

In Loving Memory of



Barbara H. Murphy

February 21, 1938 - January 25, 2012

Wednesday, February 1, 2012 - 12:00 noon

ST. JOHNS COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

1066 BERGEN STREET • NEWARK NJ 07112

Phillip Gilmore, Officiating

Min. Vendetta Keyes, Eulogist

Reflections of Life



Barbara H. Murphy, was born on February 21, 1938 in Norfolk, Virginia to Clyde and Maybelle Henderson, the oldest daughter of seven children. Wednesday, January 25, 2012, God called our mother, daughter, sister, grandmother, niece, cousin, and friend home.

Barbara was educated through Norfolk's Public School system. Barbara graduated from Norfolk State University in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education, she would later complete a Master's equivalent as well.

Barbara was married to Albert Murphy Jr. in 1956 and from this union three of her sons were born Albert Murphy III, George Murphy, and Ruben Murphy. Barbara and Leroy Manley were together for twenty years and from the union three children were born Vendetta, Leon and Vanessa.

Barbara gave her life to Jesus Christ and was baptized when she joined St. John Unified Freewill Baptist Church. Barbara was involved in Vacation Bible School and the after school tutoring program for a period of time. Barbara believed faithfully in tithing.

Barbara became a teacher and was hired by the Irvington Board of Education in 1985. Barbara would during her time as an educator serve as a teacher at Augusta Street School and Madison Avenue Street School. Barbara was able to teach for twenty years. Barbara retired from teaching in 2006 due to some health challenges. Barbara loved the children she was blessed to work with. She was always striving to think of creative ways to educate her students.

Barbara loved to read, to teach, and to laugh. Barbara had a great senses of humor and a smile that would light up a room. Barbara was always the teacher even before she was licensed by the state of New Jersey. Barbara would constantly correct the way we spoke. She felt school was very important, but she also accepted us for who we were. She would say "I don't care what you decide to do with your life, just strive to be the best. If you are a street sweeper, be the best street sweeper you can be." Barbara had a huge heart for people. Barbara was a philanthropist that gave annually to over twenty different charities and organizations that touched her heart the American Heart Society, NAACP, just to name a few. We miss our mother, daughter, sister, cousin, and friend. Barbara was an amazing person with amazing talent. Barbara had a beautiful voice and could draw anything she could see. A great day for Barbara was hearing from her children, reading a great book (that would take her to some exotic place), and having a good laugh.

Barbara was predeceased in death by her husband, Albert Murphy Jr.; oldest son, Albert Murphy III; her father, Clyde Henderson Sr.; brothers, Samuel and Clyde Henderson Jr.; and her sister Ruby Taylor.

Barbara leaves to cherish her memory: her mother, Maybelle Henderson of VA Beach; her five children, George Murphy (Nicole) of Newark, NJ, Ruben Murphy of Norfolk, VA, Vendetta Keyes (James) of Union, NJ, Leon Manley of Norfolk, VA, Vanessa Taitano (Antonio) of Washington, DC; her sister, Annette Taylor of Norfolk, VA; brothers, Roy Lee Henderson of Norfolk, VA and Aaron Humphrey (Francine) of VA Beach; her precious dozen of grandchildren, George L. Murphy, Antonio E. Taitano Jr., Ian E. Taitano, JaNee B. Keyes, James B. Keyes Jr., Samantha L. Young, JaVonne B. Keyes, JaNique B. Keyes, JaEl B. Keyes, JaLene B. Keyes, Aniyah M. Manley, and Xavier Ricks; uncle, Eddie Humphrey; aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Order of Service

ProcessionalThe Family

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn.....“Yes Jesus Love Me”

Scripture Reading.....Min. Francine Humphrey

Old Testament ~Psalm 23

New Testament ~John 14:1-6

Musical Selection



Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection.....Deacon Reginald Cain

Acknowledgement / Obituary

Musical Selection.....JaVonne Keyes

Eulogy.....Min. Vendetta Keyes

Musical Selection

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

Repast

Friends and family are invited for a repast back at the church.

Dear Grandma

You made me smile
Even when I didn't want to
You made me laugh
Even though it hurt to
I just got to know you
You had a smile that
Could make anybody smile
back Just to let you know I
Always loved you
When you seemed so far
away When I wanted you to
stay And now that you are
gone I'll never forget you
The only wish I have
Is that I needed more time
with you!!

JaNique Keyes



Come To Me

God saw she was getting
tired And a cure was not to
be So He gently closed those
loving eyes And whispered
"Come to me" The days of
toil and nights of pain The
weary hours have passed The
patient gentle worn out frame
Has found sweet rest at last.
Day and night we stood by
her And saw her in
pain, Anxiously awaiting her
cure But our waiting was is
vain. God who knoweth all
things best Eased her
suffering, gave her rest She is
gone but not forgotten, Never
will our memories fade
Sweetest thoughts of her will
ever linger Round the place
where she rests.

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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