



## Mrs. Bobbie Pearson

December 9, 1937 - March 14, 2026

Bobbie Jewel (Kimbrough) Pearson was born on December 9, 1937, in Kansas City, Missouri (West Side). She was the fourth of four children born to the union of Ollie T. Kimbrough and Erma Corrine (Harvey) Kimbrough. Bobbie was preceded in death by her father and mother; two brothers, Norman and Harvey Kimbrough; one sister, Shirley Hill; two nephews, Larry Hill and Norman Junior Kimbrough, and her great-grandson, Jerome Michael Kimbrough.

Bobbie attended Douglass Elementary School in Kansas City, Missouri; Northeast Junior High School; and Sumner High School in Kansas City, Kansas, graduating with the Class of 1955.

At an early age, Bobbie began working at Nancy's Care Klines Department Store. She later dedicated 30 years of service to Western Electric (ATT), where she was employed from 1963 until her retirement in 1993. She was part of a group of Black women who were among the first to be employed at Western Electric, paving the way for many others to follow. Through her dedication and hard work, she advanced through the ranks to the high-level position of Evaluator/ Process Checker, where she was responsible for assessing quality and ensuring excellence.

Alongside her career, she also served as a manager and sold Sarah Coventry

and Contempo jewelry, earning numerous travel rewards. Her travels included trips to London, Paris, Mexico, Hawaii, and many cruises to various islands. Of all the places she visited, her most memorable and cherished journey was an 11-day trip to the Holy Land in Israel.

Following her retirement from Western Electric, Bobbie continued working part-time at Hen House Grocery in Fairway, Kansas, until 2017. She was deeply loved by both customers and co-workers, leaving a lasting impression on everyone she encountered.

Bobbie loved to cook and was especially known for baking cakes for family and friends. She cherished hosting loved ones in her home for fellowship and connection.

At the age of 13, Bobbie was baptized at Sunrise Baptist Church on the West Side. She deeply loved the Lord and devoted 25 straight years to completely reading the Bible from cover to cover. She was a faithful member of Cleveland Avenue Baptist Church, where she was affectionately known by many as "Sister King James." She served her church by teaching Sunday School, Bible Study, and Vacation Bible School, and she was always willing to help family and friends. Even through her illness, she continued to teach the gospel to anyone who would listen.

In 1960, Bobbie was united in marriage to Odell Thompson, who preceded her in death. In 1984, she married her soulmate, Charles H. Pearson, with whom she shared a Godly and loving union for 43 years.

She often said she was blessed with one son, Michael Jerome Kimbrough, whom she dearly loved. She took great pride in knowing he was always there for her and that he loved and respected her as his mother.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband, Charles H. Pearson; her son, Michael J. Kimbrough (Robin); three grandchildren, Kevin Kimbrough (Amanda), Corey Kimbrough, and Camille Moon (Janna); and three great-grandchildren, Marcus Kimbrough, Olivia Kimbrough, and Avery Kimbrough.

She also leaves her family-in-love: Andrea & Renee Pearson; one nephew/son, Clarence Hill (Gwen), two nieces, Renay Jefferson (Michael) and Vickie Lapsley (Edward); her sister/cousin, Saburi Imara (Sala Hilaire (John), Hilari, and Akosua (Tarik); Nia Wanga (Michael & Marcus) of Kenya; and a host of other family members and dear friends.

Bobbie Jewel Pearson will be remembered for her faith in God, generosity, love for family and friends, and a life well lived. She taught those who knew her what it meant to be a Christian.

Funeral services Saturday, March 28, at 11:00am at Cleveland Avenue Baptist Church. Interment Eudora City Cemetery. Visitation 10:00am-11:00am at the church. Services entrusted to Lawrence A. Jones & Sons. Services conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.

# Cemetery Details

## Eudora City Cemetery

2220 N. 1420 Rd  
Eudora, KS 66025

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Cleveland Avenue Baptist Church  
2853 Cleveland Ave.  
Kansas City, MO 64128

## Funeral Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ TO THE PEARSON FAMILY ME AND MY GIRLS JUST JUST FOUND OUT TODAY BERDA, KEDRA, KAWANA ZE

SEND OUR DEEPEST DEEPEST CONDELENCES TO K THE PEARSON FAMILY WE ARE VERY SORRY NEVER FORGET YOU GUYS!!!! LOVE BERDA KEDRA (KEKE) KAWANA. LOVE THE COLEMAN FAMILY

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**BERDA KEDRA KAWANA** - March 23 at 01:38 PM

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*Deepest Sympathy* 🌸

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**Lola Carney** - March 25 at 07:02 PM

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*We the daughters of the late George and Patsy Brown, would like to extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy to Charles, other family and love ones in the home-going celebration of Bobbie. The love and care shown to daddy and Patsy before their demise will NEVER be forgotten. You will ALWAYS be in our prayers.*

*Patricia Bates, Barbara Walker and Sherryl Lee*

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**Sherryl Lee** - March 27 at 08:26 PM