



Mrs. Barbara Merlene Jones Raines

May 9, 1941 - December 18, 2025

Barbara Merlene Jones Raines, 84, of DeWitt passed away December 18, 2025. She was born May 9, 1941, in Pine Bluff to Fate Dempsey Jones and Miriam Phyllis Procop Jones.

Barbara led an interesting life during her younger years, which included visiting 48 states while traveling with her mother with a carnival. Her mother helped with the cooking and feeding of employees. She spoke many times about the good people she had in her life that all showed her love and how much fun she had as a child riding rides and collecting her "treasurers." She was a hard worker, a dedicated and loving wife, and for years a stay-at-home mom doing what she could to care for her family and show unconditional love. Many times you would hear her singing while cleaning the house and she had such a beautiful voice. She enjoyed sewing, cooking, fishing, and gardening. She also enjoyed having tea parties and having picnics at the park with her granddaughters when they were little girls.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband Charles Raines; infant grandson Benjamin Charles Brooks; son-in-law Joe Howard Miller; and special friend Vera Miller.

Barbara is survived by her daughters Denise Miller of Bayou Meto, Rhonda Brooks (Sanders) of Hamburg, and Lorie Hancock (Danny) of Beebe; four granddaughters Rachel Edmondson (Curt), Becky Ausbrooks (Jody), Stephanie Murphy and Kaylor Murphy; her sister Joann Jones (Wayne) of Fayetteville; her brother Jack Steinburg (Judy) of South Carolina; her extra

daughter Mary Alice McPherson; special friends Donna West and Sherry O'Neill; nieces, nephews, and other family and friends, and her fur grandbabies.

Graveside services will be 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 21 at DeWitt Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation or Alzheimer's Association.

Cemetery Details

DeWitt Cemetery

Monroe and W 13th St
DeWitt, AR 72042

Previous Events

Graveside

DEC **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AH

“ I have such fond memories of her playing dominoes with Uncle Billy Don! Her and her husband Charles were both such kind and sweet. Prayers for the family

April Humphries - December 25, 2025 at 08:33 PM

EH

“ Ester Hageman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Merlene Jones Raines



Ester Hageman - December 20, 2025 at 02:10 PM

LH

“ One of my favorite memories of mom was during Christmas while we were decorating the tree, with daddy stepping on lights breaking them then smiling saying "shoot-I did it again", she would say "Charles!" then keep singing "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa C". It was like repeat every year and so funny to me.

Lorie Raines Hancock - December 19, 2025 at 12:07 PM

PD

“ Prentice And Sue Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Merlene Jones Raines



Prentice and Sue Davis - December 19, 2025 at 09:26 AM

DM

Thank you

denise miller - December 19, 2025 at 12:08 PM

DH

“ *The fondest memory that I can think of was she always had a story,She really led a interesting life and you could listen for hours to her life story.She will be missed but I know shes looking down from heaven on her family*

Daniel E Hancock - December 19, 2025 at 09:00 AM

YF

“ *Your BH HFTI Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Barbara Merlene Jones Raines.*

Your BH HFTI Family - December 18, 2025 at 01:44 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara Merlene Jones Raines.*



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