



Esther Mae Barker

August 30, 1941 - January 11, 2026

Sister Esther Mae Barker was the daughter of Hollis and Lillie James. Esther had nine siblings. Esther, or as her family and close friends called her “Ruby Lee or Ruby”, was born on August 30, 1941 in Gainesville, Florida. She attended and graduated from Lincoln High School. Nearly sixty years ago, Esther James met and married Deacon William Barker, a marriage that lasted greater than 36 years, until, ultimately, God called Deacon Barker home on March 31, 2003. William and Esther had three children, Robin Mapp (Alfred), Ronald Barker (Michele), and Willie “Jason” Barker (Regina). Esther spent many years working as a nursing assistant at various nursing homes, and was a proud member of Greater St. James Missionary Baptist Church and served on many auxiliaries. These auxiliaries included Nursing, Senior and Mass choirs, and the Culinary Committee. Her passions included; music, fishing, going to the casino,

bingo, visiting friends and family, watching and attending wrestling matches, cooking, gardening, and finally playing cards, where she was extremely competitive.

Esther “never met a stranger”, did not believe in “sugarcoating” anything, and lived

life on her own terms. Ruby Lee spent time volunteering for SECO. She also believed

in discipline and that children should stay in a child’s place. Ruby Lee loved to laugh

and she never missed a football game, play, concert (singing or band) of her children.

But most of all, she ensured her children were raised to love and respect God, and

appreciate He sacrificing His only begotten Son, Jesus.

On January 11, 2026, God called Sis. Esther M. Barker (Ruby Lee) home to join her

Husband; William. Parents; Hollis and Lillie. Brothers; Adelle and Freddy James.

Sisters; Idella James, Rutha Mae Means, Wallace McCray, and Helen Godbolt.

Grandson; Alfred Mapp Jr., and Son-in Law; Alfred Mapp. She leaves to celebrate her

life and legacy to her Children; Robin (Alfred), Ronald (Michele), and Jason (Regina),

Grandchildren; Jasmine, Chris, Tiera, Maceo, Marcellus, Joi, Jalen, Jason, Elijah, Lillia,

and Alexandria. Great-grandchildren; Penelopie, Gabriel, Ariel, Terrell, Kristina,

Aiden, and Marissa, and Sisters; Lillie Mae Johnson, Evelyn James, Willie Mae Days,

Deloris “Jackie” James, along with a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and

close
friends.

Family Appreciation

The family of Esther “Ruby Lee” Barker would like to extend our gratitude for the many prayers, text, calls, visitation, thoughts and kind gestures.

Cemetery Details

New Crown Cemetery

2101 Churchman Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46203

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Quincy J Webster Funeral Chapel
2805 North Franklin Road
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 297-7956

Service

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Quincy J. Webster Funeral Chapel - January 27 at 10:23 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Esther Mae Barker.



January 23 at 12:50 PM



“ The Marvel Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Esther Mae Barker.

The Marvel Family - January 13 at 02:01 PM



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