



## Barbara Jean Alford

December 4, 1932 - May 19, 2005

Barbara affectionately known as “Aunt Barbara” was born December 4, 1932 in Shreveport, Louisiana to Au ry Renee & Henry Alford who proceeded her in death. Barbara had one sister, Willie Mae, 1 brother, Raymond Alford, two daughters Marie Antoinette, & Mattie Louise, two grandchildren, Simone, & Marcel, two great grandsons, Brandon Blaise & Corleone who proceeded her in death. When Barbara was thirteen she moved to Berkeley, CA where she was raised by Mattie Motley. Barbara attended school through the Berkeley Unified School District & accepted Christ at an early age joining McGee Avenue Baptist Church where she taught as a Sunday school teacher. Barbara had a heart of gold, to know her was to love her. Barbara touched the lives of everyone who came in contact with her, if there was a way she could help she would lay down her life for the people around her. Her commitment, drive & love for others led to her profession as a beautician, where she kept family & friends well groomed. She always had open arms & welcomed children & their families into her life. Although Barbara was the mother of six, Larry, Louise, Nette, Bruce, Catherine and Debra, as a true embodiment of a woman, Barbara was a mother to many more. She enjoyed trips to Reno as she & her adopted daughters Annette & Debra Booker & sister Minella played slot machines it would bring sparkles to her eyes. Barbara spent countless hours touching lives, motivating & encouraging those who needed support and guidance, she will be missed tremendously. Barbara leaves to mourn, two brothers, Henry & Kandy Alford, two sons, Larry Alford & Bruce Hinton, two

daughters, Catherine Fernandez & Debra Vaca, one aunt, Bennie Mae Blanchard, 16 grandchildren, Simone, Andrea, Demardra, Brandi, Monee, Barbara, Shirlawn, Tarena, Terrell, Damon Shawn, James, Ladonna, Kimmie, Cardell & Isaac, & two great grandsons, Heshimu & Teddy (who she raised as her own), four nieces, Carolyn & Charolette Bendy and Melanie & Sonji Alford, two nephews, Courtney and Kimani Alford, three godchildren Donald Ray Blanchard, Deanna Morgan & Deliliah Vincent, 24 great grandchildren & a host of other relatives and friends.