



Barbara I. Barnes

December 25, 1945 - November 14, 2009

BARBARA ANN ISHMAEL BARNES, the daughter of the late John Robert and Alice McKoy Ishmael, was born December 25, 1945 in Jersey City, NJ. After a short illness, she departed this life on November 14, 2009. Barbara graduated from Rahway High School, Rahway, NJ. Upon graduating, she attended Morgan State College and graduated with a BS in Sociology. It was at Morgan where she met her future husband, Arthur M. Barnes, in 1963. It was a source of laughter when they would reminisce about how Arthur would hitchhike from Delaware State in Dover, DE to Baltimore to spend time with her. They were married on November 13, 1966. From the marriage came three lovely daughters; Teresa, Kimberly, and Amber. Upon graduation from Morgan, Barbara began her career with the State of Maryland Department of Human Resources, Quality Control Division (QC), in March 1973. During her career, Barbara never met a client that she could not get along with. Her job required her to travel to various counties in the state in a variety of good and "not-so-good" neighborhoods. She would have you laughing and in tears as she recalled some of her more interesting clients and adventures. She remained a faithful employee until her retirement in 2009. Barbara was a spiritual person who loved and trusted God. She began her walk God at the 2nd Baptist Church in Rahway, NJ. She continued to follow the Lord in Baltimore. She joined First Baptist Church of Turner Station and later became a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church where she worshipped with her husband and family. While at Bethel, she was a member of the Missionary Society and

volunteered for numerous church activities. Barbara was a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA), Omicron Gamma Omega Chapter, the Kappa Silhouettes, and the National Council of Negro Women, Greater Baltimore Section. In addition, she was a charter member of the Prime Timer's Pokeno Club. Barbara very much enjoyed the Pokeno Club and always looked forward to hosting them at her home. Barbara leaves to cherish her memory: her dedicated and loving husband and companion of forty-six years, Arthur M. Barnes; beloved daughters, Teresa Williams (Lloyd, Lauren, and Kyle), Kimberly Barnes, and Amber Taylor (Jermaine). She also leaves behind: a devoted niece, Rhonda Boone (Andre); great-nieces and -nephews, Alexandra and Andre Boone, Sebastian and Bianca Best; special niece, Tonya Hyder; three devoted sisters, Sandra Hyder (Samuel), Karen Ishmael (Hilton) and Lauren Ishmael; one uncle, Kenneth McKoy; two sisters-in-law, Mary Morris and Loretta Smith; brothers-in-law, Kiser Barnes (Nancy), Walter Barnes, Bernard Barnes (Jean); best friend, Jackie Thornton; special family friends, Terry, Christopher and Jordan Price, Rhonda and Lucy Faison, Maggie Taylor, Michael Charrington, and Cookie Thomas; lifetime friends from Morgan State College, Kathy Cain and Leanna Taylor; The Prim Timer's Pokeno Club and her very special QC family.

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“ *Barbara I. Barnes*

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“ *Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God's Blessings be with you and provide you the comfort and strength needed during this time. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phillipians 4:13 (KJV)##imported-begin##Celia Rankins Hilliard##imported-end##*

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“ *Teri, May God give you comfort and peace during this difficult time. Always know we are here for you and Lloyd. With Deepest Sympathy and Love##imported-begin##Jaime and Crystal Robinson##imported-end##*

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“ *My prayers are with the family of my dear co-worker and friend, May God continue to keep you safe in his arms.##imported-begin##Carla Lofland##imported-end##*

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“ To the family of Ms. Barnes, please accept my sincere sympathy on the passing of your loved one. The Bible gives us hope that God will remove death forever in the very near future. Rev 21:3,4. Be assured that God cannot lie and will provide comfort for those who mourn.##imported-begin##Marilynn Wright##imported-end##

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“ To Mr. Barnes; My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Sincerely, T. Washington RM&BD, DPW##imported-begin##Tesda Washington##imported-end##

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“ Uncle Butch, Kimmy, Terri, Amber, Mommy Sandy, Aunt Laurie, Soror Aunt Kay Kay And Rhonda I am truly going to miss Soror Aunt Bobbi. I was Blessed as having her as my "Aunt" Bobbi for the 34 years that I have known the family and as my Soror for the last 9 years. I will truly miss her and her words of wisdom that I needed at times in different situations. All of you have always been and will always remain in my family's thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Monica Young##imported-end##

