



Barbara Jones Harrell

June 3, 2025

On Tuesday, June 3, 2025, Barbara Ann Jones Harrell entered into eternal rest at her home. She was born April 24, 1944 in New Orleans, LA to the late Harry Jones and Florence Coleman Jones.

Barbara Jones Harrell was the beloved wife of the late Gerald August Harrell, Sr. They were united in holy matrimony on April 25, 1964 in Sunrise, Louisiana. To this union were born six children, Lori Ann Harrell, Gerald August Harrell, Jr. (Patricia "Trudie"), Nicole Ann Harrell, Bridgette Harrell Huntley (Quinn), Corey Andre' Harrell, and the late Jerrie A. Harrell Godfrey (the Late Kenneth).

Barbara Jones Harrell was baptized in 1956, at the age of 12, in the Mississippi River by Reverend Alcide Merrick at First Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, in Sunrise, Louisiana. Throughout her life, she was spiritually guided by the Word of God. Her life, as well as her family's life, was centered in the church. She raised her children at Bethel A.M.E. Church, New Orleans Louisiana, where she was a Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher, as well as a leader of the Young People Department. Barbara was also a member of the Adult Choir and a Girl Scout Leader. Before Hurricane Katrina, she became a member of Gaza Missionary Baptist Church, and then Franklin Avenue Baptist Church. While away from home during the hurricane, she attended Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church in Monroe, Louisiana and

Franklin Avenue Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. When she returned to New Orleans, she continued her membership at Franklin Avenue Baptist Church.

Barbara received her high school diploma from Sunrise High School in 1962 and her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Southern University of New Orleans in 1979. Before becoming an educator, Barbara was employed at Charity Hospital of New Orleans. Upon receiving her degree, she was employed by the Archdiocese of New Orleans: St. David Elementary and St. Mary of the Angels; Orleans Parish School Board: Ray Abrams and George Washington Elementary Schools; and Plaquemines School Board: Boothville-Venice and Buras Elementary Schools. Barbara retired from the Orleans Parish School Board on March 25, 2006. She loved being an educator. It was her life's mission to impart knowledge and wisdom to those around her. She was beloved by all of her students, parents, faculty, staff, family, and friends.

Her pass time enjoyment was sewing, cooking, reading, traveling, fellowship with family and friends, and more importantly, sharing the gospel to everyone she encountered. Her love for her church, her family, friends, neighbors and community was evident in the life she lived. Barbara's legacy will live on in her children, as well as her grandchildren, Jentrele, Jarred, Courtney, Gerald, III "Tre" (Tuwaikene), Jeremy, and Syndi Harrell; Jordan Godfrey (Ash'Leigh); Raven Parker (Patrick, Sr.); Torin Sr. (Kayla) and Noah Hawkins; Michael, Marcus, and Brianna Huntley; and great-grandchildren, Caleb Adams; Javian, Yo'el, Ya'ir, Jru, and Jordyn Harrell; Syrai Manimoi; Patrick Jr. and Raya Parker; Torin "Levi" Jr. and Annalia Hawkins; and Isabella Huntley. Barbara also had three godchildren: Kerbert Vaughn Jr, Keshun Carpenter, and the Late Loretta Jones Henry.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald August Harrell, Sr.;

her daughter, Jerrie H. Godfrey; her son-in-law, Kenneth Godfrey; her parents, Harry and Florence Jones; and her sisters, Rosemary J. Vaughn and Gloria J. Foster.

Barbara leaves to cherish her memory, her five children, thirteen grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, two sisters, Carolyn J. Parker (Kenneth Sr.) and Henrietta J. Turner (Theodore Jr.), one aunt (Delores P. Coleman), six sisters-in-law, Leola Hamilton, Lorraine Sample, Janice Banks, and Velma, Mary, and Janette Harrell, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Through Barbara's prayers and supplication, her family is blessed by God's grace and favor.

Special thanks to her son, Corey Andre', who took excellent care of his mother during these past years.

