



## Josephine Baker-Washburn (DOWNTWON)

May 29, 1933 - May 31, 2025

Josephine Baker-Washburn passed away on Saturday, May 31, 2025, joining her husband, Frank Washburn, married 58 years. She was born in Pittsburgh, KY on May 29, 1933, eldest daughter of James Daniel and Sarah Elizabeth Baker. After the passing of her parents at the age of 13, she was raised by her loving uncle, Lusion and aunt, Fannie Markey.

Josephine graduated from Central High School in 1950. She was a faithful member of Brown Memorial CME Methodist Church for many years.

Josephine worked as a Buyer for the Fashion Shop Clothing Store for many years. She enjoyed traveling to New York City to shop for the store's merchandise. In addition to merchandise shopping she greatly enjoyed setting up the display windows for the store. She really enjoyed shopping at the malls, planting flowers, putting up holiday decorations, and the company of her family and friends. Her most precious moments were those spent with the love of her life, the fun and loving Frank Washburn.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Frank Washburn; her sister, Doris Jean Jefferson; her uncle, Lusion Markey and aunt, Fannie Markey.

She is survived by a host of nieces, nephews, loving friends, and neighbors that she referred to as "Her Kids" who became her caregivers for many years, Memorial Service will be held 11am Friday, June 6, 2025 at Brown Memorial CME Methodist Church, 809 West Chestnut St..



# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Brown Memorial CME Church  
809 W. Chestnut St.  
Louisville, KY 40203

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ She was such a joy to me and my family. I will miss our kitchen table talks and the summer days sitting on your front porch. She was such a beautiful, loving and classy lady. GOD knew the reason why he placed my family next door and I pray that plan was accomplished. I Loved her so very much.

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**Louise Beman** - June 05, 2025 at 08:06 AM

JH

She was blessed to have you and Frank. You both took excellent care of her. What s blessing.

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**Jackie Hughes** - June 05, 2025 at 01:52 PM

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Truly a beautiful lady. I will always see purple and think of Ms. Joe!

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**robyn** - June 16, 2025 at 03:04 PM

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Just saw where Joe had passed she was my neighbor for many years and my children loved her too. Louise and Frank took care of her she'll be missed. She was a lady and caring person I loved her dearly my friend.

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**Wanda Hunter** - July 22, 2025 at 12:47 PM