

*In Loving Memory of*



*Barbara Anne Lawrence*

*Sunrise*  
October 27, 1935

*Sunset*  
July 11, 2013

Service  
Thursday, July 18, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

**KELLY TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
8-12 East 130th Street • New York, NY

## Obituary

**Barbara Lawrence** was born in Washington, Georgia on October 27, 1935 to the late Burrell Jordan, Jr. and Kathleen Hill-Jordan.

The family moved and settled in New York City where she was educated in the NYC School System. Affectionately known as Anne, Barbara was a bright, precious, and kind child who loved spending time with her grandmother, her aunt Betty and her sister, Sarah. In 1955, she met Alton Strayhorn. They married in 1957 and from this union four children were born.

Barbara worked for Harlem Hospital for thirty plus years and also served on the Board of Directors at ARC as a dedicated employee. She touched many lives. Even after her retirement from Harlem Hospital, she continued to maintain her position with ARC.

As an active member of Christian Parish for Spiritual Renewal, Barbara worked diligently for the Lord. She worshipped with her church family and loved them dearly.

A beacon of light, never to be forgotten, Barbara has truly been an inspiration to her children, her grandchildren, her great grandchildren and any one who knew her. Her spirit, her smile and her loving ways will be missed by all.

Barbara leaves to mourn: one sister, Sarah; brother-in-law, Jack; five children, Crystal, Belinda, Kellianne, Annette and Phillip; son-in-law, Nathaniel; two adopted children, Liz and Andrina; fifteen grandchildren, Donald (Tonya), Katrina (Vernon), Aesha, Nikkya, Jerae, Octavia, Monet, Natasha, Craig, Jr., Yaniece, Amber, Kaela, Kyra, Shanita and Earl, Jr.; seven great grandchildren; close family friends, Charlene Bailey-Ayers and Vinette Tummings; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon Harris  
Christian Parish Church of Spiritual Renewal

Scripture Reading.....Psalm 23, John 14:1-6  
Elder Ron Wilcox, Minister Doraina Rochford  
New Life for Better Living Christian Center

Selection.....Yaniece Teel

Remarks.....Mr. James Allen, Board Members, Sylvia White

Reflections.....Lloyd Strayhorn, Natasha Strayhorn

Selection.....ARC Gospel Choir

Poem.....Michael Barker

Acknowledgment  
of Cards and Condolences.....Sister Pauline Browne

The Obituary.....Luvonia Strayhorn

Selection.....Praise Dance Ministry  
New Life for Better Living Christian Center

The Eulogy.....Pastor Gary Carswell, Sr.  
New Life for Better Living Christian Center

Final View

The Committal

Benediction

Recessional

## **Internment**

Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey

*God called you home to take your rest  
He sent His angels for the very best  
He's given you wings so you can soar  
We will always love you,  
but God loves you more*

*Our hearts will ache for a long while  
but there's comfort in knowing your God's child  
we will speak your name as if you're still here  
and forever hold the memories of you  
so near you will be our angel from here on in  
now rest in peace until we meet again*

*Respectfully submitted, The Family*



## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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