

*Celebrating the Life
of*

A portrait of Shirley T. Barden, an elderly woman with short, styled grey hair, wearing glasses, a dark blazer, a gold necklace, and gold earrings. She is smiling slightly. The background is a soft, light-colored rose.

Shirley T. Barden

Sunrise
April 11, 1944

Sunset
August 5, 2012

Services

Friday, August 10, 2012 - 1:00 p.m.

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163 Oakwood Avenue

Orange, New Jersey 07050

Reverend Elijah L. Williams, Jr., Officiating

Emory Lee, Organist

Obituary

Shirley Spencer-Barden was born on April 11, 1944 to the late Mary Go Brackins-Lewis in Headland, Alabama. She departed this life on August 5, 2012. Shirley joined the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church at an early age and attended the Newville Rosenwald High School in Alabama.

Shirley relocated to Orange, NJ in 1962 and became a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church located in Orange, NJ. Years later, she became a faithful member of Mt. Zion AME Church of New Brunswick, NJ.

She loved traveling around the world with her cousin, Carolyn Brackins.

Shirley leaves to cherish her memory: one son, Jefferies Spencer and his wife, Marzetta; step-daughter, Michelle Brown; three grandchildren, Alexis Spencer, Andre Spencer and Asha Wittshire; two sisters, Eudonice Humphrey and Stella Elmore; one brother, Robert Pittman; two aunts, Armillia Hicks and Thelma Russ; special friends, Janine Reed, Calvin Barden and Dr. Maria Barden; and a host of devoted cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude..... Emory Lee

Seating Of Family.....Funeral Director

Hymn Of Comfort.....‘Blessed Assurance’

Prayer Of Comfort

Scripture Readings Rev. Elijah L. Williams, Jr.

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - Philippians 8:1-13

Solo..... Emory Lee

Remarks.....Family and Friends (Two minutes please)

Acknowledgements, Resolutions

& Obituary Toni Lee Cook

Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap

Eulogy.....Rev. Elijah L. Williams, Jr.

Welcome Baptist Church • Newark, New Jersey

Recessional..... Clergy and Family

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery

Orange, New Jersey

*Immediately following the service family and friends are invited
for a repast at Ebenezer Baptist Church
153 William Street, Orange, New Jersey 07050*

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of **Shirley T. Barden** acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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