



## Ms. Barbara Jean McCormick

October 12, 1952 - August 8, 2020

Barbara Jean McCormick was born October 12, 1952, to the union of Robert Lee and Willa Mae English, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She was the third oldest of eight siblings. She was the most loving, kind daughter and sister. She was the rock of the family, the glue that held things together. On September 17, 1973, Barbara was united in holy matrimony with Alfred Vernon McCormick. They were together until the Lord called her home on August 8, 2020.

Barbara accepted Christ as her Savior at an early age and was united with Evergreen Baptist Church where she sang in the choir.

Barbara attended Milwaukee Public Schools and graduated from North Division High School. She also attended Milwaukee Area Technical College, where she studied to be a court stenographer. Barbara wanted a more meaningful career, so she began working for the City of Milwaukee Housing Authority as an office assistance for thirty years. There she made many friends, both residents and co-workers. Barbara maintained many of those friendships outside of work, she enjoyed going fishing, have cook-outs, going to the casino, and gardening. Barbara's kind nature attracted many friends. She loved having parties, family gatherings, and was always a gracious host. She was a great cook and she always cooked an abundance of food so everyone could take a plate home, how generous is that. However, one of her favorite things to do was to go to the casino and beat the odds. Whenever she would win, she would share some of her winnings. Barbara

loved music. Her children grew up listening and singing the 70's & 80's music and acquired her love of music.

Barbara Jean McCormick departed this life on August 8, 2020, at home with her family by her side. Barbara went peaceful in the loving arms of her husband and daughter by her side. She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Lee English.

Barbara leaves to cherish her memories: husband, Vernon McCormick; children, Michael (Belinda) McCormick, Marlon (Felicia) McCormick, Masika McCormick, and John (Lacretia) Spence; mother, Willa Mae Moore; siblings, Dianna (Michael) Lloyd, Robert English, Sandra Silmon, Jerome English, Daniel English, Della English, and Emil English; aunts, Evelyn Bowers, and Georgia Allen; uncles, Rudolph Bentley, and Eton Bentley; friends, Thelma Jean Bivens, and Ann Johnson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland Cemetery

6401 N. 43rd St.  
Milwaukee, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation Only

AUG 15. 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel  
6630 W. Hampton Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

# Tribute Wall



“ I remember my mom and I was in the living room dancing to Bruno Mars. We had such good times together. She loved to dance. She was so cute when she danced. I just enjoyed her so much. I would come over just to sit with her. We didn't even have to talk. I just loved being around her. She was my everything. I miss her so much. I really do :( I miss my best friend. :(

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**Masika McCormick** - August 27, 2023 at 09:12 AM

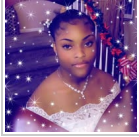


“ Mike Mc lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean McCormick



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**Mike Mc** - October 12, 2021 at 11:10 PM



“ My beautiful grandma❤️ I will love you forever. I wish I had more time with you and more time to get to know you. I will never forget the last few conversations we had and the amount of wisdom you left with me. There will never come a day that I don't miss you but I will always find comfort in knowing I have my own personal guardian angel watching over me. When I graduate later this year I know you'll be there watching. I love you and I couldn't have prayed for a better grandma. Thank you for giving me life and continuing to watch over me after yours❤️🙏



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**Alyssa Starr** - October 10, 2020 at 11:30 PM



*BEAUTIFUL ALYSSA*

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**Masika McCormick** - February 11, 2021 at 12:06 AM



“ Barbara J inspired my dad to enroll me into Roosevelt Jr. Middle School in 1967. As students we as a crew walked home to 18th & Monroe and has been friends ever since. She became friends and family ever since. Barbara was full of laughter at all times and mending herself with my Turner family. She was our kicking buddy in the days (60's). She was a great typist in high school and that landed her an awesome career. (Lol I couldn't catch up with her). She was present during the in's and out's. She was truly loved. May God bless the family! Miss you Barbara Jean English (McCormick) dear friend. From Carolyn L Turner (Williams)

