



## Mrs. Barbara J. Houston

June 21, 1954 - December 9, 2015

Ms. Barbara Jean Houston passed away Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at the age of 61 years. She was born June 21, 1954 in Saginaw, Michigan, the daughter of Mary Lois Rowe and Nathaniel Garrett. Barbara was raised in Saginaw, Michigan and was a member of House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church since 2009. Barbara went to Saginaw Public Schools. She enjoyed cooking, playing cards, decorating her home, going to church and spending time with family and friends, especially her children and grandchildren. She will be missed for her cooking, yelling and attending family functions.

Ms. Barbara Jean Houston leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters, Denise Michelle Williams and Laticia Nakia Faye Williams "Lady"; six grandchildren, Y'Keyaha Williams, Thomas McKinley, Jr., John Prater, Jr., Nyashia Williams, Eeve' Cooper, Jr. and Trinity Mc Kinley; four great-grandchildren, Key'Miyah Brooks, Thomas McKinley III, John Prater III and Taylor McKinley; two sisters, Noreen (Nelson) Smooth and Deborah Henry; nieces, Cathie Williams, Tia Williams, Sade Williams and Sparkle Williams; niece/goddaughter, Ashley Williams; nephews, Raymond Williams, Reginald Williams, Arsenio Williams, Corey Williams, Anthony Williams and Devantae Williams; godson, Robert McCulloh; ten great nieces and nephews, Dominic Johnson, Jr., DaPerrius Johnson, Da'Perria Johnson, Cecil Hibbler, Cam'ren Hibbler, Stephon Williams, Thomas Williams, Ariana Ashford, Majesty Williams, Skye Williams and Ni'ana Williams; special aunt Julia Pringle; two special cousins, Dorothy Jean McCulloh and Cathie (Arthur) Berryhill; a host

of other relatives and friends including, Helen Neal, Phyliss Phillips, Hattie Parker, Carrie Johnson, Rev. Walter McCall, Paulette McCall and James Brooks.

Ms. Houston was preceded in death by her parents, Mary Lois Rowe and Nathaniel Garrett; grandmother, Eula Mae Rowe; grandfather, Nathan Rowe; sisters, Brenda, Lisa, Shirley and Margaret Williams; brothers, Dennis Williams, Billy Rowe, Curley Williams, James and Anthony Garrett; cousin/goddaughter, Sheila Clement.

The family would like to express special thanks to House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church family, Delores Ezell and Evans & Browne's Funeral Home.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at the House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church, 2233 King Road. Pastor Walter McCall will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Ave., on Wednesday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 16. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 N. Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
(989) 754-0481  
evansbrownes@gmail.com  
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

DEC 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church  
2233 King Road  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Barbara J. Houston*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - December 26, 2015 at 10:44 AM

GE

“ *Gloria Eiland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara J. Houston*



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**Gloria Eiland** - December 29, 2015 at 10:59 AM

GE

*I'm just finding out about Barb, I'm so sorry, I'm lost for words, my heart and prayers go out to the family.*

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**Gloria Eiland** - December 29, 2015 at 11:00 AM

DW

“ *Deborah Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara J. Houston*



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**Deborah Williams** - December 21, 2015 at 04:02 PM

SJ

“ *Barbara was a loving and caring person, she will dearly be missed, my condolence goes out to the famil and friends, R.I.H. Barb*



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**Shirley Jones** - December 17, 2015 at 04:18 PM

TF

“ *Tenesha And Shanesha Blair And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara J. Houston*



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**Tenesha and Shanesha Blair and Family** - December 17, 2015 at 10:11 AM

YW

“ *Prayers from the Shepard Family To Lady and Denise may God give you and your family strength through this time*



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**yulondra walker** - December 16, 2015 at 10:40 PM

SM

“ *Shontel Menzie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Barbara J. Houston*



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**Shontel Menzie** - December 16, 2015 at 01:37 PM

EM

“ Prayers goes out to the family. She was our sister, sitting in the front of House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church. Sis Barb will be truly missed. She was dedicated in the kitchen and made told the "truth." May God give family and friends strength.

