



Barbara James Epps

April 9, 1954 - July 9, 2025

BARBARA ANN JAMES EPPS, AGE 71

And a resident of Franklinton passed away peacefully Wednesday night July 9, 2025 at St. Tammany Parish Hospital. She was retired after a long career as a first grade teacher at Franklinton Primary School. Barbara loved her students and co-workers and she cherished the opportunity to mentor countless young children over the years. She really enjoyed getting to know each one and watch them grow. She was a longtime active member of Sunlight Baptist Church, where she worked with Vacation Bible School each summer and led the “children’s church” message during Sunday morning services for many years. Barbara liked to mow the grass and take care of her yard. She enjoyed cooking for her family, with roast and rice and gravy being just one of the family favorites. Barbara also enjoyed going out to eat with her family and going to the Fair each year. She was forever a loving mother and grandmother and will be sadly missed by all that knew her.

Survived by:

Daughter and Son in law: Abby and Trent Penny of Franklinton

2 Grandsons: Collin Penny, Ty Penny

Sister in law and Brother in law: Jaqueline and Joe Wild of Natchez, MS

Nieces and Nephews: April and Roy Hill,
Byron and Sherri Reeves and their families

She was preceded in death by her daughter Angela Dianne "Angie" Epps, husband Thomas Collins Epps, mother Vanda Reeves, father in law and mother in law John Thomas Epps and Imogene Collins Epps and other family members.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Sunday July 13th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 2:00 pm Sunday with Rev. Leroy McElveen officiating. Burial will follow in the Sunlight Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family wishes to express a sincere thank you to her caregivers, Ethel Williams and Angela Tate, for the loving support they showed to Barbara these last few years. Also, a thank you to the ICU staff at St. Tammany Hospital and St. Tammany Hospice for the excellent care provided.

Pallbearers: Collin Penny, Ty Penny, Byron Reeves, Colby Reeves, Roy Hill, Shane Hickman

Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Barbara James Epps.*



July 15, 2025 at 08:46 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara James Epps.

July 15, 2025 at 08:46 AM



“ *Abby, I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. My deepest condolences to you and your family. Rita Mulina*



Rita Mulina - July 13, 2025 at 03:48 PM



“ *Susan Barber lit a candle in memory of Barbara James Epps*



Susan Barber - July 13, 2025 at 08:25 AM

DJ

“ *Abby, I am praying for you and your family. You were blessed to have such a special mother. She taught my child and was a wonderful, truly gifted teacher. We have talked about her many times over the years and were thankful to have her!*

Darlene Jones - July 13, 2025 at 08:06 AM

ST

“ *Sally and John Thigpen purchased the Purple Violet Yellow Wildflower Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of Barbara James Epps.*



Sally and John Thigpen - July 11, 2025 at 01:52 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara James Epps.*



July 11, 2025 at 01:38 PM

ST

“ *Praying for your family, Abbey. Barbara was a precious sweet lady.*



Sandy Toney - July 10, 2025 at 07:09 PM

JM

“ Oh, Abby! I am just so sad to read your mom's obituary! And, shocked! I consider myself blessed to have seen her when visiting Keitha. Keitha died on her birthday, and here she is 3 months later joining Keitha. Do you think God has a special area in heaven for these two? Lord! I hope so! Keitha probably helped get your mom's room ready! A long time ago, I got a great banana pudding recipe from Keitha and she said it was your mom's recipe. Any time I made banana pudding, I'd think of your mom; that won't change! My sweetie, you and your family will continue in my prayers as I ask God to comfort you as only He can. We know your mom's soul is resting in sweet peace.



Judy McCasland Micelle - July 10, 2025 at 04:23 PM

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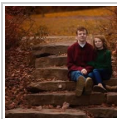
I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. She was such a sweet person inside and out. If there was something that you needed help with, she didn't hesitate to help you with it. May God give you strength and comfort during this difficult time. Love you, Mrs. Daphne Laurant

Daphne Laurant - July 10, 2025 at 05:02 PM

BW

I'm so sorry about your mother

Brandi Wallace - July 10, 2025 at 06:59 PM



Prayers for your family Abby

Brenda Kennedy - July 11, 2025 at 02:05 AM

KK

So sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Praying for you and your family.

Ken & Ann Knight - July 11, 2025 at 09:03 AM

JJ

Barbara was my grandson's teacher about 1995. Her daughter died that year and I made her a quilt that the children in her class colored. Justin loved her. She was an amazing caring teacher. I worked with Vanda at my Uncle Bill's drug store. She was a love, also. My prayers for your family for comfort and strength.

Judith Jensen - July 11, 2025 at 10:33 AM