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**Carolyn Williams** - August 15, 2020 at 05:36 PM



*Thank you for the kind words of my mom. I miss her so much*

**Masika McCormick** - February 10, 2021 at 04:58 PM



*Thank you. My mom loved to laugh. She had the best laugh and smile and im so had I took after her. I couldn't have ask God for a better mother. She was perfect for me. I miss her like crazy. We were the best of friends. We I dream about her I wake myself up because I'm always excited to see her. It's always been that way. Whenever she called me I got excited and stopped what I was doing to answer her call if I could. And if I couldn't I'd call her right back to say I'll call her back. Lol. Ahhhhh. This hurts. I miss her so much. I miss my best friend but I know she's up there making God laugh.*

**Masika McCormick** - August 27, 2021 at 09:03 AM



*When you mentioned her smile Im reminded all over again how beautiful her smile is. I have her as my screensaver and the cover of my facebook. I miss my mother with all my heart. There isn't a day that goes by where i don't think of her. I still talk to her because i believe she is still with me in spirit. She will always be my best friend, and one day Ill see her again. THank you for bring a smile to her face in her best days.*

**Masika McCormick** - July 16, 2025 at 09:25 PM

AN

“ *Anna Johnson Vernon, I met Barbara in middle school we click instantly. silliness, love, laughther and fun. We shared life high and lows. the beauty of our friendship was no matter how far or how long it's being since we talk or seen each other it was like we were never separated. we could talk on the phone until it got hot. I love her as my sister she was my confidant. You see Barbara never waiver from who she was she was consistent in spirit and with me. my heart grieves for our lost. I have my moments when I visualize Barbara saying my name and hearing that chuckle and a smile that follows. She may be absent from the body, present in the spirit.*

**Anna** - August 15, 2020 at 03:03 PM



*Thank you for the kind words of my mom. She was always herself and she taught me to be the same. She had the best laugh. I get my laugh from her. I love her smile. I get my smile from her too. She was the best mom I could ask for. My mother loved to dance and enjoy life. She taught me so many things. I could only remember 2 fights we had in my life and I would always come back crawling to her to make up for it. I hated it when she was mad or disappointed in me. Its like I let the Queen down. I always wanted to impress her or do things to make her proud of me. And she was proud of me. We did everything together. We fished, danced, laughed, sing. Cook, travel... everything. She was my best friend and my number one support system. My shero and my Queen that I served. She is part of my soul. I will never love anyone as much as I loved her and no one will ever love me as deep as she loved me. I miss her so much.*

Masika McCormick - February 10, 2021 at 05:05 PM



“ Vernon & Family,

*May God's amazing grace peace with you during this challenging time. I know the pain of losing the one you promised to love until death do you part. Please know that God will heal your heart and your sweet memories will carry you though. Norma Gaines & Family.*

Norma Gaines - August 15, 2020 at 01:57 PM



*Thank you Norma.*

Masika McCormick - February 10, 2021 at 05:07 PM



*Thank you. We appreciate you*

Masika McCormick - August 27, 2021 at 08:58 AM

MB

“ A great friend and fishing buddy who brought joy and laughter to everyone around her she will be greatly missing and forever remembered. Truly god blessed!

*Mark and Debra Bratton*

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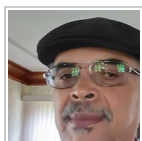
**Mark H BRATTON** - August 15, 2020 at 01:55 PM



