

*Celebration of Life For*

A portrait of Barbara Ann Porterfield, a woman with dark hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a light-colored top. The portrait is set against a background of large, vibrant yellow flowers with green leaves.

*Barbara Ann Porterfield*

*Sunrise: July 24, 1960*  
*Sunset: August 23, 2016*

Service

*Wednesday, August 31, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.*

**HOLY TABERNACLE CHURCH**

407 E. 114th Street • New York, NY 10029

*Rev. Henry Owens, Presiding*  
*Elder Franklin Porterfield, Eulogist*

## *Obituary*

**Barbara Ann Porterfield**, daughter of the late Leola Porterfield Jenkins and Shelton Robinson was born on July 24, 1960 in Harlem Hospital New York, NY. On August 23, 2016, God whispered her name and welcomed her back to himself.

She attended Franklin D. Roosevelt High School where she was known as a “track star”. Although she was short in stature, she could outrun all of her classmates and friends. Her passion was crocheting. She was well known for knitting baby blankets. Each blanket was personalized and sewn with love.

Barbara was a diligent, dependable employee. She worked in customer service for over twenty years. She was a people person who was always eager to help. She was a mediator amongst her peers and suggested solutions to ease issues. These attributes were not only displayed at work, but wherever she went.

Barbara was an active member of the Missionary Baptist Church of Love, Bronx, NY, where she served on the building fund committee. She loved music and she loved to sing. Barbara sang with her sisters and cousins in a group called the Haynes Singers for over twenty-five years. She didn’t need any musicians to have a good time in church. All she needed was a tambourine or a cowbell.

She had a bright smile and her laughter was infectious. When she laughed, everyone else around her laughed. Everyone knew Barbara’s laugh because it was so unique. She loved her family and often talked about the good times we all shared together. She enjoyed family gatherings and reunions. She was known as “Aunt Barbara” to people who wasn’t family. She was the ‘cool’ aunt who never forgot anyone’s birthday. Barbara didn’t let life live her, she lived life.

Barbara leaves to cherish her memory: her significant other, Larry Williams; her daughters, Ayesha Bratton (Rodney) of Columbia, SC and Amber L. Williams of the Bronx, NY; her granddaughter, Kiara Johnson of Columbia, SC; her four sisters, Beatrice Bartley of Georgia, Dollie Fields of Columbia, SC, Aleatha Black of New York, NY and Theresa Roberts of Bronx, NY; her four brothers, John E. Porterfield (Alberta) of Bronx, NY, Kenneth Porterfield (Sonya) of Georgia, Franklin Porterfield (Geraldine) of Pennsylvania and Sherman Porterfield (Annette) of Rock Hill, SC; a host of loving and caring nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends god-sisters, god-brothers; and friends closest to her heart, Hope, Debra, Kim and Angie.

# Order of Service

Prelude .....Musicians

Processional

Prayer of Comfort .....Pastor Sherman Porterfield

Scriptures

Old Testament..... Pastor Lisa Mcfadden

New Testament..... Co-pastor Annette Porterfield

Solo .....Beatrice Bartley

Remarks..... (2 Minutes) Please

Cards and Obituary..... Cassie Bartley

Solo.....Tarnisha Flowers

Selection..... Family/Lay Down Our Life

Resolution .....Missionary Baptist Church

Selection..... McFadden

Eulogy .....Pastor Franklin Porterfield

Viewing

Committal

Recessional

*Repast At:  
Faith Community Church Social Gathering  
3405 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Bronx, NY*

## *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little-but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at the things we use to do  
Miss me-but let me go.*

*-author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of  
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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