

Celebrating the Life of
Barbara Elaine Aikins
"Chicken"



Sunrise
January 17, 1950

Sunset
March 3, 2012

Friday, March 16, 2012
11:00 a.m.

TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH

150 East Second Street
Burlington, New Jersey

Rev. Victor Lee, Officiating
Rev. Eured Snell, Presiding
Minister Bruce Clark, Minister of Music

When We All Get To Heaven

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,
sing His mercy and His grace;
in the mansions bright and blessed
He'll prepare for us a place.



Chorus:

When we all get to heaven,
what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
we'll sing and shout the victory!

While we walk the pilgrim pathway,
clouds will overspread the sky;
but when traveling days are over,
not a shadow, not a sigh.



Chorus



Let us then be true and faithful,
trusting, serving every day;
just one glimpse of Him in glory
will the toils of life repay.



Chorus

Onward to the prize before us!
Soon His beauty we'll behold;
soon the pearly gates will open
we shall tread the streets of gold.

Chorus



Reflections of Life

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith

II Timothy 4:7



On March 3rd 2012 the skies parted for another Angel to go from labor to reward. **Barbara Elaine Aikins a.k.a “Chicken”** was born on January 17, 1950 to the late Clemmie G. and Juanita Tarpley in Philadelphia, PA.

Barbara was educated in the Philadelphia Public School system graduating from Bartram High school and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Bennett College, Greensboro, NC. She continued her education at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Southern California.

At a young age, Barbara accepted Christ as her personal Savior and worked faithfully until her health failed. She joined Tabernacle Baptist Church and worked very passionately with the children and was always willing to do anything to help them get ahead through education. Barbara was instrumental in helping the Shine Ministry in developing their college tours, fairs and workshops. She was also learning a new passion in the form of playing golf and was very active with the Golf outing committee. She volunteered to chair teams involving the Christian Education for youth. Missions were one of her greatest joys. In 2006, she joined TBC Mission Ministry by default as she was led blindsided into a meeting by her sidekicks Colston & Dutton, little did she know this union would give her so much love for sharing and serving others. She loved and looked forward to their annual gathering at the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Conventions as they traveled all over the United States. In 2006, she was the chairperson for the 13th Annual Mission Conference which was spirit filled and a success because of all the hard work Barbara put into this event. Her latest plans for a short term mission trip to Johannesburg, South Africa would not be fulfilled, but we will feel her presence there, for she was a true servant woman of God.

Barbara returned to Philadelphia and worked at the University of Pennsylvania for a number of years. She later relocated to New Jersey and worked at Thomas Edison State College from 1986 to present. Barbara had many hobbies and affiliations, and just to name a few; line dancing, traveling, shopping, golfing, Prince Hall Masonic, past Matron of ERAME Chapter No. 62, Order of Eastern Star, member of Khufu Court No. 118, Daughters of Isis, member of Mary Magdalene Royal Court No. 1, and Order of Cyrenes.

Barbara made her children and grandchildren her life. She was a mother to many. She leaves to cherish her memories: six children, Dr. James Aikins Jr. (Charletta), Robert Aikins, Bruce Aikins, Adwoa Koon, (J’Quain) Margaret Aikins and Florence Aikins; thirteen grandchildren, MeMe, Anan, Yvette, Sheena, Kobina, Della, Barbara, Eunice Araba, James, Xavier, Kwesi, and Jaelyn; one great-grandchild, D’Naija; one sister, Wanda (Mike); three brothers, Larry, VanZandt, and Gerald Tarpley (Val) and Thomas Henderson (Michelle); and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

*Lovingly Submitted,
The Family*

Order of Worship

Organ PreludeMin. Bruce Clark

Processional

Invocation

Hymn of Comfort#429 “When We All Get To Heaven”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 8:1-9Dea. Coleman

New Testament - I Corthinans 15:51-58Dea. Pasley

Prayer of ComfortMin. Luis Rogers

SelectionSis. Hilda Timbers

Acknowledgments &

Reading of Obituary Sis. Janie E. Emerson

Reflections Friends and Family (2 minutes, please!)

SoloBro. James King

EulogyRev. Victor Lee, Assistant Pastor
St. Paul Baptist Church, Cinnaminson, NJ

Recessional “I’m Free”

Entombment

Lakeview Memorial Park Cemetery

Cinnaminson, New Jersey

(please turn on headlights and hazards for cemetery procession.)

PALL BEARERS

Friends and Family

FLOWER BEARERS

Friends and Family

Pretty Wings

Life won't be the same since the day that you left and
Heaven opened its door.

Your legacy lies within your children, grands,
and their children all of whom you adore.

I can see you clearly in your earth tones,
as radiant as a summer's sun.

Beautiful, more precious than gems,
loved and respected by everyone.

You showed me who God was when I wouldn't read
The Good Book.

Courageous and strong, regal and true,
not to mention an excellent cook.

I bring levity to this occasion, for you brought joy to our lives.

You would want a celebration rejoicing with laughter,
not solemnest and cries.

It was an honor to have known you.

Now I can Really hear angels sing.

Since God brought you home and adorned your
PRETTY WINGS.

~Lovingly submitted, Jennifer L. Williams

Acknowledgement

The family of **Barbara Aikins** extends a heartfelt *thank you* for the many prayers, calls, visits, cards and gifts. Your expressions have been a great source of strength and comfort and are profoundly appreciated during our time of bereavement. God bless you all.

The Family

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