*I think alot about the last time we all went fishing on your boat. I think about that day alot. I remember watching her catch all the fish. As I was watching her God spoke to me and said I wont have her for long. I didnt want to think about that but those random thoughts kept coming up in my head and I tried to block them. I remember watching her fish and that thought came and I blocked it and I thought. If this is our last trip I want her to catch all the fish. And she was catching alot. I then went over and asked her her secret. I ask what bait she was using and it was the same as mine. She was just better at catching them. Then she told me where to cast my rode. I did but the fish liked her food more. Lol. So I gave up and kept watching her enjoy herself. And I congratulated her and hyped her up for being a good fishing women. She said most of the fish were small and it wasn't a big deal. I just wanted her to feel good. I admired her so much. I just wanted her to have fun. Her having fun made me happy. That was a great day mark. Thank you for sharing that moment with us. Ill never forget it.*

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**Masika McCormick** - February 10, 2021 at 05:14 PM



“ Jackie Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean McCormick



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**Jackie Jenkins** - August 15, 2020 at 01:38 PM



*GOD BLESS YOU ALL...very sad that during these times I cannot be physically at the memorial service...Barbara will always live in our hearts with fond and joyous memories..*

**Jackie Jenkins** - August 15, 2020 at 01:41 PM



*Thank you jack. You all were a great team. She loved you all and spoke highly of all of you. I felt like you all were a second family whenever I came to her job. I saw the love you all had for my mom. It was beautiful. Thank you for being a great friend and boss.*

**Masika McCormick** - February 10, 2021 at 05:16 PM



*Hi Jack. its been 5 years but it feels like yesterday since i lost my mom. There isnt a day that goes by were i dont think about her. I still hear her talk to me and telling me to do thing. And I listen. She is my best friend. We will always be tight. My life hasnt been the same since her passing but im... managing. She told me to shoot another film and I did and guest what, its on Tubi. Its called Feel My Pain. Its of a struggling rap artist who tried to get his mom off drugs while dealing with life situations. We shot it in Milwaukee. I was the Tyler Perry of the film. I wore 10 hats while shooting that film. Please watch it when you can. To give you an update I moved to Atlanta a year after she passed. I couldnt stay in that city. I became too depressed. So now im apart of a film production company and im doing well. Im working on a tv series and every script i write I put her name in it. That was my promise to her and my signature writing. Well. I hope your well Jack. You and your family. BE well.*

**Masika McCormick** - July 16, 2025 at 09:36 PM



“ **Serena Bethly HACM**  
*My condolences to the family, praying for strength and encouragement during this time of need.*



**Serena Bethly** - August 14, 2020 at 06:53 PM



*Thank you. We are still grieving. It hurts so much but I know my mom is in Heaven making God laugh.*

**Masika McCormick** - August 27, 2021 at 08:56 AM

LJ

“ *Lyndell and Philemina Jones purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Barbara Jean McCormick.*



**Lyndell and Philemina Jones** - August 14, 2020 at 03:54 PM

RM

“ *My sweet cousin Barbara Jean. I will cherish your love, kindness and lovely spirit always. Your smile would light up a room and somehow made everything feel right again. You are in my heart. Although we are all mourning I know that you are watching and protecting us all. I will keep everyone in my prayers and when we get to those pearly gates we will see you then.. for sure..I love you... Love Ronneace ❤️*

**Roni Mays** - August 14, 2020 at 03:07 PM



*Thank you cousin for the kind words. I love you so much. My mama loved you maya and she called Krystal whenever she needed help with her computer. She bragged about Krystal to everyone. She said Krystal is better than that geek squad mess. They too expensive and they don't know what they doing. Now krystal... that girl is smart. She fix my computer in no time. That girl got it going on.... lol she was everyone's cheer leader. I love and miss her so much. She is for sure in Heaven cause I saw her go there the moment she died.*

**Masika McCormick** - February 10, 2021 at 05:20 PM



*Love u cousin.*

**Masika McCormick** - August 27, 2021 at 08:55 AM

DJ

“ *Donell & Breta Jones purchased the Mrs. Fields Deluxe Sympathy Basket for the family of Ms. Barbara Jean McCormick.*



