



## Mrs. Barbara Joe Karasiewicz

October 4, 1940 - June 20, 2021

The life of Barbara J. Johnson Karasiewicz began in Braxton, MS, October 4, 1940 with her loving parents, Robert and Earl Lee Johnson.

Barbara's formative years were spent in Braxton where she attended Rock Hill Elementary, New Hope High School and graduating from McLaurin High School in 1960. She joined Jerusalem M.B. Church as a young child and remained a member until she moved to Chicago, IL; later moving to Milwaukee, WI where she worked various jobs. Barbara joined Wisconsin Lutheran Church.

As destiny would have it she met and married John Karasiewicz and together they raised one son, Reginald. She loved traveling, visiting the Caribbean Islands, Rome, Italy, Venice and several U.S. states.

A career move caused them to relocate to IL for several years. Another move led them to Granger, IN where Barbara worked as a Pharmacy Technician at Walgreens. She joined Christ the King Lutheran Church and worked faithfully in several auxiliaries. Barbara loved helping anyone in need and often volunteered at a local nursing facility.

Upon retirement, Barbara and John moved to Braxton, MS. For a short time, she worked at Walgreens and as a bus attendant in Rankin County School

System. Once again she became a member of Jerusalem Church serving as an usher, attending Sunday School, Adult Bible Study and the WOMEN'S ministry.

Lending a helping hand to anyone who needed it was her joy. She and Jessmue Johnson cooked food in her kitchen and distributed to the sick and shut-ins in the surrounding communities.

When her health would no longer allow her to attend church services, she tuned in to the Sunday School Conference call and Sunday sermons on u-tube. When her eyesight started to fail, Jessmue Johnson read the scriptures and Daily Word to her everyday. She and Pearl Mims prayed together. Those were the two things she did not want to miss.

Barbara's characteristics: faithful, loving, kind, helpful, quiet, trustworthy, a lover of the Lord, family and friends.

Preceding her in death: parents, Robert and Earl Johnson, sister, Lillie Rose Hines, brothers: Robert Lee and Ray Johnson Barbara will be greatly missed by her loving husband, John, Braxton, MS. son, Reginald (Stacey) Houston, TX; sisters: Lillie Ruth Lucas, Ruby Dale Perkins, Janet Smith, Mae (Gregory) Lampley, brother Lawrence (Mae Catherine) Wilson, sister-in-law Mary Johnson, Milwaukee, WI, and one Aunt, Lemmie Shepherd, Braxton, MS.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **25**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

"Lovie" Dean Memorial Chapel  
745 Hwy 468  
Brandon, MS 39042

## Family Hour

JUN **25**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Melinda Mack sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Barbara Joe Karasiewicz*



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**Melinda Mack** - June 29, 2021 at 06:20 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Homegoing Celebration*



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**Dean Memorial Funeral Home** - June 28, 2021 at 03:17 PM

DH

“ *I love and will miss you very much, Aunt Barbara! Thank you for sharing “our son” Reggie! Lord willing, I will continue praying for him and continue to “love on him” for you!!! See you, when we BOTH get HOME! Grace and Peace FOREVER!*

*Your Niece,  
Diane Hines*

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**Diane Hines** - June 27, 2021 at 05:39 PM

BJ

“ *Sending our thoughts and prayers to my sister-friend, Mae Lampley during her time of bereavement.*

*Love you always,*

*Lynell & Betty Jones*

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**Betty jones** - June 26, 2021 at 04:08 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memorial Video*



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**Dean Memorial Funeral Home** - June 25, 2021 at 09:52 PM

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“ *Barbara was a wonderful soul! She would do anything for anyone. Prayers to her family that will miss her dearly!*



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**Sarah Nagy** - June 25, 2021 at 09:36 AM

JC

“ Sending our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time to John, Reggie and extended family. Barbara was such a special friend , truly one of a kind, a rare jewel , with a heart of gold and will be greatly missed. May god comfort and bless each one.  
Jeff & Jennifer Cawthorn  
Shelby NC.



Jeff and Jennifer Cawthorn - June 24, 2021 at 08:04 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara Joe Karasiewicz.



June 24, 2021 at 07:34 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara Joe Karasiewicz.



June 24, 2021 at 07:10 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara Joe Karasiewicz.



June 24, 2021 at 04:46 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara Joe Karasiewicz.*



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June 23, 2021 at 07:11 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara Joe Karasiewicz.*



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June 23, 2021 at 11:43 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara Joe Karasiewicz.*



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June 23, 2021 at 11:30 AM