



Barbara Jean Rockwood

April 1, 1952 - January 5, 2025

Barbara Jean Montgomery Rockwood, 72, of Fort Washington, MD, passed away on January 5, 2025. Barbara was born April 1, 1952 to Mattie Michell in Columbus, Georgia. After Barbara graduated from Columbus High School she went on to study Childhood Education at Xavier University in New Orleans, LA where she pledged Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Epsilon Tau chapter. She went on to receive her Master's of Education from University of Nevada, Las Vegas and did doctoral studies at the University of Phoenix.

After graduating from Xavier she started teaching in 1974 in Las Vegas beginning a career in education that lasted for 44 years. In addition to being in the classroom, she coached basketball, track, cross country and volleyball across several school systems from Georgia to the DMV area. Lovingly known as Coach Rock or Mama Rockwood, she was a mentor to many students and student-athletes over the years. As a testament to the impact she had with her kids, as she called her students, she was recently inducted into the Cheyenne High School (Las Vegas, NV) Hall of Fame. Barbara went on to have two children, Ericka Rockwood Sidbury and Ransom Rockwood II. Upon retirement in 2018, she didn't stay away from education long and continued to substitute teach in Maryland. Additionally, she enjoyed spending time traveling across the country with her grandson, Alexander Sidbury, for his high school and AAU basketball teams. She also loved to knit and quilt in her spare time. She was a woman of great faith and active in the church in every community in which she lived, most recently finding a home with Fort Washington Baptist

Church.

Barbara was preceded in death by her grandmother, Fannie Heath, her mother, Mattie Mitchell, her sisters, Alicia Ellis, Paulette Frost and Brenda O'Neal. She is survived by her daughter, Ericka Rockwood Sidbury (Fort Washington, MD), son, Ransom Rockwood II (Fort Washington, MD), grandson Alexander Sidbury (Fort Washington, MD), and her brother, Ronald Montgomery (Columbus, GA), along with many loving nieces, nephews and cousins. She also leaves behind many friends, extended family, and students to which she served as a mother figure.

Visitation will be held Friday, January 31, 2025 from 10:00am - 11:00am and the Memorial service starts at 11:00 am at Fort Washington Baptist Church, 11516 Fort Washington Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fort Washington Baptist Church
11516 Fort Washington Road
Fort Washington, MD 20744
<http://fortwashingtonbaptist.org>

Service

JAN 31. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fort Washington Baptist Church
11516 Fort Washington Road
Fort Washington, MD 20744

Tribute Wall

TS

“ *My forever Coach Rockwood... was my teacher, my mentor, my sponsor, my coach. Coach Rockwood was my high school track coach, and she had been on my mind a lot lately since my daughter just started running middle school track. I decided to Google Coach Rockwood and learned that she went home to be with the Lord. Coach Rockwood will always have a special place in my heart. She guided me in applying to college and secured a track scholarship for me. She truly cared about her students and athletes and she showed us through her actions.*

To Rocky and family, may you continue to find comfort in all the beautiful memories of Coach Rockwood.

*Love,
Tavanesha Shepard (Meriwether)*

Tavanesha Shepard - April 26 at 12:41 AM

JA

“ *Janell lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Rockwood*



Janell - January 31, 2025 at 03:14 PM



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



January 31, 2025 at 01:07 AM



“ Brian and Damon purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara Jean Rockwood.



Brian and Damon - January 30, 2025 at 09:01 PM



“ Marie K McClary planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Jean Rockwood.

Marie K McClary - January 30, 2025 at 12:42 PM



“ Marie K McClary purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Barbara Jean Rockwood.



Marie K McClary - January 30, 2025 at 12:42 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Rockwood.



January 30, 2025 at 12:31 PM



“ Brenda B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Jean Rockwood.

Brenda B. - January 30, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Rockwood.



January 30, 2025 at 07:37 AM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Rockwood.



January 30, 2025 at 07:35 AM



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

January 29, 2025 at 01:26 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Rockwood.



January 29, 2025 at 01:26 AM



“ Denise P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Jean Rockwood.

Denise P. - January 27, 2025 at 10:20 PM



“ Olivette F. purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Barbara Jean Rockwood.



Olivette F. - January 27, 2025 at 05:28 PM

FF

“ FCS Varsity Basketball Family purchased the Str
ength & Solace Spray for the family of Barbara
Jean Rockwood.



FCS Varsity Basketball Family - January 27, 2025 at 04:16 PM

FT

“ Fairfax Christian Varsity Bball Team purchased
the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family
of Barbara Jean Rockwood.



Fairfax Christian Varsity Bball Team - January 27, 2025 at
03:52 PM

CE

“ Carla Ellis purchased the Sentiments of Serenity
Spray for the family of Barbara Jean Rockwood.



Carla Ellis - January 27, 2025 at 03:14 PM

DP

“ My dear friend Barbara I met you at Cedar
Mountain HS and we remained friends from
then. I will miss our weekly conversations. I'm
heartbroken. Rockwood family you have my
deepest, heartfelt condolences.
God Bless



Denise Parker - January 27, 2025 at 02:45 PM

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“ Shirley Wooden, Xavier class of 1974 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Jean Rockwood.

Shirley Wooden, Xavier class of 1974 - January 25, 2025 at 05:38 PM

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“ Shirley Wooden, Xavier class of 1974 purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Barbara Jean Rockwood.



Shirley Wooden, Xavier class of 1974 - January 25, 2025 at 05:38 PM

WS

“ I’m William Stephens, III I was the principal at Cedar Mountain High where Barbara was a teacher. Ms Rockwood enjoyed her students and they always respected her. Ms. Rockwood made a difference and impacted her students they learn from her every day. Thanks for your leadership and patience with the students. We’ll all miss you.

William Stephens - January 22, 2025 at 02:59 PM

HV

“ Howard University Volleyball planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Jean Rockwood.

Howard University Volleyball - January 20, 2025 at 02:35 PM

HV

“ *Howard University Volleyball purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Barbara Jean Rockwood.*



Howard University Volleyball - January 20, 2025 at 02:35 PM