

Celebration of Life
In Memory of
Barbara Ann Edge-Venable



Sunrise: August 29, 1945

Sunset: February 24, 2017

Service

Thursday, March 2, 2017 - 12:00 Noon

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Rev. Stephen Hussey, Officiating

Bronn Neal, Organist

Obituary

Barbara Ann Edge-Venable was born on August 29, 1945 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina to the union of the late Willie Albright White, Sr. and Maggie Lee Rorie-White. On February 24, 2017, God dispatched His angels to escort her to her eternal home.

Barbara was the middle child amongst two brothers who loved her dearly. Although she was the only girl, that did not stop her from being equally protective of her brothers as well. Barbara was very active and enjoyed many sports as a young girl. She received her education in the New York City public school system after her family moved to Brooklyn, New York.

Barbara later married Robert Edge and from that union came her sons, the late Curtis Edge and Willie Anthony Edge. In 1983, she married the late Sidney John Venable and from that union she was blessed with a baby girl who they named Melissa Sabrina Ethel Venable. Barbara adored her children and would graciously sacrifice her own needs for theirs.

Over the years Barbara held jobs in retail, the New York City Department of Health, the United States Postal Service and the New York City Transit Authority where she would end her career and embrace retirement. Despite leaving her job in retail, Barbara always took her fashion sense very seriously. She took great pride in her appearance, which would further compliment her smile.

Once retired, she could truly focus on the things she loved. Barbara could often be found at home cooking delicious meals for her family and cleaning, as she wanted nothing less than an extremely tidy home. She loved listening to Gospel music and often was moved to dance and sing along. She always loved reading and found peace in reading her Bible with a long list of prayers for those in need. These prayers were something she would selflessly share with God each day.

Barbara was also considered the “White family historian” as her memory was truly something special. She could recite full names, phone numbers, birthdays and other details of family members and friends near and far. She could always be reached by phone as she found speaking to friends and family daily to be her favorite thing to pass the time. She was well loved and respected by her neighbors, young and old, as Barbara often put their needs above her own. She was extremely supportive and attentive and always offered her help to lessen someone else’s burden. This is a testament to her character as a mother, a sister, an aunt, and a friend. Barbara never learned to drive a car and her first time on an airplane was a trip to Florida to surprise her youngest brother on his sixty-fifth birthday. That trip was one of her greatest memories and by far her most adventurous for the love of family.

Barbara’s place on Earth may be gone, but her lasting memory in our hearts will never be lost.

She leaves to cherish fond memories of her life: her son, Willie Anthony Edge; daughter, Melissa Sabrina Ethel Venable; brother and sister-in-law, Preston and Janis White; sisters-in-law, Victoria White and Doris Hussey; aunt and uncle, Fannel and James White; aunt and uncle, Brenda and Edward Elderidge; uncle, Donald White; grandchildren, Rachel Lourdes Edge, Willie Anthony Edge, Jr., and Javina India Rivera; great grandchildren, Sinclaire Jasmine Hudson, Emilliana Izabella Sparkman, Gabrielle Ianna Sparkman, Savannah Eve Edge, Nicholas Anthony Edge, and Anella Evy Rivera; nieces, Kymberly Eyvette White and Kemba Shani White; nephews, Willie Albright White III, Jerome Courtney White, Che Alex White, Preston Bernard White, Jr., and Kemal Albright Shelton White. She leaves a host of other relatives and friends to celebrate her life.

Order of Service

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Old Testament - Psalm 91:1-6

Poem

Remarks

Family and Friends

Scripture

New Testament - Romans 10:14-15

Obituary

Eulogy

Benediction

*She gave us strength in time of trouble, wisdom in
time of uncertainty and sharing in time of happiness.*

She will always be by our side in love.

*For those of us who loved her, and who take her to
her rest today, we pray that what she was to us, and
what she wished for others, will someday come to
pass for all the world, which is love.*

Interment

*St. Raymond's Cemetery
Bronx, New York*

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

We, the family of *Barbara Ann Edge-Venable*, wish to express our deep appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy and acts of kindness extended to us during this time of bereavement.

The Family

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