

In **LOVING** *MEMORY* *of a*
LEGEND



Danna
R. BARBER

AUGUST 26, 1962 – MAY 20, 2025

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Donna Renee Barber, affectionately known as “Miss Janet Jackson” for her radiant smile and timeless beauty, passed away peacefully on May 20, 2025. She was 62 years old.

Born on August 26, 1962, in San Francisco, California, Donna was raised in Richmond, where she was nurtured by a close-knit family and surrounded by cousins who became lifelong friends. A proud Bay Area queen, Donna was known for her outspoken nature, unwavering strength, and deep devotion to those she loved.

Donna was a loving mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, and friend. She is survived by her beloved children: LaDonna Brooks, Jermaine Barber, Johnta Waters, Dartavious Jordan, and stepson Michael Jordan Jr. Her legacy continues through her cherished grandchildren: Ariana Barber, Treasure Mayfield Barber, Ja'Donna Barber, Jermaine Barber Jr., Million Barber, and Torriel Jordan.

She also leaves behind her siblings: Pierre Barber, Jomo Barber, Naeemah Jones, and Latoya Motree, along with her dear sister-in-law, Marlene Barber. Donna was a treasured aunt to Keyana Barber, Deshalon Barber, Deshaun Barber, and many other nieces and nephews who loved her deeply. She was preceded in death by her parents, Don Barber Sr. and Mildred Jones; her brother, Don Barber Jr.; and her sister, Nicole.

Donna's presence could light up any room. Her laugh was loud and contagious, her hugs full of love, and her loyalty unmatched. She carried herself with grace and confidence, always ready to stand up for her truth and her family. Donna's memory will live on in the hearts of all who were lucky enough to know her—through her strength, her spirit, and her unforgettable smile. “She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.”

— *Proverbs 31:25*

Donna

A SPECIAL MESSAGE from

TO GREG BRONNER

Thank you for always being there for all of my children.

Thank you for loving them, accepting them, and never turning your back on them.

Your loyalty and heart did not go unnoticed, and I am forever grateful.

– Donna Renee Barber



A MESSAGE from her
Daughter

LADONNA BROOKS:

“You were more than just my mother—you were my twin, my heart, my best friend. I don’t know how to do this without you, but I will carry you with me in every step. Your smile, your laugh, your love—it’s all still here, because you live on in me. I’ll make you proud, Mama. Always.”



A MESSAGE *from her*

Mommy, I still can't believe you're gone. It doesn't feel real. Please keep watching over me and looking down on me — I need you now more than ever. I love you unconditionally and always will. I'm gonna be a better man and a better brother, just like you were with yours. Rest up, Mommy. Your son loves you forever.

1. A young woman with long dark hair and a man in a blue shirt and cap.
 2. A woman in a blue shirt and pink pants standing next to a man in a blue shirt and cap.
 3. A group of three people standing in front of a white car.
 4. A woman sitting on the hood of a green classic car.
 5. A group of four people, including a woman in a yellow shirt with "CHAMPIONS" and "WARRIORS" text.
 6. A close-up of a woman's face with blonde hair.
 7. A young girl in a pink shirt with "Love My Nana" and a photo of a woman.
 8. A young woman in a blue shirt and a pink bow in her hair.
 9. A woman in a black shirt and a brown beanie holding a red phone.
 10. A group of three people, including a man in a blue hoodie and a woman in a white shirt.
 11. Two women standing outdoors, one in a black shirt and the other in a purple shirt.
 12. Two women standing together, one in a black shirt and the other in a black and white patterned shirt.
 13. A close-up of a woman's face with glasses.
 14. A woman smiling, resting her chin on her hand.
 15. A man and a woman standing outdoors.
 16. A woman with long braids wearing a colorful top.
 17. Two women sitting together, one in a white shirt and the other in a red shirt.
 18. A baby in a blue and red outfit.
 19. A woman smiling, wearing a white top, with a city skyline in the background.

Sam

A MESSAGE from her

JOHNTA LEXUS WATERS

Mommy, it hurts me tremendously not being able to be there with you. Being incarcerated has opened my eyes and helped me realize just how strong you truly were — loving all of us unconditionally, no matter what. I know you're in a better place now, watching over us. You will always be in my heart. Please keep watching over me, Mommy. I love you forever.

— *Johnta*





Sam

MESSAGE *from her*

DARTAVIOUS JORDAN:

My mom was my rock, my shield, my comfort, my protector, my confidant, my Queen — my best friend, now my angel.

You to raise me to be the man I am today. Thanks I am today, and I stand proud — a confident blueprint of everything you poured into me. A piece of me is gone, but it's okay... because you're the only one I would ever allow to take half of my heart with you.

You prepared me for this world long before your departure, even though I never imagined facing it without you. This isn't goodbye — it's farewell, for now. The bond we shared will never fade.

I love you forever, Momma. Please watch over me, always.

Though words may fade,
Your love remains —
A vibrant light
That softens pains.

Your gentle spirit, a guiding star,
Shining brightly, near and far.
We'll cherish moments, sweet and true,
As Heaven now embraces you.

With your wings spread wide above,
Continue guiding us with love.
Until we meet again, my dear mom...
I carry you with me — always.



Love

from **DONNA BARBER,**
with **ETERNAL**

To my beautiful family,
Though I'm no longer with you in body, my love surrounds you
always. I see your smiles, I feel your tears, and I hear every
word you whisper to me in your quiet moments.

Please know how proud I am of each of you. The strength, the
kindness, and the love you continue to show one another keeps
my spirit at peace. I may have left this world, but I never left
your hearts—I live in every memory we made and in every
moment you honor my name.

Hold tight to one another. Love without hesitation. Laugh
loudly, cry freely, and never forget that I am always just a
heartbeat away.

With all my love,
Donna R. Barber

To my best friend, the love of my life, my big sister Donna —
with all my heart, your little brother, Pierre.