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“ I am sorry for your loss.May you find comfort in knowing that Almighty God Jehovah will'actually swallow up death forever,and wipe the tears from all faces'by means of the resurrection(Isaiah 25:8). Jehovah will 'actually swallow up death forever,and wipe the tears from all faces'by means of the resurrection(Isaiah 25:8).##imported-begin##A. Jackson##imported-end##

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“ To Family and Friends, May you rejoice in Love and Gratitude for God’s hand upon her life. Her expressions of humility and hospitality will be remembered. Thank God for such a beautiful spirit.
Ella###imported-begin##Ella Carter###imported-end##

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“ With Deepest Sympathy To You, and your family ...the God of love and peace shall be with you. 2Corinthians 13:11 May it console you to know others care, Think of you warmly, and in every prayer Ask God to bless you with courage to bear the sorrow that now fills your heart. Dora Benjamin###imported-begin##Dora###imported-end##

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“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. Acts 24:15 lovingly declares "There is going to be a resurrection". May you receive much comfort and strength from that wonderful promise found in the Bible. And may you draw closer to Jehovah God and his only-begotten son Jesus Christ. (Psalm 83:18 and John 3:16)###imported-begin##SharonHill###imported-end##

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“ BARBARA WAS SUCH A SWEET SISTER IN LAW. I PRAY GOD'S BLESSING FOR THE FAMILY.###imported-begin##MARY F MORRIS & FAMILY###imported-end##

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“ Please accept my deepest sympathies for I too know the pain of losing someone you love. May you find comfort in knowing that our loving Heavenly Father Jehovah promises us that very soon all those in the 'memorial tombs' will hear the voice of his son Jesus and 'come out' by means of the resurrection (John 5:28,29). What a wonderful day that will be!##imported-begin##Kevin Jackson##imported-end##

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“ Barbara was such a sweet, dear person. It was a pleasure to work with her when she came to the Glen Burnie DSS office to review cases for QC. My sympathies go out to the family for the loss of their loved one and I hope you find comfort in God's blessings and mercy.##imported-begin##Nancy Collier##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of my sorority sister, my friend, someone who was dear and sweet to my heart, and always spoke to me about the positive to each situation. GOD BLESS you my dear, as our Lord and Savior welcome you with open arms, my good and faithful servant. I will miss our talks about the latest shoes and painting.##imported-begin##Alicia Tolson##imported-end##

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“ To the Barnes Family: Please accept my deepest sympathy. I worked with Barbara in FIA and she was a wonderful person. May you find comfort from Jehovah the God of all comfort. 2 Cor . 1:3-4 states "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those in any sort of tribulation through the comfort with which we ourselves are being comforted by God.##imported-begin##L Townsend##imported-end##

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“ Peace, prayers and blessings be upon your family.##imported-begin##Valerie Russell##imported-end##

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“ My dearest soror, Bethel mom, and most of all my friend - my heart is heavy. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Stacy Sherman##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest thoughts and prays are with you. Stay strong God is with you.##imported-begin##Williams,JC,Grier##imported-end##

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“ To the family and friends of Ms. Barnes, please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you##imported-begin##Eleanor Massie##imported-end##

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“ May God's blessings and comfort be with you. Remember the the JOY in and of her life. GBS-NCNW President##imported-begin##Francena Bean-Waters##imported-end##

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“ Lauren and KK May God grant you peace during this sad time. My prayers are with the family, and I pray that God continues to bless you all and fill your hearts with peace. Continue to take care of each other and remember sunshine always follows the rain...##imported-begin##Michael Smith##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy to you in your season of bereavement. Know that death leaves a heartache that no one can heal but love leaves a memory no one can steal. My prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Iris Mapp##imported-end##

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“ *Barbara was a wonderful person to work with. She had a beautiful smile and a kindness of spirit that was always appreciated by those of us on the "front lines". My sincere condolences to her family & friends.*##imported-begin##Debbie Couzantino##imported-end##

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