Brown Jr - January 03, 2022 at 09:26 AM



“ Tanya Abbott lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson



Tanya Abbott - January 03, 2022 at 01:49 AM

DH

“ Denise Reese Heltzel lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson



Denise Reese Heltzel - January 03, 2022 at 12:12 AM

KM

“ Kim Marshall lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson



kim marshall - January 02, 2022 at 11:35 PM

KG

“ Karen Gray lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson



Karen Gray - January 02, 2022 at 08:34 PM

KG

“ Karen Gray sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson



Karen Gray - January 02, 2022 at 08:33 PM

KG

“ Karen Gray sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson



Karen Gray - January 02, 2022 at 08:25 PM

KG

“ Karen Gray sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson



Karen Gray - January 02, 2022 at 08:23 PM

TF

“ *The Richardson Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**The Richardson Family** - January 02, 2022 at 07:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson.*



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January 02, 2022 at 05:28 PM

BF

“ *Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**Betty Ford** - January 02, 2022 at 05:13 PM

GW

“ *GEORGIA WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**GEORGIA WILLIAMS** - January 02, 2022 at 03:16 PM

HW

“ *Helen Word sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**Helen Word** - January 02, 2022 at 10:32 AM

LF

“ *Larry Bell And Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**Larry Bell and family** - January 02, 2022 at 10:01 AM

LF

“ *Larry Bell And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**Larry Bell and family** - January 02, 2022 at 10:00 AM

CF

“ *Charlene Harkness & Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**Charlene Harkness & family** - January 02, 2022 at 09:47 AM



“ *The Walker Family*



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**W** - January 02, 2022 at 08:31 AM



“ *We offer a very special prayer of comfort and healing to the entire Jackson family during this difficult time. May our God surround you with His Love and Peace.  
Larence and Sherry Anderson*



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**Sherry Anderson** - January 01, 2022 at 05:47 PM



“ *Claudia Smith & Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**claudia smith & family** - January 01, 2022 at 05:29 PM



“ *Patterson Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**Patterson Family** - January 01, 2022 at 01:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson.*



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January 01, 2022 at 12:00 PM



“ *Renee, sending our condolences, love, and prayers from our family to yours. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot bear*❤️❤️



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**Royetta Fry-Walker** - January 01, 2022 at 09:51 AM



“ *Royetta Fry-Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**Royetta Fry-Walker** - January 01, 2022 at 09:46 AM



“ *Danny And Mary Ann Dallas lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**Danny and Mary Ann Dallas** - January 01, 2022 at 08:30 AM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson



Jack Dunigan - January 01, 2022 at 12:23 AM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson



Jack Dunigan - January 01, 2022 at 12:22 AM

SW

“ Selena Walker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson



Selena Walker - December 31, 2021 at 10:15 PM

EF

“ Sorry for your loss to the Jackson Family I will keep you in my prayers God will comfort you



Earline Fields - December 31, 2021 at 08:42 PM

DF

“ *Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**Dallas Boards and family** - December 31, 2021 at 07:28 PM

JL

“ *Jessie Lipsey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**jessie Lipsey** - December 31, 2021 at 06:33 PM

CB

“ *Carrie Baker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**Carrie Baker** - December 31, 2021 at 06:31 PM

JM

“ *Joyce McDowell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson*



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**Joyce McDowell** - December 31, 2021 at 06:29 PM

PF

“ Patterson Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson



Patterson Family - December 31, 2021 at 05:16 PM

JE

“ Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson



Jo Ann Embrey - December 31, 2021 at 02:57 PM

SH

“ BJ will be greatly missed. Her smile was a light to everyone she met. BJ bowling skills was top notched. RIP BJ  
The Higgins Family



Sharon Higgins - December 31, 2021 at 12:54 PM

SH

“ Sandra Hughes lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson



Sandra Hughes - December 31, 2021 at 12:08 PM

KF

“ We're are so sorry for your loss. Condolences and prayers to the family! BJ was very special to us. She was always there when we needed her. We enjoyed spending time with her. She will truly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We Love you all.



Kevin and Patricia Ford - December 31, 2021 at 11:31 AM

CS

“ Cindy Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson



Cindy Smith - December 31, 2021 at 08:57 AM

HB

“ Hal & Janet Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Jackson



Hal & Janet Buchanan - December 31, 2021 at 08:08 AM

WB

“ So sorry to here of barbs passing,she was one of a kind,we will miss her,worked with her many yrs.fly high barb be our gardian angel,hugs in heaven....



Wendy Briley - December 30, 2021 at 10:41 PM

DA

“ BJ you had a heart of gold always giving you will be surely missed  
Rest In Peace to the Jackson family we love you

Doris Abbott - December 30, 2021 at 09:32 PM

JG

“ BJ" as she was affectionately known to us was  
a close and dear friend to our family. We  
enjoyed many good times together. She will be  
truly missed. Rest in heavenly peace "BJ".



JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr-Atlanta GA - December 30, 2021 at 09:17 PM



“ Modean Reeves lit a candle in memory of Ms.  
Barbara Jean Jackson



Modean Reeves - December 30, 2021 at 08:28 PM

KP

“ Keysha Pratt lit a candle in memory of Ms.  
Barbara Jean Jackson



Keysha Pratt - December 30, 2021 at 06:18 PM