



## Mrs. Barbara Jewel McKee

September 7, 1948 - February 20, 2026

Celebrating the life well lived of Deaconess and Mother, Mrs. Barbara Jewel McKee, born September 7, 1948, to Hollie Shepherd and Georgia Anne Spann. Affectionately known as "Bobby" and lovingly called "Shep." a tribute to her maiden name, Shepherd, she brought warmth, laughter, and steadfast love to all who knew her. Her life was a blessing-rooted in family, generosity, and unwavering faith that continues to shine in the hearts she touched.

From a young age, Barbara possessed inspiring determination and compassion for people. The Brandon/Langford community was not just where she grew up it was home. There she raised her children, welcomed grandchildren, and formed lifelong friendships.

On February 20, 2026, at the age of 77, she peacefully passed away in the place that shaped her life, completing a beautiful circle of life, love, family, and faith.

Barbara graduated from Carter High School in 1967. She later earned an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education from Holmes Community College and completed her studies at Tougaloo College. She dedicated her career to early childhood development, serving with Head Start of America and later Friends of Children, shaping countless young lives—many of whom are among us today as a testament to her legacy.

Barbara accepted Christ at an early age at True Vine Baptist Church and remained a faithful member until her departure. She served in the Gospel Choir, as a Sunday School Teacher, weekly Food Pantry volunteer, the Widows Ministries, a Deaconess, and the President of the Home Mission.

On April 14, 1968, Barbara united in holy matrimony with Ralph Boyce McKee, and to this union, they were blessed with four children; Ralph, Cassandra, Kim, and Candilyn. Barbara also shared an unbreakable bond with her siblings, a connection rooted in love, loyalty, and shared memories especially her sisters, whose relationship she loved dearly and held close to her heart. Whether shopping, traveling, or preparing a home-cooked meal, she treasured any occasion that brought family and friends together. To many, she was simply "Aunt Bobby," by blood and by love!

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph "Dripper" McKee; her son, Ralph Edward McKee; parents, Hollie Shepherd and Gorgia Anne Bilbro; stepmother, Mrs. Lemmie Lee Taylor Shepherd; sisters, Ruth Floyd, Ella Jean Macklin, Margaret Boone, and Dorothy (Wilbert) Willis; and brothers, William Taylor, Jr., Samuel Taylor, Winston Taylor, Willie Earl Taylor, Kenneth Shepherd, and John Wesley Taylor.

Though she is no longer with us, her love, wisdom and prayers remain. Barbara leaves behind to cherish her memory. her children Cassandra McKee, Kim (Marcus) Daniel, and Candilyn Tenner; grandchildren, Mario Allison, Nicholas Taylor, Candilyn McKee, Corey Moore II, Kyla Moore, Marquis Tenner, Crissi Tenner, Madison Tenner, and Kennedie Daniel; Great-grandchildren: Chazlyn McKee and Alaiya Tenner; five sisters, Jimmie (Lossie) O Neal, Betty Taylor, Mary Ann Taylor, and Dianne (Sylvester) Burton and Alice (Joe) Norris; two brothers: Clarence (Lestine) Taylor and Danny Thompson; brothers in law, Eddie (Denise) McKee and J.P. Allen; sisters in

law, Roberta Ward, Carrie Bell (James) Epps, Dorothy (Jesse) Adams, Earlene McKee and Betty McKee; god-children, Richard, Ryan, and Steven Green, Charlie McKee, Cassandra Faye Taylor, and Genesis McNair; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## TrueVine M. B. Church Cemetery

124 Vine Drive  
Brandon, MS 39042

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home  
745 Highway 468  
Brandon, MS 39042  
(601) 825-3884  
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

## Homegoing Service

FEB 28. 12:00 PM (CT)

TrueVine M. B. Church  
124 Vine Drive  
Brandon, MS 39042

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jewel McKee*



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**Dean Memorial Funeral Home** - February 26 at 05:08 PM

CM

“ *Hey ma I miss you so much*



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**candilyn mckee** - March 04 at 07:05 AM

CM

“ *candilyn mckee lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee*



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**candilyn mckee** - March 04 at 07:03 AM

KI

“ *Kimonia lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee*



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**Kimonia** - March 02 at 11:24 PM

