

A portrait of Barbara Ann Mitchell-Henderson, a Black woman with short dark hair, wearing a bright blue sleeveless top and a necklace. She is smiling slightly. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue and purple gradient with several blue flowers with yellow centers.

*In Loving*

*Memory*

*of*

*Barbara Ann Mitchell-Henderson*

*Sunrise*

February 13, 1957

*Sunset*

October 20, 2014

Service

Friday, October 24, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

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## *Obituary*

As the sun rose on the morn of October 20, 2014 the Lord whispered in Barbara's ear that it was time to come home. **Barbara** was born on February 13, 1957 to the late, Evelyn and William Mitchell. Barbara was born in Atlanta, GA. Shortly after her birth, with her mother Evelyn they moved to Harlem, NY.

While growing up in Harlem, she attended Washington Irving High School, where she met Levon Sanders. While in school she cultivated her affinity for being a caregiver and nurturer. Upon graduation, Barbara always a hard worker proceeded to hold several jobs. In 1980, Barbara and Levon welcomed her son, Levon into this world.

After deciding to further her education, Barbara enrolled into a nursing program and became a certified nursing assistant. In 1988, she joined in union with Edward Henderson. Shortly after, in 1989 she welcomed her second child, Brittany.

Working as a Home Health Aid with various families, Barbara was soon hired as a CNA at St. Barnabus Nursing Home in 1996 until present. She displayed great loyalty, diligence, and outstanding performance during her tenure at the nursing home.

Barbara a spiritual woman had an intimate relationship with her Heavenly Father. She was a loving and kind person to any and all she encountered. She was a firm believer in family values and put her loved ones before herself. Free spirited, she was able to enjoy all aspects of life even the parts some would deem less significant such as a free jazz concert. At such an event she met, Joseph Jones in whose company she would enjoy many outings for years to come.

Shortly after returning home from caring for her own mother during her last days, Barbara fell ill. During this difficult time, Barbara found happiness in her fight and loved to be surrounded by family and friends. She was cared for by her beloved daughter and godmother, Jean who provided strength and stability at that difficult time.

Barbara was predeceased by her parents, Evelyn and William. Barbara leaves to remember her life joyfully: one devoted son and daughter, Levon Sanders (Sabrena) of Atlanta, GA and Brittany Henderson of Harlem, NY; three grandchildren, Laila Sanders, Aria Sanders, and Amaiya Sharpe; three uncles, Joe, Nora, and U.Z Robinson of Atlanta, GA; cousins including, Rhonda Johnson, Tyrone Campbell, and Jean Johnson; a multitude of extended family and relatives.

*Order of Service*

**Processional**.....Clergy and Family

**Solo**.....Evang. Delores Washington

**Scripture Readings**

Old Testament

New Testament

**Prayer** .....Bishop Rodney S. Canion

**Reflections and Remarks**

**Obituary**

**Eulogy**.....Bishop Rodney S. Canion

**Benediction**

*Interment*

Mt. Holiness Memorial Park Cemetery  
Butler, New Jersey



# *Jim Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

## *Acknowledgement*

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

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