

In Loving Memory of



Barbara Ruth Rivers

Sunrise: October 4, 1938

Sunset: May 16, 2018



Obituary

The baby girl of the late Julia Mae Flippin, Barbara was born in Harlem, New York on October 4, 1938.

A native New Yorker, Barbara was educated in the Harlem and Bronx school systems including Morris High School. Barbara was a Telephone Operator for New York Telephone, now known as Verizon from 1968 – 1991. Never one to stay still after retirement, she worked part-time at Bloomingdales in New York until 1995.

Barbara spent her retirement as an active member of her beloved Forget Me Not Senior Club. She enjoyed traveling with her family, shopping and spending time talking to her many friends.

Barbara always had an optimistic and upbeat attitude and always had a concerned ear for her friends of many ages. She was never one to complain, she loved music and loved to dance. Barbara would make a friend anywhere she would go. She had the biggest most generous heart.

Barbara went home to be with God, her mom, two siblings, a niece and two nephews who all preceded her in death on May 16, 2018.

She leaves to mourn: her daughter, Charise Lee Harris; son-in-law, Richard Harris, Sr.; son, Devalle Chapman Rivers; grandson, Richard Lee Harris, Jr.; sister, Pamela Barnwell Smith; nieces, Ethel Green, Julia Chapman Aiken, Barbara Chapman, Jeryl Johnson, Catherine Garrett, Elaine Johnson and Denise Yulfo; nephews, Daniel Johnson, Julian Johnson and Dennis Johnson; and a host of grands, great and great great nieces and nephews.



Service

Monday, May 21, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

NEW TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH

990 E. 181st Street • Bronx, NY

Rev. Hiram Ratliff, Officiating

Order of Service

Processional

Selection - "I Won't Complain"

Pamela Barnwell Smith

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection - "If I Can Help Somebody"

Pamela Barnwell Smith

Acknowledgements

Remarks Family and Friends

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Entombment

Mt. Holiness Memorial Park Mausoleum

Butler, New Jersey

A Message From the Daughter

My Mom loved life, she loved to laugh, loved people, her family, her friends, was the best dancer, singer and fried chicken maker, best grandmother, best Auntie Barbara anyone could ever have. She was the best dresser, shopper, hat wearer and traveling buddy and last but not least best Mom ever.

I would like to give a special thank you to my family and friends for always being there for me and Mom, but a special thank you to my cousins, Julia Chapman Aiken and Jeryl Johnson for being there when Mom needed you most. It meant more than words can say.

In the spirit of my Mom's giving heart please take one of her many hats as a remembrance if you would like—available at the repast.

*Lovingly,
Charise Lee Harris*

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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