

*A Celebration of Life for*

*Barbara Clark Bailey*

*Sunrise*  
*April 19, 1934*

*Sunset*  
*June 3, 2015*



*Thursday, June 11, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.*

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

225 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033

*Pastor Emeritus Mildred L. Williams*  
*Senior Pastor Nathaniel Bullock, Jr.*

# Obituary

**Barbara Ann Clark Bailey** departed this life on June 3, 2015. She was born April 19, 1934 in Somerville, New Jersey, the eighth child of Elwood and Addie VanNess Clark. She moved to Rahway, NJ with her husband and young family in 1958.

She accepted Christ as a youth and was a member of the St. Thomas AME Zion Church, Somerville which she continued to love and support throughout her life. She joined her husband, Howard Bailey, in praise and service at the First Baptist Church, Kenilworth, New Jersey in 1955.

Barbara graduated from Somerville High School in 1952 awarded a Business Education diploma, a first for the school district and the local African American community. Barbara pursued an administrative career and completed a forty year career as a Human Resource Executive.

Barbara resided in Rahway, New Jersey for fifty-eight years. She was an active participant in community affairs: from voter registration to NAACP to National Night Out. She was a vigorous and integral voice for community development – leading the cause for Rahway River Flood Containment for decades.

Barbara was known for her quick smile, her warm spirit and her untiring support for every member of her extended family. She served as a model and encourager of high standards of honorable conduct, service, marriage and family desiring all to excel in life pursuits.

Barbara was predeceased by her parents, her siblings, and a son, Howard Kent Bailey.

She is mourned by: her husband, Howard; son, Michael (Wendy) of Maryland; daughter in law, Mary Bailey of Rahway; five grandchildren, Blake, Jaleesa, Justin, Jasmine and Ian-Michael Bailey; and six great-grandchildren; A host of nieces, nephews, cousins and loving friends share their loss.

## ***As We Look Back***

As we look back over time  
We find ourselves wondering.....  
Did we remember to thank you enough  
For all you have done for us?  
For all the times you were by our sides  
To help and support us.....  
To celebrate our successes  
To understand our problems  
And accept our defeats?  
Or for teaching us by your example,  
The value of hard work, good judgement,  
Courage and integrity?  
We wonder if we ever thanked you  
For the sacrifices you made.  
To let us have the very best?  
And for the simple things  
Like laughter, smiles and times we shared?  
If we have forgotten to show our  
Gratitude enough for all the things you did,  
We're thanking you now.  
And we are hoping you knew all along,  
How much you meant to us.

# *Order of Service*

**Processional**

**Invocation**

**Prayer of Comfort**

**The Scriptures**

Old Testament - Psalm 121:1-8

New Testament - Titus 2:3-5

**Solo**

Kyonta Bailey

**Acknowledgements and Condolences**

**The Obituary**

**Remarks**

**Solo**

Keith Bailey

**Eulogy**

Reverend Eugene C. Brown

Empowerment Temple AME Church, Baltimore, MD

**The Recessional**

**Interment**

Graceland Memorial Park

Kenilworth, New Jersey

**Repast**

Immediately following interment

First Baptist Church, 225 North Eighth Street • Kenilworth, NJ

*Devon Bailey, Organist*

**Pallbearers:**  
Family Members and Friends

## *Afterglow*

*I'd like the memory of me  
To be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave an afterglow  
Of smiles when day is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo  
Whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times  
And bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve  
To dry before the sun  
Of happy memories that I leave behind,  
When life is done.*

*-Author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The Family of **Barbara Clark Bailey** wishes to acknowledge with sincere appreciation the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to us during our bereavement.*

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