Relatives and friends of the family are also invited to attend the Funeral Service at Franklin Ave Baptist Church, 8282 I-10 Service Road New Orleans, Louisiana on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 10:00am. Visitation will begin at 9:00am until 10:00am. In addition, you can view the services online at www.franklinabc.com, [Facebook.com/fabcnola](https://www.facebook.com/fabcnola), and [YouTube.com/fabcnola](https://www.youtube.com/fabcnola).

Interment: Providence Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave, New Orleans, LA 70125. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guestbook.

In lieu of flowers, you can make donation to Excellence by Designs Florist for flowers.

Cemetery Details

Providence Park Cemetery

8200 Airline Dr
Metairie, LA 70003
(504) 464-0541

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Franklin Avenue Baptist Church
8282 I-10 Service Rd. South
New Orleans, LA

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *What a special lady and sister in the Lord! I am the maternal great-grandmother of Levi and Annalia Hawkins, and I only knew Miz Barbara for a few short years. But when meeting her for the first time, I immediately felt the love of God shed abroad in her heart. A couple of years ago I went to Corey's for Thanksgiving Day, and we spent hours talking about family and the Lord. I am so very thankful for the times we spent together. I rejoice that she is now present with the Lord. Dear Father God, may your peace and comfort be with all of us who are missing her physical presence.*
Colleen N. Wertz Rio

Colleen N. Wertz Rio - June 14, 2025 at 01:07 PM

JW

“ *I always felt welcomed in the Harrell home. It was filled with love, warmth, and the strong bonds of family. It was clear that a deeply revered matriarch was in charge and cherished, and it's certain that your devotion to your family will have impact and resonate for generations to come. Rest well, Mrs. Barbara Harrell!* 🤍 ✨ 🌙 🙏

Jean Williams - June 13, 2025 at 06:05 PM

LF

“ *Love your Samsara Family purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Barbara Jones Harrell.*



Love your Samsara Family - June 12, 2025 at 06:07 PM

DH

“ David H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Jones Harrell.

David H. - June 12, 2025 at 02:07 PM

LE

“ Prayers and Condolences to you all. Gone to be with The Lord. But Never Ever Forgotten. Sending my prayers and love from Cordova Tennessee. LuJuano

LuJuano Evans - June 12, 2025 at 12:49 PM

LD

“ My friend, I will miss our conversations. You were are very great friend to me. Linda Johnson Drake

Linda Johnson Drake - June 12, 2025 at 11:33 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara Jones Harrell.



June 12, 2025 at 11:26 AM

LC

“ Sending prayers of comfort, love and hugs to the family!



Loraine Catlett - June 12, 2025 at 10:06 AM

PC

“ Going to miss those 7-10am phone call talking about God. How He Blessed our families over the years. Proud of how our families had personal relationships with God. Something to Smile about. Rest from the cares of this world. Barbara. May you have Gods Grace ,Mercy and Peace. Love Patricia Cameese-Carpenter and Family.

Patricia Cameese-Carpenter - June 11, 2025 at 07:26 PM

DM

“ Very loving & sweet person. She gave you unconditional love! I will dearly miss her calls and presence. She left a legacy that her family & friends will never forget. She was like 2nd mom & grandma. My love & prayers to the family. 🙏💕 Love Ann&Chris

Dr.ANN McDaniel - June 11, 2025 at 06:15 PM

DM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dr.ANN McDaniel - June 11, 2025 at 06:10 PM

DJ

“ Donald Williams & Fam (Friend of Jarred) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Jones Harrell.

Donald Williams & Fam (Friend of Jarred) - June 11, 2025 at 04:51 PM

DJ

“ Donald Williams & Fam (Friend of Jarred) purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Barbara Jones Harrell.



Donald Williams & Fam (Friend of Jarred) - June 11, 2025 at 04:51 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Barbara Jones Harrell.



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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara Jones Harrell.



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