

A Celebration of Life for



Barbara L. B. Queen

Sunrise
December 26,

Sunset
March 23, 2015

Service
Monday, March 30, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

FIRST CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

1912 7th Avenue • New York, NY
Pastor Michael A. Walrond, Jr.
Reverend Willie D. Francois III, Officiating



Obituary

Barbara Lee Bates Queen was born in Birmingham, Alabama and was the youngest of seven children. She spent her earlier years in Boston, Massachusetts before her family moved to Detroit, Michigan and finally settled in New York City. She was also affectionately known as “Bea”.

Barbara attended Steward Park High School and later obtained a LPN degree from Hostos Community College. She met and married her husband Wilbert T. Queen and began her family. A devoted mother and homemaker she readily accepted the role of mother and took great pride in raising her children. This was a lifelong commitment that she lived up to for her entire life.

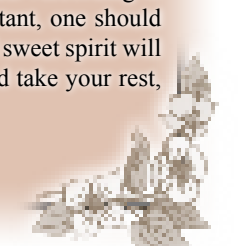
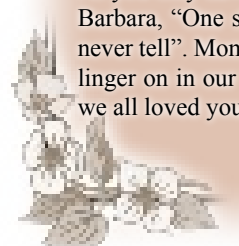
Barbara departed this life on Monday, March 23, 2015 with her loving family at her bedside. Barbara’s passing is truly mourned by all who knew her, but most deeply by her beloved children: Wilbert Gerald, Wanda Denise and Yolanda Nicole Queen. Her Grandchildren: Terry Bryant, Troy Anthony, Kashif Brandon and Khalia Shadae. Great grandchildren: Benjamin Gerald, Thandie Mai and Alisah Rose. Nieces: Deborah, Leatrice and Marie. Nephews: Robert (Smitty) and Carl, son-in-law, Clyde Thomas, cousins and a host of friends.

Barbara was predeceased by her mother, Ethel, her siblings, Thelma, Ernestine, Bernice, Roy and Theodore. She spoke often of them and how much she missed having them around.

Barbara was well liked and respected by all who came in contact with her. She was a caring and loving person. She was the matriarch of our family. She always had an encouraging word to strengthen you, always when you really needed it. She was very compassionate and very intelligent. She had many interest. She absolutely loved politics, fashion, opera, going to plays, to church, the grotto, restaurants and City Island. Oh, how she enjoyed going to City Island. She has been a structure, a pillar and the rock of our family.

Barbara had a uniquely sharp mind. Her cognitive abilities served her well to the very end. She truly had a memory like a steel trap. She could remember names, times, events and even what was said, verbatim. She was often told, “Barbara, how do you remember all this stuff”? To which she would smile that warm friendly smile and reply, “you don’t remember that, you know you remember that”!

As you may have noticed, the year of Barbara’s birth has been omitted. According to Barbara, “One should never ask a woman her age, and more important, one should never tell”. Mommy, we will miss you dearly but your memories and sweet spirit will linger on in our hearts forever. Job well done. Sleep on Mommy and take your rest, we all loved you, but GOD loved you best.





Order of Service

10 -11 a.m. Final Viewing
Brief Remembrances
Selection

FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00 a.m. Opening Prayer of Comfort

Old Testament Ecclesiastes 3:1:8,11
New Testament 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Solo “Precious Lord”
Janet Aiken

Cards & Condolences

Words of Remembrancefrom Family & Friends
Tina McRae
Albert Smith III
William Smith
JoAnn Lawson
Deborah Smith
Leatrice Smith
Khalia Queen

Obituary

Solo “I Won’t Complain”
Janet Aiken

Solo “Never Would Have Made It”
Janet Aiken

Eulogy

Closing Prayer

Private Family Viewing



Interment

Ferncliff Cemetery
Hartsdale, New York

I'm 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

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