



Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar

October 18, 1943 - September 23, 2020

****NOTE: A WALK THROUGH VISITATION FOR THE PUBLIC WILL BE HELD 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday, October 3, 2020.

A GRAVESIDE SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 3, 2020 at Riverside Cemetery in Kalamazoo)***Due to the governor's mandate, up to (100) people may be present for the outdoor service. ****MASKS ARE REQUIRED****

Barbara Jean Vallar was born October 18, 1943 in Prairie Point Mississippi to Blanche (Boyd) and Willie Owens. She peacefully went home with the Lord on Wednesday September 23, 2020 surrounded by her family.

Barbara attended Macon Colored High School where she graduated from in 1962. After high school she moved to New York, New York and resided there briefly because she really didn't like the city. She later relocated to Kalamazoo, Michigan in late 1962 where several of her siblings were already established. She was employed at Cadillac Overhaul and transitioned to Kalamazoo Paper Company, until their closure.

In late 1962 she met the love of her life, James Isaac Vallar Sr. On December 1 ,1969 they united in marriage and to this union two children were born , James and Stephanie.

Barbara confessed her belief in Christ at an early age at Sauder C.M Church in Prairie Point. After moving to Kalamazoo she became a member of Galilee Missionary Baptist under the leadership of the late Rev. Mabry Gardner. She served on the Senior Usher Board and for over 15 years as the Assistant Secretary until her health declined.

Barbara had a strong personality but a big heart and would always have a smile on her face. She was like a mother figure to her extended family members and was known to always provide a listening ear to everyone in the time of need. She wouldn't hesitate to open her home to anyone that needed a place to stay or a hot meal to eat. She was also

very passionate about cooking southern comfort food and homemade desserts. She will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her mother, Blanche (Boyd) Owens; her father, Willie Owens and brother, Lessie Owens.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her loving husband, James I. Vallar Sr.; children: son, James (Toiya) Vallar Jr. and daughter, Stephanie Vallar; stepchildren, Aprial (Eldridge) Gates of Lima Ohio and Cynthia Deeble of Grand Rapids Michigan; grandchildren, James "Tre" Vallar III of Staten Island, New York; Kayla Vallar and Alexis Vallar both of Kalamazoo, Michigan; Kimiyah Vallar of Grand Rapids Michigan and Nicholas Vallar; one aunt, Corrine; sisters, Minnie Thurmond, Lula (Curtis) Ivy and Jessie Owens all of Kalamazoo Michigan; one brother, Johnny Owens of Macon Mississippi; nieces and nephews she assisted in raising as her own: Yolanda (Jim) Latty and Trinisha (Demarcus) Hughes all of Lexington, Kentucky; Leonard Wilson of Canton Michigan; Wysheeka Vallar, Alicia Vallar; and Michael, Edwin, Joshua and David Wilson all of Kalamazoo Michigan; along with a host; several step grandchildren, step great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Walk Through Visitation for Public

OCT 3. 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Graveside Service in Loving Memory

OCT 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar



Harper Funeral Home - October 01, 2020 at 07:14 PM



“ Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Kayla Vallar lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar



Kayla Vallar - December 07, 2021 at 04:50 PM



“ Katen Gray lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar



Katen Gray - October 12, 2020 at 09:06 AM

GN

“ Gertrude Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar



Gertrude Nelson - October 03, 2020 at 01:48 PM

CW

“ Cordell Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar



Cordell Williams - October 03, 2020 at 01:47 PM

JG

“ John Kelly Gordon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar



John Kelly Gordon - October 03, 2020 at 01:47 PM

LC

“ Leslie Cartwright lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar



Leslie Cartwright - October 03, 2020 at 01:46 PM

BP

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Vallar/Owens family.



Barbara Phillips - October 03, 2020 at 11:41 AM

TH

“ *Tanya Hollin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar*



Tanya Hollin - October 03, 2020 at 10:21 AM

TF

“ *The Hollin Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar*



The Hollin Family - October 03, 2020 at 10:19 AM

FS

“ *Sending prayers and my deepest condolences to the family. Barb will be deeply missed.*



FANNIE Sheppard - October 02, 2020 at 07:03 PM

JS

“ *I am grateful to God for being able to fellowship with Sister Vallar for a number of years. She was always friendly, loving, and kind. God bless her family.*



Josephine Smith - October 02, 2020 at 09:53 AM

HS

“ *Hilda Bradford Snell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar*



Hilda Bradford Snell - October 02, 2020 at 12:59 AM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar



Jack Dunigan - October 01, 2020 at 07:18 PM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar



Jack Dunigan - October 01, 2020 at 07:18 PM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar



Jack Dunigan - October 01, 2020 at 07:04 PM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar



Jack Dunigan - October 01, 2020 at 07:04 PM

FS

“ FANNIE Sheppard sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar



FANNIE Sheppard - October 01, 2020 at 05:41 PM

SW

“ Selena Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar



Selena Walker - October 01, 2020 at 07:22 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar.



September 30, 2020 at 03:08 PM

MM

“ Mozella Mosley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar



Mozella Mosley - September 30, 2020 at 01:25 PM

PG

“ Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar



Pauline Gardner - September 29, 2020 at 07:22 AM

LJ

“ Lavetne Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar



Lavetne Jones - September 28, 2020 at 09:45 PM

HW

“ *Helen Word lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar*



Helen Word - September 28, 2020 at 09:02 PM

PF

“ *PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar*



PATTERSON FAMILY - September 28, 2020 at 10:53 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar.*



September 28, 2020 at 08:32 AM

HB

“ *Hal & Janet Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar*



Hal & Janet Buchanan - September 28, 2020 at 08:24 AM

TF

“ *The Daniel Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar*



The Daniel Family - September 28, 2020 at 08:23 AM

FF

“ *Frank & Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar*



Frank & Betty Ford - September 27, 2020 at 09:32 PM

NH

“ *Nanette Hickman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar*



Nanette Hickman - September 27, 2020 at 11:09 AM

LJ

“ *Lavetne Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar*



Lavetne Jones - September 26, 2020 at 10:01 PM

HS

“ *Hilda Bradford Snell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar*



Hilda Bradford Snell - September 26, 2020 at 07:03 PM

EF

“ *EARLINE FIELDS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar*



EARLINE FIELDS - September 26, 2020 at 06:03 PM

EF

“ *EARLINE FIELDS sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar*



EARLINE FIELDS - September 26, 2020 at 06:02 PM

SW

“ *Selena Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Vallar*



Selena Walker - September 26, 2020 at 12:45 PM