



Barbara Hall Jenkins

April 4, 1937 - August 11, 2024

Barbara Hall Jenkins, better known to her school friends as Bobbie Jean Hall was born at home on April 4, 1937 Butts County, Jackson Georgia, to Lucy Hall and Lonnie B. Lawson. She is survived by twin daughters, Karen Jenkins Martin (Michael), Sharen Jenkins (Simeon Luttery), Deirdre "Deedee" Jenkins Howard, and son, William Jenkins III. She also leaves behind a host of nieces , nephews, a great-granddaughter, and many friends.

She attended multiple schools after the death of her mother at the young age of 8. She was raised by adoptive parents George and Mini Tomlin who raised her to adulthood. She attended Mt. Zion Church, Knoxville, Tennessee. She graduated from Austin High School in 1955. After high school, she applied to Maryville College in 1955 and was accepted. She was one of three black students who attended and was the only black student who lived on campus. She attended for three semesters and the following year she left school, to marry William Jenkins on December 26, 1956.

They moved to Springfield, Massachusetts and started a family. She stayed there until June 1977 to return to Knoxville, Tennessee. She applied for a position at the Alcoa Aluminum Company for which she worked for 17 years in management. She was the first black female to work in management in the late 1970s. She endured racism and misogyny in a world of men and still excelled as a skilled manager in Quality Assurance in metallurgy aluminum

alloy casting.

In her spare time, she enjoyed traveling, visiting casinos, and fishing with her family. She had a knack for fashion and style. She had a quick wit and could snap back and cut up with her straightforward humor. Everyone who encountered her fell in love with her spirited personality. She will live on in our hearts.

Cemetery Details

Eternal Hills Memorial Gardens

3700 Stone Mountain Hwy
Sneville, Ga

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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