



Joanie Barr

February 6, 1965 - January 27, 2026

Joanie Barr, a longtime resident of St. Mary's County, Maryland passed away on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, after an epic and courageous battle with cancer. She lived a full, vibrant 60 years—and managed to leave a little sparkle everywhere she went.

Over the years, her work life reflected her dedication, reliability and heart to service and people, including roles with UPS, the US Postal Service, The Center for Life Enrichment, St. Mary's County Transportation Services, and most recently, Seafarers International Union.

Joanie lived boldly, loved fiercely, laughed often, and faced life with remarkable courage. She always put others before herself and would have given you her last penny. Her light was bright, her heart was big, and her legacy will live on in the stories told, the laughter shared, and the love she gave so freely.

Born on February 6, 1965, in Washington, DC, Joanie was the daughter of the late Leo Xavier Abernethy and Blanche Elizabeth Abernethy. She is survived by her beloved daughter, Catherine Surratt, who was the pride and joy of her life, and her son-in-law, Stanley Surratt. Her siblings include: Leo Abernethy (Poncho), Beth Patton, late Wayne Abernethy, Tom Abernethy, late Blanche Ringley (Little Bah), Don Abernethy (Scooter), late Mike Abernethy, Mary

Perry Fox, and Cathy Henderson, along with many extended family members and friends who will forever carry her spirit with them.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Joanie's name to Hospice of Charles County.

A Celebration of Life is being planned, and details will be shared soon.

Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Debbie Abernethy lit a candle in memory of Joanie Barr* ”



Debbie Abernethy - February 05 at 01:32 PM

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“ *Selena Parrott lit a candle in memory of Joanie Barr* ”



Selena Parrott - February 03 at 01:05 AM