**Donell & Breta Jones** - August 14, 2020 at 01:56 AM

HJ

“ *Vernon, I do regret that we can not be there with you in person, but know that you and your family are in our hearts and minds. I will always remember the time some years ago when we came to visit. You and Barbara welcomed us with opened arms. Barbara cook a huge dinner. My memory might not be as clear, but I do remember greens and fried chicken was involved. As we left, a very young Masika asked my wife and I did we ride horses in Texas. My answer was no, but we did take our cowboy hats and gave her a big yahoo from Texas. LOL. That is one of the fondest memories I had with you and Barbara. May you gain some comfort in knowing that she is resting in paradise.*

*Your cousin, Henry D. Jones & Breta Jones*

**henry jones** - August 14, 2020 at 01:32 AM



*Thank you cuzo.*

**Masika McCormick** - August 14, 2020 at 09:38 AM



*We appreciate you all. It's still hurts. We r still grieving but getting by day by day. When someone you have known for so long and eho always had your back and supported you passes its hard to comprehend that you have to live the rest of your life without them. It hurts like a mack truck hit you at 100 miles per hr. But you have to get up and go on and know that one day you will join them in paradise. You just have to live life with the advice they left you to be strong without them. But I miss her so much.*

**Masika McCormick** - August 27, 2021 at 08:53 AM



“ *Vernon and Family,*

*We are praying for you to find strength and comfort during this time of need. Thanks for understanding we cannot be there in person during this pandemic. Vernon you have always been there for our family. Your family was there in 1986 when we lost our father, your mother's twin. And you were there for Aunt Sadako, Mom, and Wayne. Hope this poem gives you and your family comfort.*

*"May tender memories soften your grief,  
May fond recollection bring you relief,  
And may you find comfort and peace in the thought  
Of the joy that knowing your loved one brought...  
For time and space can never divide  
Or keep your loved one from your side.  
When memory paints in colors true,  
the happy hours that belonged to you."  
--Helen Steiner Rice*

*Lauretta and George Ferguson*

**Lauretta Ferguson** - August 13, 2020 at 11:43 PM



*That peom was beautiful. Thank you so much cuzo. Masika*

**Masika McCormick** - August 14, 2020 at 09:40 AM

HO

“ *Hilltop Post Office purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ms. Barbara Jean McCormick.*



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**Hilltop Post Office** - August 13, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ *My mother was the Rock of the family. She had the heart of Gold. She never turned people away when they needed help no matter how many times they asked. As long as she saw you trying to help yourself you had her full support. So if you needed a place to stay or food or money or words of wisdom she gave them to you.*

*She was so strong and fought for what she believed in and what she thought was right. She never backed down from a fight. She was no joke. Don't mess with her because she will verbally express ALL of her thoughts of you and she was right most of the time.*

*She loved people and animals. She had several dogs birds and fish. She loved flowers and plants and nature. Her favorite thing to do was to fish and gamble. She was retired from housing authority and she just wanted to relax.*

*She loved to travel but hated flying plans. She had a laugh that caught everyone's attention and she loved to dance. I remember watching the Soul Train music awards and a tribute to Luther Vandross was on and she and I danced in the living room. We laughed and had a good time. I remember fishing with her several times and she caught all the fish. I*

*I remember conversations with her and she told me not to hate people. She told me to forgive and not hold bad energy to people who didn't deserve to have my energy. She told me to not care what people think and to go after my dreams. She told me to be the best I can be in life and finish what I start. She taught me so much and loved me so hard. We talked everyday. She was my best friend. My cheerleader. My ride or die. My heart. I loved my mother with my soul and I told her before she died that I will make films in her honor. I will make her proud but she said she's already proud of me and she known I will be successful.*

*I love you ma and I know your in Heaven now. I saw you take you last breath and your heart stop beating. I told you to be with God*

*and you said OK and died. You will be missed and forever loved.  
Love your one and only daughter. Masika*



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**Masika McCormick** - August 13, 2020 at 01:02 AM