KI

“ *We use to sit on the phone and flip through clothing store catalogs shopping, didn't matter that your catalog was hard copy and mine was online and you kept trying to give me page numbers lol. I love you ma*

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**Kimonia** - March 02 at 11:23 PM

MJ

“ *Michael & Annette Jones lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee*



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**Michael & Annette Jones** - February 28 at 09:29 AM

RJ

“ *Renay Jones-Brown lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee*



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**Renay Jones-Brown** - February 28 at 09:05 AM

PM

“ *PETRENA MCCOY lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee*



PETRENA MCCOY - February 28 at 01:02 AM

HF

“ *Herschel Moore & Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mrs. Barbara Jewel McKee.*



Herschel Moore & Family - February 27 at 08:13 PM

AN

“ *Mario. I know what your grandmother meant to you. I won't forget the conversation me and Mrs Jewel shared. just know God got you. Take one day at a time.* 🙏🙏💙🌸

Audrey Moore Newell - February 27 at 04:38 PM

JF

“ *There are no words big enough for a loss like this. Please know we are holding you all close in prayer. May the Lord wrap you in His peace and give you strength day by day.*



Julia Anderson and family - February 27 at 03:22 PM

LT

“ My friend and cousin-in-Love, Barbara, was all that and some. Everyone seemed to have been her best friend, even the little ones, but that's just who she was. I will always cherish the many trips, talks and mentoring that you and I and our husbands shared. You will truly be missed on this side. Take your well deserved rest, Sister  
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Linda Taylor - February 27 at 09:10 AM

NT

“ Praying for the Family 🙏



Nina N Taylor - February 27 at 04:44 AM

JM

“ The first time I met Mrs. McKee was through Mario. She was one of the best cooks and the sweetest ladies. I am sending prayers and comfort to the family during this time. She will definitely be missed.

Jacqueline Marshall - February 27 at 02:09 AM

DS

Sister McKee was the Best Sunday School Teacher in the World!!!She was truly the ultimate example of what a Virtuous Woman is and shared her words of wisdom to everyone in TrueVine Class #7! I'm truly Blessed and Honored for her being a part of my life for over 40 years!  
❤️ Rest in peace Sis. McKee

Delinda Sims - February 27 at 06:56 PM

NH

“ *Natalie H. lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee*



Natalie H. - February 27 at 02:00 AM

SH

“ *Sharenia Hines lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee*



Sharenia Hines - February 27 at 01:01 AM

TF

“ *The Addison and Chambers Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mrs. Barbara Jewel McKee.*



The Addison and Chambers Family - February 26 at 09:45 PM

SC

“ *Mrs. McKee loved my children and they loved her. Her tremendous love for the children she taught and mentored is a legacy that will never be forgotten. Praying for her daughters and family.*



Shulonda Chaffee - February 26 at 09:23 PM

MR

“ *Michelle Rawls lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee*



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**Michelle Rawls** - February 26 at 09:13 PM

LW

“ *Lisa Wallace lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee*



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**Lisa Wallace** - February 26 at 09:12 PM

PJ

“ *Phyllis Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee*



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**Phyllis Jenkins** - February 26 at 07:48 PM

MM

“ *Mrs.Barbara was a sweet person with a beautiful smile.*

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**Michelle May** - February 26 at 07:47 PM

AB

“ *I met Mrs. McKee through Mario and absolutely fell in love with her beautiful spirit. She will definitely be missed.*

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**Angela Brown** - February 26 at 06:37 PM



“ *Annice Quinn lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee*



Annice Quinn - February 26 at 06:10 PM



Annice Quinn - February 26 at 08:01 PM



“ *Andre Palmer lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee*



Andre Palmer - February 26 at 05:49 PM



“ *Sending Condolences and prayers for Comfort and Strength for the family in Jesus Name.*



Evangelist Kimberly Davis - February 26 at 05:41 PM



“ *Sending my prayers and love to the McKee family. She was one of my mentors when I first started at Head Start. I was also blessed to teach her granddaughter, Maddie. RIH Love Always, Tiara Hodgens*

Tiara Hodgens - February 26 at 05:03 PM

KC

“ You was the light in a lot of people lives. Mrs. McKee I will miss hearing your voice and the conversations. Get your rest now. Love you



Kiesha Davis Currie - February 26 at 08:31 AM

YF

“ Your Reset By Design Wellness Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Barbara Jewel McKee.



