



Barbara Hopkins

July 27, 1940 - February 1, 2026

Barbara F. Hopkins (Beall) passed away peacefully on February 1, 2026. Mrs. Hopkins, affectionately, known as “Ma, mommy, Nana, Lil lady, Lil mama, Goo, and Googie”, was born on July 27, 1940, to the late Mr./Mrs. William Raymond (Ethel Brown) Beall, in New York, New York. She was raised in the valley and attended Ansonia Public schools. She received her degree and Typing certification from South Central Community College. Barbara married at an early age residing in Ansonia and later moved to New Haven, CT, with her children, where she spent most of her life before moving to Meriden, CT. Barbara worked at Union Trust, First Union and Wells Fargo for many decades until her initial retirement. During her tenure at Union Trust, she navigated the mergers and many name changes gracefully. Through it all Barbara remained a constant fixture, helpmate, face of courtesy, a pleasant voice and excellent listener, providing encouragement, spreading genuineness and love wherever she went no matter who she encountered. After retirement, Barbara spent some time caring for her loved ones. It wouldn't be long before she would re-enter the workforce with her final act at Connex Credit Union where she would continue to provide exceptional service until her last stage exit in final retirement.

Barbara was a faithful member of Community Baptist Church in New Haven, CT. for many years where she joyfully sung in the choir. When opportunity would have it, Barbara visited the House of Refuge with her granddaughter

where she rededicated her life to the Lord. Barbara would be sure to ask about Pastor and Co-Pastor Greene, Elder Sinclair and Elder Banks and the members of the congregation by name. While at home, Barbara would engage in worship services at home thanks to social media and broadcasting. Over the years, Barbara would attend the House of Refuge service via Facetime. Her race was finished, her business was fixed with the Lord, and Never did she complain.

Barbara adored her family doing whatever she could to lend a hand. She demonstrated love, she was a confidant, a true friend in its rarest form, and a great Mother, Nana, sister, aunt and cousin.

Barbara is survived by her adored children; Ethel (Friday), Brian, Valerie, Lisa, and Joseph Hopkins; Ramona Gary (Issac) all of CT. Granddaughters: Montaya Cheeks (Che) with whom she resided, Lashantay (Jermaine), Tyeisha, Lakeisha, Alicia, Jonasia, Joliece, and Jonae Hopkins; Kimberly Nobles, Ashiya Garris, and Destiny Nelson all of CT. Grandsons: Jeffrey 'Antwon', Dontay, Joseph jr., and Tyshon Hopkins; Alexander Nembhard all of CT. A host of extended grandchildren and several great/great-grandchildren. Barbara is also survived by her bonus Son: John Perry. Bonus daughters in love: Patricia Reynolds and Loretta Bolden. God Daughters: Anita Davies, Dawn Coston, and Brenda Mabry. Sister: Lois Smith; Lifelong sister-friend: Delores Horner; several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

In addition to her parents, Barbara was preceded in death by her infant son: Gordon Hopkins; young granddaughters: Cherise Hopkins and Jasmine Garris. Sisters: Shirley Lewis and Beverly Beall. Brothers: Robert Smith, William 'Butch', Joseph 'Joey', and Harold 'George' Beall. Nephews: Timmy and Tommy Jacobs, Paul Beall, and J.C. Reddicck. Longtime companion - Richard Rawlins, former spouse -Vernel Hopkins, and longtime friend - Raymond Vincent.

We were Blessed to experience a love like yours!!!!

Cemetery Details

Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue
New Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hour

FEB 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

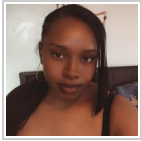
Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ
285 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT 06511
(203) 776-8179

Funeral Service

FEB 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

The New Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ
285 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT

Tribute Wall



“ *My Nana... I love you more than words can ever express. This feeling in my heart is unexplainable, and so unreal. I will hold you in my heart forever. I love u kiddo.*
-NiNi



Tanasia Watkins - February 13 at 10:39 PM

CH

“ *Chelle purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Barbara Hopkins.*



Chelle - February 11 at 12:21 PM

BS

“ *Brenda S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Hopkins.*

Brenda S. - February 10 at 09:46 PM



“ *My love bug. I will forever miss her presence. My heart and mind rejoices knowing that I will see her again in Heaven.*

Thank you to everyone for sharing your loving thoughts and warm memories of my / our Beloved Lil' Lady...We call her NANA! I believe that she is smiling from Heaven adorned with her crown and surrounded by all of her rewards! 💖

I will forever hold her close. My forever love.

Taya

Tay Chee - February 10 at 09:22 PM

KA

Nana, you are and always be an Angel!!! I always asked about you and you asked about me. I will never forget our Girls Trip to the movies where we acted up You will surely be missed. What a blessed you were 💖

Kinshasa C. Alston - February 11 at 09:36 PM

MC

Our sincere condolences from Myra and Abraham Coleman. She was always smiling and I never ever saw her upset. Always a pleasure to see and talk to. Rest In Power Queen Goddess. 💜

Myra A Coleman - February 13 at 11:04 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Hopkins.*



February 10 at 08:55 PM

BR

“ *Bridgette. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Hopkins.*

Bridgette. - February 10 at 08:55 PM

DE

“ *My deepest condolence to Ramona and family from the Edwards,James*



Dana Edwards - February 10 at 04:42 PM

FC

“ *To the H0pkin family sending up prayers 🙏
❤️ for the family on the passing of your mom
such a wonderful beautiful loving person I
remember those days from 55Division st lots
of fun memories I remember reconnecting
with your mom at the house of refuse Church it was so wonderful
seeing and talking to her we laughed and talked about the old days
your mom will truly be missed but I am grateful that she was a
person that was in my life you have my sincerest condolences and
sympathy if there's anything I can do please do not hesitate to reach
out to me I will be there for you all love Florence Caldwell*



Florence Caldwell - February 10 at 12:47 PM

MM

“ Marie McDaniel sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara Hopkins



Marie McDaniel - February 10 at 12:12 PM

HS

“ To Hopkins Family; Prayers & condolences on the passing of your mom's. looking back when I first met her at elk's lodge, and starting coming to meetings with our organization called Pocahontas temple #55. How she told me coming from Ansonia and laughing about nickname "valley girls" "We had some fun laughing about that she always had smile and something pleasant to say about everybody. She loved traveling along with the elk's along with her companion and wearing her little high heel shoes after found out that Dgt Michelle and I went to high school together along with some of her other doors, I used to come to Stop & Shop shopping may her soul rest in peace sharing her talents



Helen C Powell (cashier Stopandshop) - February 09 at 08:53 PM

MM

“ I'm so sorry to hear about your loss, my Condolences to the family. I have so many fond memories of Barbara my favorite memory of your mom when she cared for my children when I went to NC. We both worked at a Bank go on our lunch break together and enjoy each other. Google you truly will be missed.
Family, I Love you
Marie McDaniel
Kinston, NC

Marie McDaniel - February 09 at 08:03 PM

FT

“ To the family, My deepest condolences. Your mom was always pleasant. She wrote my recommendation for the job that I have been working with for 36 years. Going to the bank, she always had a smile. Lisa and I would hang out together and sometimes go visit her mother. If something was said out the ordinary, she would say you're being fresh. . Family, remember all the good times and don't forget, your mom is always in your heart. Be strong, be there for each other no matter what may happen, family is what we need.
Your Division Street neighbor,
Felisa Treadwell

Felisa Treadwell - February 09 at 06:32 PM

HJ

“ My condolences to the family



Hope Johnson - February 09 at 04:55 PM