



Mrs. Barbara Howard

February 16, 1940 - August 14, 2019

Mother Barbara Jean Howard, age 79, of Shelbyville, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, August 14th, 2019, at Tennova Healthcare.

Funeral services will be at 12noon on Saturday, August 24th, 2019 at Edgemont Baptist Church. Pastor Willie Lee Rippy of Kings Chapel at Union Ridge will be eulogist. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

The body will lie in state on Saturday from 9:00a.m. until time of service.

Mother Howard was born on February 16th, 1940, in St. Louis, Missouri to the late Pastor James and Mother Eula Sweeney. They later moved to California where she grew up and eventually met and married her soulmate, the late Pastor Lawson B. Howard. They moved to Tennessee, where he was from, in the late 1960's. She stood by her husband as he started the Whosoever Will Pentecostal Church in Shelbyville. They were instrumental in starting many programs within the church and were firm believers in visiting the sick and helping others. She was a godly woman and faithful member of Whosoever Will until her death.

She is survived by two sons, Lawson Howard, Jr. and Calvin Howard (wife Tina), and two daughters, Denise Straughter, (husband J.T.), and Arburdea Lyons, (husband Ray), all of Shelbyville; six grandchildren, Shanaya Reese, Ranisha Reese, Ashleigh Newman, Mikel Newman, Justin Howard, and Jasmine Howard; ten great grandchildren, Javarius, Alyssa, Dakarie, Terrius, Niziah, Ealona, Caiden, Jy'lin, LaRocko, and Breeyce; four sisters and six brothers.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall

LO

“ I miss you granny it's been 5 years since you passed and I still can't get over it I miss you but your in a better place and I'm down here.doing good for you



Lona - February 02, 2025 at 05:39 PM

ML

“ My parents Helen and Sidney Battle were great friends to Barbara Jean and the entire Sweeney family. May God bless the Sweeney and Howard families. I know she is resting well with her mom and dad in heaven. A great lady has left the planet. Love and blessings Miyoshi Battle Landry and family



Miyoshi Landry - October 12, 2019 at 04:33 PM

JR

“ Miss Barbara was a true Christian a very nice lady. My deepest sympathies to the entire family.

James Rippy - August 27, 2019 at 01:45 PM

TT

“ Tina Tharpe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Howard



Tina Tharpe - August 26, 2019 at 11:19 AM

BR

“ *Betty Ransom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Howard*



Betty Ransom - August 24, 2019 at 10:50 AM

HH

“ *Harriet Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Howard*



Harriet Hughes - August 24, 2019 at 09:44 AM

AW

“ *Alberta Wells lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Howard*



Alberta Wells - August 24, 2019 at 09:37 AM

MW

“ *Martha Turrentine Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Howard*



Martha Turrentine Williams - August 24, 2019 at 09:31 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara Howard.*



August 22, 2019 at 12:37 PM



“ *Melinda Bell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Howard*



Melinda Bell - August 18, 2019 at 06:25 PM



“ *Jay Hathaway lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Howard*



Jay Hathaway - August 18, 2019 at 02:02 PM



“ *To the family . I so sorry for the loss of a beautiful woman. My deepest sympathy to all the family and friends*



Fran Henderson - August 16, 2019 at 10:32 PM

BY

“ *Bishop Willie Young&Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Howard*



Bishop Willie young&Family - August 16, 2019 at 08:55 PM

BY

Our Prayers and love is with you.

Bishop Willie young - August 16, 2019 at 08:57 PM

JB

“ *To Mother Barbara Howard and Family. God has called a true Prayer Warrior home. May God bless the Family and friends. You were one of a kind and stood by your beliefs. I value the friendship and an deeply saddened by your passing. Thank you for all the wisdom, love and understanding. Our memories will forever be cherished. Thank you Howard Family for sharing your parents with so many. Lives were taught, touched and healed. You will be greatly missed! Love you!*

Joseph Brown - August 16, 2019 at 03:22 PM

RR

“ *Rita Rippy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Howard*



Rita Rippy - August 16, 2019 at 09:07 AM

JD

“Joyce Goodman Dawson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Howard



Joyce Goodman Dawson - August 16, 2019 at 12:02 AM

CG

“Carolyn L Goodman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Howard



Carolyn L Goodman - August 16, 2019 at 12:02 AM

JW

“Jeremy & Shawanda Wells lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Howard



Jeremy & Shawanda Wells - August 15, 2019 at 09:33 PM

SC

“Shelia Chunn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Howard



Shelia Chunn - August 15, 2019 at 09:23 PM

BB

“ *Betty Buckingham&Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Howard*



Betty Buckingham&Family - August 15, 2019 at 07:04 PM

ET

“ *Elsie Trice lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Howard*



Elsie Trice - August 15, 2019 at 01:40 PM