



*Homegoing  
Celebration  
for*

*Donna Marie Barrett*

*Sunrise*  
December 7, 1967

*Sunset*  
May 14, 2014

*Saturday, May 24, 2014 - 9:00 a.m.*

**COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**

224 First Street • Englewood, New Jersey 07631

*Dr. Lester W. Taylor, Officiating*

## *Obituary*

**Donna Marie Barrett**, affectionately called “Zul” and “Taiwy”, was the last of four children born to Rexton and Mavis Barrett in the parish of St. Ann, Jamaica on December 17, 1967. Donna spent her early childhood years with her maternal grandparents in Heartease, where she attended Alva Infant School up to the age of six. Donna was brought up in a Christian home and in her adolescent years she was baptized and filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit. She later came to live with her family in Manhattan, New York, where she attended P.S. 165, Public School. The family later relocated to Englewood, New Jersey where Donna completed her education at Janis E. Dismus Middle School and Dwight Morrow High School, class of 1986. Donna also attended Bergen Community College and Dover Business College for some time.

Donna was known for her outstanding personality, her unforgettable smile and her calm and reserved attitude. She was famous for her sharp dressing, trendy shoe wearing and not a Friday would go by without her refreshing her hairdo at Nikki's Shop. She was our personal family photographer and you could always count on her to capture precious moments at functions. Donna was very honest, kindhearted and dependable. She was an ardent giver who was always working behind the scenes to ensure things ran smoothly. She had a very special relationship with all her nieces, nephews and cousins. Her children and grandchildren were the love of her life and she did all that was in her power to make it possible for them to have a happy and productive life.

Donna was always a hard worker which at an early age propelled her to pursue many job opportunities. Her first job was with Numerax, a data company. Within that same time frame, she also was employed at Quest Diagnostics and Liz Claiborne Clothing Company. Later on she worked for The Brooks family, who grew very fond of her and loved her like their own. Her last place of employment was with Hackensack University Medical Center where she's recently became a fifteen year veteran.

Donna leaves to cherish her memories: her parents, Rexton and Mavis; children, Natasha Bills and Shaquille Bryan; her pet dog, Sparkle; companion, Paul Bryan (Jimmy); grandchildren, Jahmani "Chico" Dempster and Princeton Mclennon; siblings, Michael Smith, Maxine and Oral Barrett; uncle and aunts, nieces and nephews and a host of cousins and friends.

## *Order of Service*

Processional of Family & Final Viewing

Invocation.....Pastor Garfield Jordan (Family Friend)

Opening Hymn..... “*When Peace Like A River*”

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament - Job 14:1- 14.....Ms. Rachel Whilby (cousin)

New Testament - I Corinthians 15:51-58.....Brianna Barrett (niece)

Expression of Condolences.....Pastor Isaac Tapper  
(New Covenant Church, Astoria , NY)  
Janice Gayle (Family Friend)  
Mary Brooks Puckett (Family Friend)

Reflections.....Family: Mrs. Cynthia Whilby (cousin in-law)  
Friend: Mrs. Juanita Wilson (co-worker/ friend)  
Clergy: Pastor Llewlyn Mitchell (True Witness, Paterson, NJ)

Reading of Obituary.....Mrs. Allison Henderson-Brooks  
(cousin in-law)

Message Of Hope.....Dr. Lester W. Taylor

Prayer of Comfort.....Bishop William Whilby ( Brooklyn, N.Y)

Recessional Hymn.....In the New Jerusalem

Benediction

Recessional Order.....Clergy /followed by immediate Family

### *Interment*

*Saturday, May, 24, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.*

*Fairlawn Cemetery*

*Fair Lawn, New Jersey*

## **Pall Bearers**

*Shaquille Bryan (son)*

*Michael Smith (brother)*

*Brandon Barrett (nephew)*

*Andrew Brooks (cousin)*

*Clive Whilby (cousin)*

*Joel Tai (cousin)*

*Paul Bryan (companion)*

*Oral Barrett (brother)*

*Darnell Downer (cousin)*

*David Rose (cousin)*

*Earl Whilby (cousin)*

## *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little-but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at the things we use to do  
Miss me-but let me go.*

*-author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The Family of the late **Donna Marie Barrett** wishes to extend their appreciation to all for their sympathy and expression of love during this time of bereavement. May the peace of God always abide in your hearts.*

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