



## Barbara Colbert Wilkes

November 23, 1928 - November 21, 2005

BARBARA LEE COLBERT WILKES was born November 23, 1928 in Baltimore, Maryland. She received her formal education from the Baltimore City Public Schools and graduated from St. Francis Academy, one of the oldest all girl academies, in 1946. Upon her graduation from the academy, she entered Morgan State College where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics in 1950. She continued her educational studies at Coppin State College earning a Master of Arts degree in Special Education. Barbara's teaching career began in February 1957 and continued for thirty-four (34) and 1/2 years when she retired in 1993. During this time she taught in special education schools, at St. Francis Academy, as well as Lemmel Junior High and Frederick Douglass High Schools. She served as a demonstration teacher and cooperative teacher for Education Majors at Morgan State University. She was nominated and was selected to represent her field of Home Economics on the Mid-Atlantic States Evaluation Team. Barbara worked with at-risk students in the Baltimore City Public Schools Futures Program that provided assistance for potential drop outs from 1986 until her retirement. She also worked in the Super Saturday Program for gifted and talented youth in conjunction with the Office of Fine Arts of the Baltimore City Public Schools from 1989 to 1993. Her work as an advisor to the Future Homemakers of America and the Chefs Club at Douglass High School inspired many of her students to pursue careers in teaching and home economics. Barbara was a member of the American Home Economics

Association where she became a Certified Home Economist and also held a membership in the Maryland State Teachers' Association and the Baltimore Teachers' Union. From 1987 to 1993, she received the Mayor's Community Service Award for her contribution of time and self to the Combined Charity Campaign and every Christmas she was the coordinator for Santa Claus Anonymous at Douglass High School. Barbara was an active member of the Saint Edward's Church family. Barbara's pleasant manner, positive outlook on life, and smile was infectious. She brought a wealth of knowledge, creative energy, commitment, tireless dedication to her field and any project she was associated with. Barbara demanded and accepted nothing less than excellence from all of her students. For many teaching was a profession... but for Barbara it was her passion!! Barbara embodied and was the personification of the saying "If You Can Read This Sign... Thank Your Teacher". She was, and will remain, well loved by her colleagues, classmates, students, friends, and family. Barbara is survived by: her mother, Alice Colbert; sisters, Jean Curtis and Pauline Gross; children, Patricia Clements, Howard Wilkes Jr., Barry Wilkes and Stacey Wilkes; grandchildren, Shantia and Elijah; and nieces and nephews.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Colbert Wilkes*

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“ *My sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mrs. Wilkes. It seems so unfair that death should have the power to take away someone we love. However, the bible gives us the strength to cope. Jesus said at John 11:25 that he is "...the resurrection and the life. He that exercise faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life..." May this strengthen you all as it did me.##imported-begin##V Adams##imported-end##*

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“ *Heartfelt sympathies go out to you and your family Stacey, during this difficult time. While I can't find the words to ease your pain, please know that I have you and your family in my prayers. I've attached a verse from a song that has always helped me in times of sorrow. I pray it will do the same for you: The night is long and there seems no ending to the pain I feel inside. It seems this time, I just won't make it, for I find no peace of mind. But I look at the edge of the darkness and I see the sun. Through my sorrow, through the tears of my pain. I hear HIM say, "Just hold on my child." If I just hold out til morning. I know that joy will come.##imported-begin##Jinaki Green##imported-end##*

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“ My condolences to the family of Ms. Wilkes. I hope you find comfort in these words recorded at Revelation 21:4, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." A wonderful promise from our Heavenly Father, who will carry out this prospect very soon.##imported-begin##D. Spann##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah 55:11 states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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