



Barbara "Bobbie" Strong

April 15, 1944 - February 13, 2026

Barbara "Bobbie" J. Strong

A faithful servant of God, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 13, surrounded by the five grandchildren who were the light of her life. She left this world the same way she lived in it—graciously, lovingly, and with quiet strength. And true to who she was, she did things her way.

Born in Evergreen, Alabama, one of nine children to Sarah and Samuel Randolph, Bobbie learned early on how to stand on her ground and make her voice heard. Even as a young girl, she was strong-headed in the best way—determined, courageous, and unafraid to chase something better. At just 11 years old, she made the bold decision to move to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with her older sister Ann in search of greater opportunity. That brave choice shaped the course of her life and spoke volumes about the grit, independence, and strength that would define her.

Bobbie graduated from Schenley High School and went on to earn a degree in the medical field. Caring for others wasn't just a profession for her—it was her calling. Whether tending to patients or nurturing her family, she gave selflessly. She had an extraordinary ability to make people feel seen, heard, and forgiven. Her heart was as big as her personality.

She was witty, sharp-tongued, and effortlessly funny. She could slide in a one-liner with perfect precision and leave a room in laughter without even trying. She stood firm in her beliefs, never easily swayed, and always spoke her mind. If she loved you, you knew it. If you got on her nerves, she told you. If she forgave you, it was complete. If she welcomed you into her home, you were family.

She found joy in the simple pleasures of life: an ice-cold Cherry Pepsi, episodes of Gunsmoke playing in the background, and stories of the Old West. She loved westerns. In many ways, she embodied those same values herself: resilient, fair, and fiercely protective of the people she loved.

In 1968, she married Otis Strong, and from their union came her greatest pride and joy, her son, Otis M. Strong. Her love only multiplied when she became "Gram." Her five grandchildren—Alisha, Tiara, Daejha, Tamia, and Nyla were her five little heartbeats. They, in turn, blessed her with two great-grandchildren and a granddog, Mila Jai Strong-Washington, Donquintin Strong, and Duchess "Fido" Strong, whom they affectionately referred to as "Honey" a nickname only she could make sound so special. Being surrounded by them and her grandchildren in her final moments was a testament to the deep bonds she built and nurtured throughout her life.

She is survived by her sister, Marie Turner; her brother, Calvin Randolph; her beloved son, Otis M. Strong (Wanda Strong); her five cherished grandchildren; her adored great-grandchildren; and a host of family and friends who will forever carry her laughter, her lessons, and her love in their hearts.

Barbara "Bobbie" J. Strong was gracious, caring, and endlessly forgiving. She was headstrong yet tender, quick-witted yet deeply compassionate. She lived boldly, loved fiercely, and served faithfully. Her legacy is not only in the family

she raised but in the strength, humor, and grace she instilled in all who knew her. She will be dearly missed, lovingly remembered, and forever celebrated.

A visitation will be held on Saturday at 11am until the time of service at 12pm, at the Trinity Baptist Church, 3415 Ligonier St., Lawrenceville. Interment at Allegheny Cemetery to follow. Professional services trusted to D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY LTD., Lawrenceville.

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Cemetery Details

Allegheny Cemetery

4734 Butler St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Baptist Church
3415 Ligonier St
Pittsburgh, PA 15201-1343
(412) 621-4311

Mass

FEB 21. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM.

Trinity Baptist Church

Burial

FEB 21. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CS

“ *Our prayers and condolences are with the family.*

Caswell Family, Columbia SC - February 21 at 11:48 AM

RS

“ *Rani Schuchert purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Barbara "Bobbie" Strong.*



Rani Schuchert - February 17 at 11:28 PM

DD

“ *Bobbi, you will be truly missed. I known you as long as Wanda has known you and you've always made me feel welcoming without a doubt. Take your rest! You deserve it and until we meet again.*

Danielle

Danielle Dail - February 16 at 06:11 PM

MD

“ *May God grant you eternal rest and comfort those who mourn your loss. Prayers to the Strong family.*

Mya Dail - February 16 at 06:10 PM

WS

“ *Bobbie, I will miss you. Thank you for all of your stories and unselfish love you showed me and never treating me any different. I know you look amazing either way wings! Much love , Wandie Toes*



Wanda Strong - February 16 at 05:41 PM

TA

“ *I remember brushing and doing her hair, putting in crazy styles, then taking pictures. She liked the way the brush felt on her head and would even doze off a few times too.*



Tamia - February 16 at 05:23 PM

NS

“ *Grams', Grammy, Barbie, and whatever other cute nickname I had for you, I will forever miss you. Who ever would have thought that knowing you for 19 years would be the best gift that God could give to me?*

From your warm hugs, meaningful advice, and amazing salmon croquets, having you as a grandmother was one of the many rewards from being blessed in this life. Although 19 years is way too short of a time we spent together, I will forever be grateful that I experienced your selfless sacrifices and love that you gave to not only your grandchildren, but everyone else around you.

Until we meet again, continue watching over me and guiding me through this journey we call "life."💜

Love, Nylie 😊

Nyla Strong - February 16 at 05:18 PM