Your Reset By Design Wellness Family - February 26 at 06:32 AM

KV

“ Kimberly Vample lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee



Kimberly Vample - February 25 at 08:40 PM

TF

“ Tyson & Tara McCoy and family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mrs. Barbara Jewel McKee.



Tyson & Tara McCoy and family - February 25 at 11:38 AM

TF

“ Tyson & Tara McCoy and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Barbara Jewel McKee.

Tyson & Tara McCoy and family - February 25 at 11:38 AM

TW

“ Terri D Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara McKee



Terri D Williams - February 25 at 10:58 AM

LT

“ Loretta Thompson lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee



Loretta Thompson - February 25 at 10:44 AM

JC

“ Jerri Cooper lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee



Jerri Cooper - February 24 at 09:16 PM

NC

“ Noble Carson lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee



Noble Carson - February 24 at 07:19 PM

JS

“ Jessie and Pam Stephney purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Barbara Jewel McKee.



Jessie and Pam Stephney - February 24 at 05:47 PM

JS

“ Jessie and Pam Stephney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Barbara Jewel McKee.

Jessie and Pam Stephney - February 24 at 05:47 PM

BE

“ Bobby J Evans lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee



Bobby J Evans - February 23 at 11:03 PM

EW

“ *Eletha Walker lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee*



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**Eletha Walker** - February 23 at 10:11 PM

ET

“ *Ervin Taylor lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee*



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**Ervin Taylor** - February 23 at 05:07 PM

AT

“ *Alexander Taylor lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee*



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**Alexander Taylor** - February 23 at 04:31 PM



“ *Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara Jewel McKee.*



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February 23 at 01:01 PM

EY

“ Evelyn Young lit a candle in memory of  
Barbara McKee



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**Evelyn Young** - February 23 at 12:15 PM

LJ

“ Latasha Jones lit a candle in memory of  
Barbara McKee



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**Latasha Jones** - February 23 at 11:12 AM

AH

“ Condolences to the family from Almeda  
Harmon and family



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**Almeda Harmon** - February 23 at 10:29 AM

DW

“ Deborah W. Woods lit a candle in memory of  
Barbara McKee



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**Deborah W. Woods** - February 23 at 09:41 AM

RW

“ *Rogert and Minyonia Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara McKee*



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**Rogert and Minyonia Williams** - February 23 at 09:39 AM

PG

“ *Praying for the family. Patricia Givens*

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**Patricia Givens** - February 23 at 09:09 AM

RO

“ *My deepest sympathy to the McKee, Shepherd, Taylor family and friends. Heaven has gained another angel. My dear friend/classmate is truly going to be missed. My prayer is that God will comfort and strengthen her family during this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏🙏*



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**Robbie** - February 22 at 10:44 PM

RJ

“ *A very great friend. Shared more memories than can tell. Will be greatly missed. Always the go to person. You will be missed.*

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**Rose/Herrie Jenkins** - February 22 at 08:12 PM

EA

“ *Ella Anderson lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee*



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**Ella Anderson** - February 22 at 06:34 PM

VJ

“ *Vergie jackson lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee*



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**Vergie jackson** - February 22 at 04:23 PM

GS

“ *Sincere condolences  
Prayer for comfort and strength to endure*



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**Gwendolyn & Dallas Sutton** - February 22 at 04:19 PM

JW

“ *Mario, I am thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. I hope you find peace in the love and memories you shared with your grandmother.  
Sending you much love and prayers 🙏  
Your Friend/Coworker,  
Janice*



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**Janice Walker** - February 22 at 03:12 PM

EA

“ Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee



Eddie Ainsworth - February 22 at 02:24 PM

OJ

“ Ms.Mckee you will truly be missed .



Ollierea O. Jones - February 22 at 01:57 PM

LG

“ Our Deepest condolences to the family.  
Youland Thompson , Latecia and Lashonda.



