



Jessie Barber

November 13, 1950 - April 10, 2025

Jessie Laverne Barber, a devoted nurse, lifelong advocate for Civil and Human rights activist and beloved member of her community, passed

away on April 10, 2025, at the age of 74.

Born on November 13, 1950, in High Point, North Carolina, Jessie was raised with strong values of service, justice, and compassion-- principles that would shape her life's work and legacy. From an early age, she was drawn to helping others and standing up for what was right. She remained a steadfast supporter of civil rights and human dignity throughout her life, lending her voice and her actions to causes that lifted others. Jesse was a Baptist by faith. Jessie was educated in Guildford County Schools and graduated from William Penn High School. She furthered her education and graduated from NC A&T University. Jessie dedicated her professional life to nursing, serving as a licensed practical nurse for several decades with a specialty in geriatric care. Her deep empathy, clinical skill, and calming presence made her a trusted and cherished figure to the countless patients and families she served. She had a special gift for bringing comfort and dignity to those in their most vulnerable moments.

Outside of her professional accomplishments, Jessie lived a life full of curiosity, and connection to the natural world. She was a lifelong gardener whose hands were just as skilled in the soil as they were in

the kitchen. Her cooking was nothing short of legendary—flavorful, soulful, and always made with love. She also had a deep appreciation for nature, spending quiet mornings birdwatching and delighting in the beauty of even the smallest creatures.

But Jessie was not only a nurturer—she was an adventurer. She loved to hike and explore the outdoors, always seeking out new experiences and places to discover. One of her most memorable adventures was a helicopter ride over the beautiful landscapes of Texas, a moment she often recalled with joy and wonder. Her adventurous spirit inspired those around her to embrace life fully and fearlessly.

Jessie is preceded in death by her father, Clinton Cash; mother, Mary Lois Barber Wilfoung; one son, Gilbert Barber; and two sisters, Camilla Wilfoung and Catherine Wilfoung.

Jessie is survived by her two sons, Marcus Barber and Arthur Barber, who carry forward her legacy of integrity and compassion. She is also lovingly remembered by her grandchildren: Arthur Barber, Jr., Jessie Barber, Saniia Barber, Shaimaya Barber, Zacchaeus, Ivory Davidson, Marcus Barber II, Nora Barber, and Emmanuel Barber, and two granddaughters, each of whom was a source of pride and joy in her life. Three Sisters, Julia Lee, Doris Hammond (Willie), Toni Wilfoung, Avonia Wilfoung (Oscars Hansberg), and Zona Wilfoung; Brothers, Charles (Debra) Barber, Victor Wilfoung; Barry Wifoung, host of aunts and uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins; other relatives and friends. Her legacy is one of kindness, strength, and vibrant living—reflected in the lives she touched, the causes she championed, and the love she gave so freely.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 12:30 PM (ET)

New Beginning Full Gospel Church
215 4th Street
High Point, NC 27260

Celebration of Life

APR 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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Kenneth Norman - March 10 at 05:58 PM

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Kenneth Norman - September 06, 2025 at 04:00 PM