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**Eugene Ware/Shontel Menzie** - December 16, 2015 at 01:32 PM

LT

“ Linda Troutmon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara J. Houston



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**Linda Troutmon** - December 16, 2015 at 11:17 AM

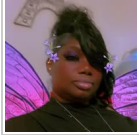
BF

“ Brenda (Smith) Blakes and the Smith Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Barbara J. Houston.



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**Brenda (Smith) Blakes and the Smith Family** - December 16, 2015 at 11:09 AM



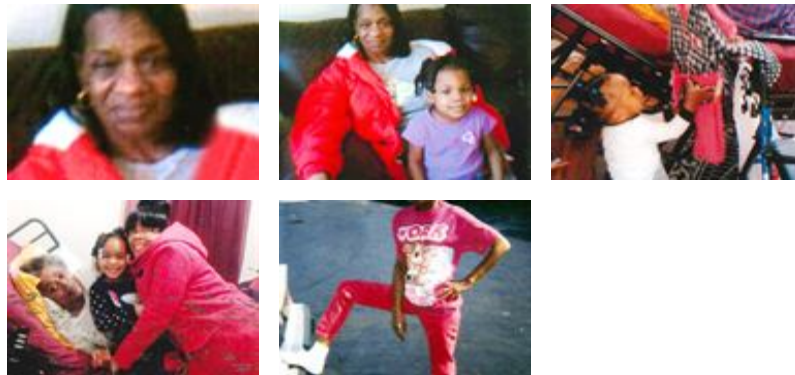
“ When I was born Barbara and the entire family has always been a part of my family! All of the children had fun growing up on 7th street! Everyone looked out for one another. Barb was cool as a fan and she would make us laugh all the time. I will miss her dearly and I'm praying for Denise and Lady for strength through this tough time! May God strengthen the entire family! RIH Barb



LaShonda McGill - December 15, 2015 at 06:47 PM



“ 76 files added to the album Life Tributes



Browne's Mortuary - December 15, 2015 at 03:32 PM



“ I've known Barbara Jean practically all my life growing up around the corner on 9th Street. She was a very caring person and would help anybody in need. I'm going to miss her genuine spirit. But God has her now. No more sickness, no more pain. Thank you Jesus. Lady, Denise and extended family my heart and sincere sympathy goes out to you all. Jackie (Swilley) Prescott



Jackie (Swilley) Prescott - December 15, 2015 at 07:57 AM

VJ

“ Valerie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara J. Houston



Valerie Johnson - December 15, 2015 at 01:21 AM

DR

“ Barb was one of my favorite Cousins and I am deeply saddened over her passing. I have so many fond memories of Barb going back to our childhood on 2nd 3rd street. She was a very Strong,proud and caring Person . Barb,was more than just my Cousin. She was my friend and I will carry the memories of her with me all the Days of my life

David Rowe - December 14, 2015 at 06:48 PM

SJ

“ My sympathies go out to the family and friends, I know Barb will be missed dearly but God needed her most, may God comfort all of you through your bereavement.

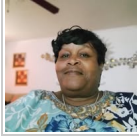


Shirley Jones - December 14, 2015 at 06:28 PM

CW

“ SPARKLES AND FAMILY WE ARE SORRY FOR LOST OF YOUR AUNT BARBARA. STAY STRONG FOR U AND YOUR FAMILY. WISH WE WAS THERE WITH U. BUT REMEMBER IF U NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO ANYTIME PICK U THE PHONE AN CALL. WE LOVE U. NESHA AN CATHY WILSON.

