



Ms. Barbara Ann Lee

July 7, 1956 - April 25, 2026

Ms. Barbara Ann Lee, 69, of Peoria IL, passed away at 3:43 pm on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at her residence, surrounded by her loved ones.

Barbara was born on July 7, 1956, in Ripley, TN to John and Blanche (Byrus) Lee.

Barbara worked as a material handler at Sc2 for 6 years. She attended Peoria Central High School. Barbara was a former member at an early age of St. Paul Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Amos Abbott. She loved to play the cards games Tonk and Spades. Barbara also loved to cook, family barbecues and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Barbara leaves to cherish her most precious memory, five sons, John (Brandon) Lee, Steven (Kirja) Nixon, David (Shateika) Nixon, Aaron Lee all of Peoria, IL and Freddie Nixon of St. Paul, MN; two daughters, Cynthia (Eric Tunstall) Coats and Dinesha (Preston) Coats both of Peoria, IL; two sisters, Darlene Lee, Catherine Dotson both of Peoria, IL and a special nieces, Beverly Taylor of Peoria, IL; seventeen grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends who loved her. She is preceded in death by her parents; her significant other, Freddie Nixon, Sr.; two sisters, Wilma Lee and Lola Purdle; grandson, Deven

Lee; four brother-in-law's, Donald Page, Sammie Dotson, Robert Purdle and Teddy Nixon and one nephew, Charles Taylor.

Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at Sovereign Grace M.B. Church, with a visitation one hour prior at 9 am. Pastor Alvin Riley, Sr. will officiate. Barbara will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be shared at SimonsMortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Sovereign Grace M.B. Church
1505 W. Martin Street
Peoria, IL 61605

Funeral Service

MAY 2. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Sovereign Grace M.B. Church
1505 W. Martin Street
Peoria, IL 61605

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Barbara Ann Lee*



Simons Mortuary - May 01 at 07:06 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Dove Release at Lutheran Cemetery*



Simons Mortuary - May 04 at 11:26 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Burial at Lutheran Cemetery*



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“ Auntie your presence will surely be missed. The way you chopped the air when you’ve had enough, your smile and laughter, your cast iron size pancakes with the crispy edges and chilli in the winter time. Not even the best Stanley Cup collector could compete with you and your tumbler in your right hand. My family and I send our deepest condolences to her sisters and kids during this time of bereavement. Auntie memories and legacy will live on. We love you family!



Letha aka Momma - April 28 at 07:54 PM

GR

“ Gregg Randle lit a candle in memory of Barbara Lee



Gregg Randle - April 28 at 03:12 PM

DH

“ Barbara was such a kind person who loved to have fun. I send my deepest condolences out to her love ones. Until we meet again friend..



Darlene Horton - April 28 at 01:26 PM