



Barbara A. Bess

May 20, 1931 - February 4, 2021

BARBARA ANN GREEN BESS met her Heavenly Father on Thursday, February 4, 2021. Barbara was born on May 20, 1931 in Norfolk, VA to the late Lillian Vaughn Green and George H. Green, Sr. Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, George T. Bess, Sr. Barbara and George were married for 62 years. Barbara was also preceded in death by her sisters, Lillian Green Childers and Dr. Mary Green Wyche; brothers, George H. Green, Jr. and Walter H. Green, Sr.; and nephew Herbert Green Dawley.

Barbara was a graduate of the 1949 Booker T. Washington High School class in Norfolk, VA. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1952 from Howard University in Washington D.C. and earned a Master's degree from Hampton Institute in Hampton, VA. Barbara started her professional career as an English teacher in South Norfolk, VA. On April 1, 1955, Barbara married the love of her life, George Bess, Sr. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Norfolk, VA. From this union, two sons were born: George, Jr. and Michael. Barbara and George moved to Baltimore in 1965 where she furthered her professional career in education. Barbara taught English at The Paquin School in Baltimore until her retirement in 1991. In addition to her tenure in public education, Barbara was a talented musician who sang and played the piano. This talent was not lost on her grandchildren, as she enrolled all five of them in piano lessons. She was also an accomplished writer. The book she authored about her granddaughter entitled "Joelle's First Family Reunion" was well received

and appreciated by all who read it.

Barbara was committed to living the spiritual life of her Catholic faith that she so loved. At The New All Saints Catholic Church, Barbara served in many parish ministries and especially cherished being a member of the renowned All Saint's Choir. She was an outgoing person and a founding member of the Norfolk Delicados and a member of the Baltimore Chapter at her passing and was proud of the club expanding to several chapters throughout the country. Barbara was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and a member of the Patapsco Chapter of the Links Inc. Barbara was especially proud that she could serve as a member of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. with her three sisters and niece.

Barbara was beautiful in looks and in spirit. Her glowing smile could light up a room. Her long, later bobbed, hair encircled her face in a gracious style. She was affable, gregarious, and a delightful lady. She had a zest for life that made anyone who was in her presence feel very special. Barbara so loved her family.

She is survived by her loving sons, George T. Bess, Jr., and Michael J. Bess (Jacquetta). Also left to cherish her memory are loving grandchildren, Joelle Bess, Nigel Bess, Makayla Bess, Lauren Bess, and Erin Bess. She is also bereaved by her sister, Dr. Eleanor Green Jones and sisters-in-law, Elnora P. Green (George deceased), Alveta V. Green (Walter deceased), and Hettie B. Lockett. Other surviving family members include nieces, Dr. Alveta J. Green and Darlene M. Green; nephews, Dr. Edward A. Dawley, III, Walter H. Green, Jr. and Everette B. Jones, Jr.; goddaughters, Sadie Baderinwa and Nicole Foster; a host of great nieces and nephews, a host of other relatives and many special friends, including Kara King-Bess. Barbara's sweet spirit will live on in many cherished memories

Cemetery Details

King Park

8710 Dogwood Road
Baltimore, MD 21244

Previous Events

Wake

FEB 16. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Barbara A. Bess, Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - February 16, 2021 at 01:14 AM

JJ

Michael, your Mom funeral was beautiful. I pray for you and family. God will walk every step with you while grieving. Thank you for your friendship and may God continue to bless you. Joann Diggs Johnson and family. ❤️❤️🙏🙏

Joann Diggs Johnson - February 16, 2021 at 12:31 PM

SB

*George, i am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. Have known her since i was a teenager in Norfolk at Booker T. Washington ahigh school where she taught. May she Rest In Peace.
Sandy & Kenneth Brookins*

Sandra Brookins - February 17, 2021 at 12:49 PM

NB

“ *Mrs.Bess was an amazing teacher. She taught me so much and I will always remember her. I think of Mrs. Bess often because she had such a profound impact on my life.*



Nashika Booker-Bey - November 22, 2025 at 11:30 AM



“ *Barbara A. Bess*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *R.I.P. Delicado Bess. You will be truly missed.*



Delicado Betty Holman - February 22, 2021 at 11:20 AM



“ *Tommy and Michael, your mother was a fine woman. I enjoyed talking with her when I was a teenager. My family lived next door. I have fond memories of your parents. Wishing you and your family comfort during this time.*
Sincerely, Nancy Carpenter (Ms. Catherine's Family member)



Nancy C - February 16, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ *Joann Diggs Johnson lit a candle in memory of Barbara A. Bess*



Joann Diggs Johnson - February 16, 2021 at 12:35 PM

EJ

“ *Just viewed the celebration.
I have good memories of visiting Liberty Heights in Baltimore. That
is my mother's sister.*

Blessings in Jesus family and friends.

Everette

Everette Jones - February 16, 2021 at 12:31 PM

HW

“ *Sending love, light and serenity to the Bess family.
Sincerely,
Helen M. Walker*

Helen M. Walker - February 16, 2021 at 12:31 PM

TO

“ *We will miss our precious Aunt Barbara Ann. Rest with the Saviour.
Tonya Jones*

Tonya - February 16, 2021 at 12:30 PM

MD

“ *May Aunt Barbara Rest in Peace! She will be greatly missed and I
know that she is smiling down from heaven with God and her other
siblings.*

Matthew Dawley - February 16, 2021 at 10:58 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara A. Bess.*



February 15, 2021 at 03:19 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - February 08, 2021 at 10:30 AM