CATHY AN NEASHA WILSON - December 14, 2015 at 05:56 PM



“ Me and my Sister In-law meet back in the late 80's in Saginaw, MI., our first meeting was beautiful, her, Marg, and Shirley open their home up to me as if they had knew me all of my life; We were worldly people at the time so we did what worldly people do, from partying, hanging out, etc., whatever we thought we were big enough to do, even some disagreeing; but we always loved each other; She even had the pleasure of coming to my hometown to visit her big brother "Billy" and I in Albany GA. We lost contact for a while and was reunited through Facebook and found out that God had gave both of us the desire to seek his face; I was so blessed to find out that both our lives was at a turning point. I thank and praise God that all the way to the end Barb was yet holding on to God's unchanging hands. To the family, I say hold your head up, look to the hill, know that "ALL" of our help cometh from the Lord! though the clouds may hang over now, the sun will shine again, because the storm is over now, No more pain, no more suffering, no more worrying; because all is well in Jesus! I love each and everyone of you! Rest in peace "Barb" , I got a few more miles, We will meet again!

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**Betty Rowe** - December 13, 2015 at 11:45 AM

AE

“ - Wow Aunt Barb. 😞😞 This Really Shocking. U Watch Me Grow Up From A Baby To A Women. U Always Was On Me Ted & Tj , Red & Nay Nay Behide When We Use To Come Over Trying Play In Run Around. U Was Always Real Qhen Someone Came To U. U Never Sugar Coated Nothing. ' U Loved To Party & Be Around Family & Now That Ur Gone Everything Seems Much Different. - Love U Always Aunt. & Dont FORGET THE SKY Is The Limit .

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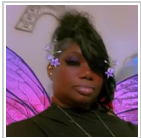
**Alberanieshia Ezell** - December 12, 2015 at 06:40 AM



“ *Yung Scin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara J. Houston*



Yung Scin - December 11, 2015 at 11:55 PM



“ *It's very hard to believe but I will be praying for strength for the entire family! RIH Barb*



LaShonda McGill - December 11, 2015 at 06:44 PM



“ *Pam Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara J. Houston*



Pam Gibbs - December 11, 2015 at 06:24 PM



“ *Theresa Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara J. Houston*



Theresa Gibbs - December 11, 2015 at 09:43 AM

TW

“ This is a very hard pill to take aunt i love & MISS you so much i didnt think you was go be gone so soon i cant believe it you was like my 2 mother u took care of me and made sure i got my diploma and i think u for that luv you your niece!!!



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**tia marie williams** - December 10, 2015 at 11:08 PM

JW

“ I'll miss Barbara jean so much when I come home to visit our Family. One of the first cousin I alway visit, my heart is so sad. Barb was so nice to me and my family always, to her childrens stay strong, how she raise you to be, call on the Family when you need us.I see you all soon.



Joanne

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**Joanne walker** - December 10, 2015 at 02:52 PM

JF

“ Joanne Walker & Langston Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara J. Houston



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**Joanne walker & Langston Family** - December 10, 2015 at 02:37 PM

BS

“ *What can I say about my wonderful cousin Ms. Barbra J. Hudson, she was a breath of fresh air, and an awakening shot in life to live. She was so delightful to be around, and full of the zest for life. It's not hard finding words to speak of her, I will cherish your memory deep in my heart. One thing about Jean, she kept it moving...and in a great way. So take your rest and say hello to Easter, Milford and Albert....I am sure you will keep them laughing, like you did us. It was divine sharing the planet with you. To my family and those who loved Barb.....Remember those who loved her even the most and that is her children, I bid you God's speed, as He comforts you during this time. We cry with you and pray for you. Will miss you dearly beloved Barbra Jean.*



*Beverly A. Smith*

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**Beverly A. Smith** - December 10, 2015 at 11:12 AM

PM

“ *Denise and Laticia I am so sorry to hear about Barb .you are in my prayers and if anything I can do please let me know.*

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**Pamela Mcdaniel** - December 10, 2015 at 09:29 AM