



Barbara C. Kemp-Cephas

September 26, 1935 - October 2, 2017

BARBARA CLARA KEMP was born September 26, 1935 in Laurel, Mississippi. She was the daughter of the late Richard Kemp and Magnolia Reed-Rogers. After a brief illness her Savior called her home. She peacefully closed her eyes on Monday, October 2, 2017 and obeyed God's will.

At the age of 4, Barbara moved with her grandparents to Erie, Pennsylvania. She was educated in the Erie County School System. Upon her graduation from high school she moved to Baltimore, Maryland to attend Provident Hospital School of Nursing.

In 1960 Barbara Clara Kemp was united in Holy matrimony to the late Charles Walter Cephas Jr. Through this union they were blessed with three children, two daughters and one son.

Barbara, affectionately known as "BK"; enjoyed a successful career in nursing for over forty years.

She held many positions in the field of nursing. One of her many accomplishments were the position she held as Director of Nurses. This position was held at various nursing facilities within the Baltimore City Area. She was the first African American woman to hold a Director of Nursing position at James Lawrence Kernan Hospital. She later joined the Office of

Health Care Quality which was formally known as Licensing and Certification Programs. She also held a position for the State of Maryland in the Division of Corrections in Jessup, Maryland. In her later years after retiring she provided her nursing skills and worked with the Baltimore County Ombudsman Program.

BK followed many religious doctrines during the course of her life. Her love for her "GOD" never wavered. She was faithful member of New David Baptist Church of Christ which is pastored by Rev. Dr. Earl Nathan Woodard I. Under his guidance, she held several positions within the church. She served as President of the Pastor's Aid and was an active member of the Deacon board. She was also an Associate Minister.

BK enjoyed several hobbies: reading, cooking and traveling to name a few. However, she was especially passionate about baking. It was not uncommon of her friends and co-workers to request a cake for any occasion and she was always willing to fulfill their requests. She was known as the "Cake Lady" at NDBCC.

Barbara Clara Kemp-Cephas leaves to mourn and cherish her memory, three children, Charles III, Barbette and Greta. She also leaves her beloved grandson-Jared, one uncle-Andrew Lyons of Erie, Pennsylvania, close friend Bertilla Davis, and host of loving family and friends.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21244
(410) 944-8300
info@kingmemorialpark.com
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT 13. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

OCT 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

OCT **14**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

New David Baptist Church of Christ *
1401-15 N. Milton Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21213

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara C. Kemp-Cephas*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

 Faith Terrell

“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Mrs. Barbara Cephas,*

Barbara Cephas was my mentor, a legend and dear friend and a dynamic woman.. I had the honor of working with Mrs. Cephas years ago at the Maryland Health Department. Mrs. Cephas taught me, fed me, laughed and cried with me. She will never be forgotten and will always live in my heart.

I can still hear her laughter, her gentle scolding- she was an advocate for human rights, a motivator with a generous spirit with strong Christian values. Her smile and wisdom will be forever in my heart. Rest in Peace dear Mrs. Barbara Cephas, you will be missed, but your memory and presence will last forever.

Thanks for the memories and lessons in life - your friend,

Faith B. Terrell

Faith Terrell - October 12, 2017 at 12:35 PM



GF

“ Grandson Jared Nicholas Cephas and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Barbara C. Kemp-Cephas.



Grandson Jared Nicholas Cephas and Family - October 11, 2017 at 01:51 PM

JJ

“ To the Family of Minister Barbara Cephas
These words of deepest sympathy are sent with the hope that as time goes by, cherished memories will help bring you inner peace and make your Mother's presence seem even closer to you. May the memories that meant the most to you live forever in your hearts.



*Peace and Blessings,
Jim and Juanita Singletary-Jones
New David Baptist Church*

Juanita Singletary Jones - October 09, 2017 at 04:43 PM

JS

“ Sorry for the loss of your loved one. Jesus joined Lazarus' relatives and friends as they grieved over their loss. John 11:33, 35 Jesus gave way to tears. I join you in your sorrow, may the God of comfort be with you.

Joan Strachan - October 09, 2017 at 10:59 AM

FF

“ *From Dorothy Brown And Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Barbara C. Kemp-Cephas.*



From Dorothy Brown And Family - October 07, 2017 at 01:26 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 - October 07, 2017 at 08:05 AM