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Barbara Jean Townsend

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Barbara was raised in Saginaw, Michigan, and graduated from Saginaw High School, Class of '74. She attended Saginaw Valley State University. Barbara loved Bingo, playing casino games, watching horror movies, listening to music, talking "riff raff" to her sons, and shopping on Shein. She had a heart of gold but would also "tell you like it is." Barbara would give her last no matter what; she always helped those who were in need. If someone needed a listening ear or a shoulder to cry on, Barbara was always there. She was the essence of what "love" really means. She was the true definition of "the heart of the family."

Barbara leaves to cherish her memory three sons, Quincy, James, and Troy Townsend; grandchildren, Kimari Mitchell and Diamond Forte, Mesa, Arizona, and Calliah Townsend, Belleville, Michigan; great-granddaughter, Harlym Forte; grandparents, Miles and Ruby Mason; one brother, Steve (Karen) Coleman; three sisters, Kathryn (Jerry) Banks, Shelia Rogan, and Marcia Coleman; many nieces and nephews; special nieces, Taneya Cage and Nicole "Nikki" Coleman; other relatives and friends including bonus son, Antoine Coleman; special daughters, Montavia Brackett, Fadya Townsend, and Kanisha Mitchell.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, James and Edna Coleman, and brothers, Howard and Richard Coleman.

The family would like to express special thanks to the Staff at Covenant HealthCare and Latoya Woods.



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