Latecia Gregory - February 22 at 11:16 AM

BB

“ Barbara Buckhaultler lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee



Barbara Buckhaultler - February 22 at 11:06 AM

FW

“ *My Deepest Condolences to the family  
,praying that God continue to strengthen and  
comfort you all during your time of  
bereavement*



Frances Wallace - February 22 at 09:47 AM

CA

“ *Carolyn Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory  
of Barbara McKee*



Carolyn Anderson - February 22 at 01:12 AM

KW

*We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Mrs. Bobbie Jewel  
McKee.💔*

*Karl and Amy Walker*

Karl Walker - February 22 at 01:12 PM



“ *Carolyn Palmer sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Barbara McKee*



Carolyn Palmer - February 21 at 08:45 PM

AF

“ Alice Taylor Norris & Family lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee



Alice Taylor Norris & Family - February 21 at 07:41 PM

JD

“ So glad I got to tell U how much I love U. Will miss U. Praying for the family and friends.

Joyce Davis - February 21 at 07:06 PM

PJ

“ Patricia Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara McKee



Patricia Jones - February 21 at 06:52 PM

LM

“ Laura Myers lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee



Laura Myers - February 21 at 05:09 PM

EW

“ *Many years of great memories! Praying for comfort to the families! God is able. Trust Him!* ”

Edna Winsley - February 21 at 02:30 PM

LM

“ *Barbecue Jewel you were such a free spirit lady I always known you to love the Lord love your family and love everyone there came in contact with you you will be truly missed and I love you cousin and pray for my family* ”



Latrina Martin - February 21 at 11:43 AM

RJ

“ *Ralph & Daisy Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara McKee* ”



Ralph & Daisy Johnson - February 21 at 11:42 AM

ET

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. Barbara was such a caring and compassionate lady. I pray that God will comfort your hearts during this difficult time. 🙏* ”

Evelyn Tillis - February 21 at 11:37 AM

ET

“ Evelyn Tillis sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara McKee



Evelyn Tillis - February 21 at 11:32 AM

DC

“ The Calhoun Family



Delphine Calhoun - February 21 at 10:33 AM

LM

Mario, your family and my family have been friends for years. Your Grandfather and I were classmates and Barbara and I worked at Head Start. I pray you and family find comfort in knowing she is with God. CJ sends his love to you.

Linda McLaurin - February 27 at 08:09 PM

CS

“ Condolences and prayers from Doug (Cynthia) Spann Sr and family. May God continue to keep your family in His hands 🙏. Blessings and Comfort. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Cynthia Spann - February 21 at 10:04 AM

LW

“ *lisa Renee Wallace lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee*



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**lisa Renee Wallace** - February 21 at 09:49 AM

MM

“ *Mary McCoy lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee*



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**Mary McCoy** - February 21 at 09:44 AM

MM

“ *Mary McCoy sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara McKee*



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**Mary McCoy** - February 21 at 09:44 AM

MB

“ *Myra Boone sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara McKee*



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**Myra Boone** - February 21 at 07:45 AM

LC

“ Condolences to the family. Sorry for your loss May Barbara Rest In Peace

Lloyd B Collier - February 21 at 07:44 AM

LC

“ Lloyd B Collier lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee



Lloyd B Collier - February 21 at 07:42 AM

LK

“ Linda Kersh lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee



Linda Kersh - February 21 at 05:07 AM

AB

“ Alexis Bilbro lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee



Alexis Bilbro - February 20 at 11:08 PM

NK

“ *Ms. Barbara was such a jewel. Praying for you all's strength during this time.* ”



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**Natalie Keyes** - February 20 at 11:05 PM

DJ

“ *Delphine Jenkins-Davis lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee* ”



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**Delphine Jenkins-Davis** - February 20 at 07:54 PM

NL

“ *Nancy Loney-Taylor lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee* ”



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**Nancy Loney-Taylor** - February 20 at 07:32 PM

BT

“ *Bessie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee* ”



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**Bessie Taylor** - February 20 at 06:47 PM

KM

“ *Karen Mccoy lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee*



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**Karen Mccoy** - February 20 at 05:05 PM

PH

“ *phyllis lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKee*



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**phyllis** - February 20 at 04:44 PM