

*In Loving Memory of*



*Ruth Barbee*

*Sunrise: December 25, 1927*

*Sunset: August 28, 2016*

Service

*Friday, September 9, 2016 - 12:00 Noon*

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*Rev. Dr. Sidney Hargrave, Officiating*

*Rev. David Jenkins, Organist*

## *Obituary*

**Ruth Barbee** was born December 25, 1927, in Birmingham, Alabama to parents Marion Stoudemire and Julia Henderson Moore.

While a young enthusiastic teenager, Barbee arrived in Cincinnati, Ohio with her mother and resided there for two and a half years before settling in New York as a Harlem resident. She pursued a career as a licensed beautician graduating from APEX Academy School of Cosmetology and working at Hilda Guards Beauty Salon which was in lower Manhattan.

Barbee enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren and playing with her pets. She also was known to be a “fashionista” while she drove her red Camaro and green Mustang and listened to R&B groups such as the Stylistics and Earth Wind and Fire and R&B artists such as Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye. She was quite the poker champion at many tournaments. Atlantic City was one of her favorite places to go and show such skills. Cooking, especially baking, was another skill that she had that so many family and friends treasured.

In 1971, Barbee married her mate of many years, James Barbee, and later went to work as a private duty healthcare nurse at Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhattan before she took ill. Barbee's health gradually waned prompting her retirement.

Barbee is survived by: her husband, James Barbee; her daughter, Shirley (Earl) Williams of New Jersey; her son, Jerome (Three) Davis of New Jersey; her son, Larry (Denise) Davis of Ohio; thirteen grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; her sister, Helen of Alabama; and nephews, Johnny of Minnesota and Larue of New York. She was preceded in death by her son, Ronnie Davis; her brother, George; and sisters, Lillian, Della, and Wanda.

*Order of Service*

**Processional**

**Selection**

**Scripture Readings**

**Prayer**

**Selection**

**Acknowledgements**

**Remarks**

*Earl Williams*

*Veronica Williams*

**Obituary**

*Jean Berry*

**Solo**

*Percy Scales*

**Eulogy**

**Committal**

**Viewing**

**Recessional**

*Interment*

*George Washington Memorial Park  
Paramus, New Jersey*



## *Come To Me*

*God saw you getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So He put His arms around you  
And whispered, "Come to me"  
With tearful eyes we watched you  
And saw you pass away  
Although we loved you dearly  
We could not make you stay  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands at rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.*



*"Stay Gold"*

## *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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