



## Ms. Barbara Ann McLeod

October 29, 1955 - June 23, 2020

Barbara Ann McLeod, 64, of Peoria passed away peacefully at 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at Unity Point Methodist Medical Center. She was born October 29, 1955, in Cleveland, Mississippi to Sammie and Odessa (Owens) Dudley. She was a Graduate of Manual High School in 1973 and expanded her education by taking collegiate courses. She married lifetime friend Joseph McLeod on April 30, 1977 in Peoria, IL. He survives.

Barb worked with Santa Fe Railroad in Peoria, IL and transferred to Topeka, Kansas for a total of 12 years. She dedicated over 20 years to Caterpillar, where she finalized her career.

Barbara accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. As an active member of Sovereign Grace Missionary Baptist Church, everyone knew of her passion and love for the Lord. Barbara loved to love on people. Her life was a living example of the Bible verse, Ephesians 4:32 – “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

She leaves to cherish her precious memory, her mother Odessa Dudley of Peoria; one daughter, Monica McLeod, one son Joseph McLeod Jr., both of Peoria; three brothers, Larry (Sandra) Dudley and Sylvester Dudley, both of Peoria and Sam (Darene) Dudley of Milwaukee, WI; two sisters, Gloria (Russell) Burcham of East Peoria and Terra (Deandre) Dudley of Peoria; three grandchildren; Denasia Winston, Arrion Hobson, and Jessa Harris all of Peoria; and one great granddaughter Jaiya Mayfield also of Peoria.

Barbara was preceded in death by her father and two sisters LeVera Dismuke and Tammy Davis.

She was a loving and devoted mother who especially loved her role as Maw Maw. Her vivacious personality always made people around her laugh. Barb lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures, whether they be crocheting, giving out nick names, calling one's attention by "Babe" or "Hun," cooking or dining out at her favorite restaurants (Texas Roadhouse & The 50's Diner). She had an ability to reach people in a deep & positive way.

Barbara will be forever missed in the hearts of numerous devoted nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family and friends.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Friday, July 3, 2020 at Sovereign Grace M.B.C at 10:00 a.m. Visitation services will be held a half an hour prior at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Alvin Riley Sr. will officiate. Due to Covid-19 mandates, social distancing will be observed, and masks are required.

Barbara will be laid to rest at Parkview Cemetery.

Friends and family are invited to attend a Celebration of Life gathering following services at Greater Wisdom C.O.G.I.C church at 1:00 p.m. at 433 S. Warren Street Peoria, IL 61605.

# Cemetery Details

## Parkview Cemetery

2001 N. University  
Peoria, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 3. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Sovereign Grace M.B.C.

## Celebration of life- Sovereign Grace M.B. Church

JUL 3. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Sovereign Grace M.B.C.

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ Catherine Randle Watson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann McLeod



Catherine Randle Watson - August 06, 2020 at 06:58 AM



“ To the Family of Barbara Ann McCloud, I too, share your grief. She checked up on me, as I her. She loved her grandchildren very much and she loved her mother, Mrs. Odessa, very much. She wanted to stay on this Earth to take care of those she loved so much. She was a devoted Christian. As we grew up together at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church. Barbara loved everybody and always found good in all. I will really miss her smiling face and her famous words to me was: Sister Moore, please try to love everybody. This was kind of hard for me at times. Until we meet again, I will remember all she taught me, and I will live by those words.

Sincerely, Sister Florist Moore

Remembering you in Christ, I have no doubt you are at home with the Lord.

James Offutt - July 17, 2020 at 12:09 AM

AC

“ In Loving memory, Mrs. Audrey, Cyndi and DD Gipson



Audrey Gipson, Manual HS Counselor - July 08, 2020 at 04:21 PM

SW

“Saundra Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann McLeod



saundra walker - July 06, 2020 at 08:40 PM

CE

“Cathy Edwards lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann McLeod



Cathy Edwards - July 03, 2020 at 09:54 AM

TW

“Theresa Walker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann McLeod



Theresa Walker - July 02, 2020 at 05:39 PM

RP

“Ruby Peary lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann McLeod



Ruby Peary - July 02, 2020 at 05:12 PM

VK

“ *May God comfort your family during your time of sorrow*



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**Vickie King** - July 02, 2020 at 03:45 PM

MH

“ *Maria Hamer lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann McLeod*



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**Maria Hamer** - July 01, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ *Sheryl Allen lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann McLeod*



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**Sheryl Allen** - July 01, 2020 at 02:18 PM

JB

“ To The Family Of Ms Barbara Ann McLeod  
May The God Of Love , Hope And  
Understanding Give You All Everything That  
You Need To Know That Joy Comes In The  
Morning And The Sun Shall Shine Again  
Because Of Who He Is. Barbara Will Always Be  
With You Watching Over You From Above. She Always Had That  
Loving Caring Spirit About Her Whenever You Saw Her And It Shall  
Forever And For Always Remain With All Of Us As We Remember  
Her. RIH GBNF ❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏



Joanie Brown - July 01, 2020 at 01:00 PM

AH

“ Barb, you fought the good fight, you finished the race, you kept the  
faith! (2 Tim 4:7) You have taken your rest, but your loving spirit  
remains in so many hearts. Always remembering your sweet smile.

Annette Housley - July 01, 2020 at 08:32 AM

AH

My prayers deepest condolences to the family.

Annette Housley - July 01, 2020 at 08:34 AM

RP

“ Mother Odessa and family of Sis. Barbara, you have our deepest  
and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your beloved one. I  
remember back when we were young I would see her singing in the  
choir. She always had a smile on her face and really cared about  
people. I will always remember the kindness and the sincere words  
that she spoke to me. I know she is at rest with the Lord whom she  
served. Rest on in the loving arms of Jesus until we meet again.

Ruby and Phil - June 30, 2020 at 07:45 PM

FC

“ *Fran Clayborn lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann McLeod*



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**Fran Clayborn** - June 30, 2020 at 06:30 PM

FC

*Deepest condolences to the family. Barb was a beautiful, kind, considerate & humble. May she rest in peace.*

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**Fran Clayborn** - June 30, 2020 at 06:32 PM

DG

*Barb was a very nice sweet women who will be missed deeply....*

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**Dale Givens** - July 01, 2020 at 08:43 AM

CH

“ *Carmen Hines lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann McLeod*



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**Carmen Hines** - June 30, 2020 at 05:45 PM

PT

“ *Her hugs were Everything.*



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**Phyllis Thomas** - June 30, 2020 at 05:20 PM

LC

“ *Laverne Clayborn lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann McLeod*



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**Laverne Clayborn** - June 30, 2020 at 04:50 PM

LC

*My friend, my sister I will always love you. She is safe in his arms.*

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**Laverne Clayborn** - June 30, 2020 at 04:52 PM

SA

“ *To the family of Precious Barbara,*

*Barbara was such a Jewel. Her presence was always like the freshness of a sweet gentle breeze. I shall never forget her beautiful smile, her genuine kindness and gentleness. She truly exemplified the Love and Light of Jesus. I know you will miss her, so will I, but we can be assured we will see her again. Miss Odessa and each one of you are in my thoughts and prayers. May the God of All Comfort meet your every need during this time of grief and Always.*

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**Sharon Anderson** - June 30, 2020 at 04:17 PM