



Barbara Ann "Pinky" Francis

May 9, 1954 - December 30, 2025

Barbara Ann (Pinky) Robinson Francis, May 9, 1954 – December 30, 2025. Barbara Ann Robinson was born on May 9th, 1954 at Oak Ridge Hospital to Clara Mae (Gaines) Robinson and Gene Allen Robinson. Barbara left this world peacefully on December 30th after a lengthy illness at Park West Hospital. Barbara was a member of Sweetwater Community Bible Church and she attended Mt. Bethel Church in Sweetwater periodically as well. She enjoyed watching football, she loved the Tennessee Titans, and she was an avid fan of Sweetwater football throughout the years. She loved to sit outside and wave to her friends and neighbors as they would drive by.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Clara Mae (Gaines) Robinson, Gene Allen Robinson, her beloved husband, Howard Oscar (John) Francis, beautiful daughter, Cynthia Vanessa (Sissy) Francis, brothers, Gene Allen Robinson, Jr., Samuel Ray (Bo) and Lewis Robinson.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, son Chris Francis and wife, Vanessa of Philadelphia, a very special grandson, whom she adored, Damien McClendon and wife, Nicole of Sweetwater, Sister, Mary Jackson, grandson Cameron Myers, of Sweetwater, granddaughters Khalea Francis, of Sweetwater, and Asada McClendon, of Loudon, five great-grandchildren, several beloved nieces and nephews and a host of cousins who adored her. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, from 1 to 2 PM, with the funeral service to follow at 2 PM in Kyker's Chapel with Rev. Charles Yancy and Pastor Lydia Benton, and Rev. Burchon Walker officiating.

Internment to follow in the Sweetwater Memorial Park.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude for the love, prayers and kindness extended to them during this difficult time.

Cemetery Details

Sweetwater Memorial Park

1838 Hwy 11 N
Sweetwater, TN 37874

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JAN 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Ann "Pinky" Francis*



Kyker Funeral Home - January 06 at 08:08 AM

CW

Chris, my deepest condolences for your loss. Your mother, Pinky, was a lovely woman with a fun-loving, kind, and genuine spirit. My mother, Mary Frances (Smith) Washington, always enjoyed spending time with her.

You and your family will be in our prayers.

Carolyn Washington Wyche - January 06 at 10:02 PM



“ *40 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Kyker Funeral Home - January 06 at 08:03 AM

JG

“ *Jewel Goldston lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann "Pinky" Francis*



Jewel Goldston - January 04 at 12:05 PM

JG

To the family we will miss pinkey they how I knew her we talked often to each other we will say to each other that we loved each other She is with God now peace joy for her

Jewel Goldston - January 04 at 12:15 PM

AS

“ *Keep family in prayers alan(Tiger]martha sanders*

Alan sanders - January 03 at 11:23 PM

NR

“ *Chris and Vanessa Im so terribly sorry for your loss. I never met Pinky but Wanda always spoke so fondly of her. Your in my Prayers*

Nancee Russell - January 03 at 05:48 PM

JG

“ *Janet Goldston lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann "Pinky" Francis*



Janet Goldston - January 03 at 02:28 PM

JG

RIP Cuz, know you will be missed, sending 🙏 to the family, I am the daughter of Louise Bowerman your Mom's first cousin .

Janet Goldston - January 03 at 02:33 PM

CM

“ *Cameron Myers purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Barbara Ann "Pinky" Francis.*



Cameron Myers - January 03 at 02:17 PM

BW

“ *Heart felt sympathies and condolences to the family of Barbara Francis.*

Betty Brewster Wilkerson and family.

Betty Wilkerson - January 03 at 11:17 AM