



Barbara Tiller Gilliam

April 15, 1943 - April 22, 2026

Barbara passed away at home after a long, recurring battle with cancer. She was a retired registered nurse, gifted at pottery making, an avid reader, and great cook. She had a wonderful sense of humor and quick wit. She loved to shop, not only for herself but she enjoyed giving to others. She had a big heart. She enjoyed watching sports with her husband, especially cheering the Buckeyes on to win.

She is survived by her loving husband, Walter Gilliam; son, Charles Dardy; daughters, Tonya (Alex) Amoako-Okyere and Robin Hinton; brother, Robert (Pearl) Smith; sisters, Marvenia Green, Michelle Easler; grandchildren, Jessica McCoy, Danielle (Dale) Harro, Lt. Sammone (Niles) Burris, Karlton Willis, Sammule Willis, Ricky (Crystal) Willis; brothers-in-law, Cameron (Cassandra) Black, Marion (Cynthia) Black; thirteen great grandchildren; best friend-Tammy (Cornell) Black; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. She is preceded in death by her father, LaFayette Smith and her mother, Willa Johnson; Grandmother, Estelle Northcross; mother-in-law, Willie Mae Black; brothers, James Smith, LaFayette Smith Jr., William Smith; brothers-in-law, Ernest Green, Henry Easler; grandson, James "Mikey" McCoy III; and nephew, Ernest Green Jr.

Although she will be deeply missed, she will not be forgotten. She left a lasting impression on all that knew and loved her. She was truly one of a kind,

unique, fearfully and wonderfully made. She had recently rededicated her life to Christ, and those of us who chosen to believe and serve Christ will see her again as God has promised in his word.

The family would like to thank everyone for their many prayers, thoughts, well wishes, and acts of kindness provided during this trying time.

In honor of the wishes expressed by Barbara before her passing, the family will have a private celebration of life.