



Barbara Jean Arrington

October 6, 1950 - October 24, 2025

Barbara Jean Arrington lived a life full of love, laughter, good times and great memories. She was loved by all who knew her. Barbara entered heavenly rest on October 24, 2025, at Franklin Square Hospital surrounded by family and friends. Her journey through this life was one of warmth, grace, laughter, and unwavering devotion to those she loved. To know Barbara was to love her—genuinely, instantly, and forever.

Barbara's story began on October 6, 1950, in Baltimore, Maryland, where she was welcomed into the world as Barbara Jean Cain, the third of seven children born to Rufus Cain and Annie Page. In a lively household full of siblings and stories, Barbara stood out early as the quiet, observant spirit—a gentle soul with a loyal heart.

Her sister Rachel fondly recalls Barbara as the voice of reason growing up: always guiding her siblings away from trouble but too loving to ever tell on them. She received her education through the Baltimore City Public School System, proudly graduating from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in 1968. Athletic, energetic, and determined, Barbara shined not only in the classroom but also in sports. She competed in multiple sports and was even featured in local newspapers for track—a hint of the determination and discipline she would carry throughout her life. When people met Barbara both as a child and as an adult, they instantly loved her. She never met a stranger.

In 1968, she met Joe Arrington, Sr, who she later married in 1970. Together they welcomed two beautiful children: Latanya “Ton” and Joe Jr. “Silk.” Her role as a mother was her greatest joy. Barbara didn’t just raise her children—she nurtured them, protected them, believed in them, and taught them the meaning of unconditional love. She and her daughter Ton shared a bond that transcended the words mother and daughter—they were inseparable best friends. She also shared a special bond with her son Silk, one filled with jokes, laughs, impersonations and wrestling.

Barbara dedicated 34 years of service to the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services, beginning in the Transportation Unit and later becoming a Supervisor of the Living Group at Waxter’s Children Center. Her compassion for young people and gift of guidance helped shape many lives beyond her own family. She also served as a House Manager for Harbor City, bringing strength, wisdom, and heart to every role she held. Her legacy of mentorship and leadership lives on in the countless lives she touched.

Though hardworking and devoted, Barbara believed in enjoying life to the fullest. She loved cruising, trips to the casino, attending theater plays, growing and caring for her plants, watching her favorite soaps—The Young & The Restless and The Bold and the Beautiful—and playing Words with Friends. But nothing brought her more happiness than time spent with her family—especially her beloved granddaughters Brajion and Shayla, who were the light of her world. Known affectionately by many names—Pookie, Grams, BA, Mamasita, Barbara Jean Castlebury, —she carried a joyful spirit and a magnetic personality. She had a laugh that lifted any room and a heart that welcomed everyone. Barbara never met a stranger, because after one conversation with her, you became family.

Barbara leaves to carry on her legacy: her devoted children Latanya Brooks,

and Joe Arrington Jr.; Son In Law George, her grandchildren Brajion Arrington, Shayla Arrington, and Alexis Brooks; her great-grandson Giavanni Green; and her bonus son Derek Richardson, her loving sisters, Rachel Robinson, Jackie Page, and Pamela Page. She now reunites in eternal peace with her siblings Jannie "Neasie" Page, Al Page Jr., and George Cain Sr. who preceded her in death. Barbara also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, beloved sisters and brothers in-law, extended family, and many friends who became family especially her sister-friends Beatrice "B" King, Monique "Nick At Night" Connors and lifelong friend Joe Arrington, Sr.

Cemetery Details

Loudon Park Cemetery

3801 Frederick Ave
Baltimore, MD 21229

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV 5. 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown
5616 Old Court Rd
Windsor Mill, MD 21244
(410) 655-0110

Wake

NOV 6. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes - Laburnum Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Barbara Jean Arrington*



March Life Tribute Centers - November 04, 2025 at 04:14 PM



“ *Your DTC/MTC Patient Experience Managers purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Barbara Jean Arrington.*



Your DTC/MTC Patient Experience Managers - November 05, 2025 at 08:59 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Arrington.*



November 05, 2025 at 01:37 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



March Life Tribute Center - October 28, 2025 at 04:22 PM

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“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love, and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Life Tribute Center - October 27, 2025 at 12:55 PM