

A portrait of an elderly Black woman with short dark hair, wearing a light blue t-shirt and a gold necklace. She is smiling slightly. The background of the entire card is a soft purple and pink floral pattern with several butterflies in shades of purple and pink.

In Loving

Memory

of

*Barbara
J. Diggs*

June 16, 1943 ~ August 18, 2023

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023 - 11:00 AM

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Pastor Kortney Haigler

Union Baptist Church • Passaic, New Jersey

Obituary

Barbara Diggs at the age of 80 was called home on August 18, 2023. Barbara was born to George Willie Coates and Leola McGriff on June 16, 1943.

Barbara was the ninth child of 9. She attended Shabazz High School in the city of Newark, where she graduated with a high school diploma. Barbara had plenty of jobs, the one that stood out to me was when she was a teacher's Aide for the Little Leagers. Those children loved her there. Barbara loved cooking for her family especially when occasions came up and those pork chops for Crystal (smile).

Barbara loved people. She was a feisty one, she always said what was on her mind. She greeted people with a smile and made them feel comfortable around her. She loved her music. She would be on the floor in the living room listening to her cd's with a bowl of popcorn, one of her favorites. One thing about Barbara if you cooked or fixed food for her make sure it was seasoned well because she would let you know and tell you, "you eat it".

Barbara fought a long battle. She tried doing things that she used to do, but one thing, she didn't give up. Momma was strong and determined. She wasn't alone fighting her sickness. Crystal took the time out of her life to care for her even though mom battle was long, Crystal made sure she was comfortable and peaceful.

Barbara was preceded in death by her mother Leola and father Willie Coates, husband Paul, her son Mark and daughter Holly, her sisters Areatha, Dorothy, Pricilla, Helen, Myrtle and one brother William.

To cherish her memories she leaves two sisters Mildred Ingram and Beatrice Greene; her daughter Crystal and son Kelly; eight grandkids Tamika, Shaniquah, Shante, Sada, Avery, Terrence, Raven and Little Kellie; 11 great grands Shania, Tristain, Bryce, Josh, Chris, Kamiri, Armari, Holly, Aiden, Chase and new baby girl on the way from Shante; one great great Kendall; a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

A special thanks to Crystal, Shaniquah and Shante for taking time out of their lives to care for Barbara.

I Love You Mommy

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Interment
Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

Repast
The Club House
205 Spruce Street
Newark, NJ 07108



*Weep not for me
Stand not near my
grave and weep for me.
For my soul has finally been set free.
No more suffering and no more pain.
The day of my departure was a
season of change.
I fought the good fight and
I knew the battle I had won,
When I heard my Father in heaven
say, "Barbara well done my*

*daughter, come on home". Immediately, I imagined gazing upon my
mama while she hummed Amazing Grace with the angels as they walked
the streets paved in gold. My soul got happy so I let go. It's all right
now, I've been liberated from a decaying shell that encapsulated me.
Finally, I've been set free. Celebrate my life, mourn not for me. And if
you should find yourself crying because you're missing me a little too
much. Remember I left behind a treasure chest filled with memories and
lots of love. It's all over now, I am happy as one can be. Celebrate my
life because now my soul is free. Please family, weep not for me.*

Tonya M. Barber

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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