

A Celebration Of Life For

Barbara Joseph

Sunrise: April 30, 1936 - Sunset: June 24, 2019



Service

Wednesday, July 3, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.

NEW MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

171 W. 140th Street • New York, NY 10030

Dr. Carl Washington, Officiating

Obituary

Barbara Yvonne Joseph was born in Harlem Hospital on April 30, 1936 to the late Carmen Agatha Joseph and James Joseph. She was the only girl of five siblings. Barbara grew up in Harlem and was educated in the New York City school district.

Over the years she became known as “Ma” to everyone in the neighborhood. She loved them as if they were her own and they loved her.

She became the President of the 140th Street Block Association for many years. When she became President of the Block Association, she began campaigning for Keith Wright with hopes of bettering the community. Barbara loved serving her community and was known as “The Mayor of the Block”. She received numerous awards including the Thelma Smith Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award for her 46 years of dedication and commitment to the Harlem community in August 2009.

Everyone who knew “Ma” knew how much she loved to cook, socialize, listening to music (especially Gladys Knight and the Ice Man Jerry Butler). She also loved playing spades and trash talking her opponents. Her smile and laugh were infectious and would lighten the mood. Now don’t get me wrong she would curse you out and put you in your place in a heartbeat but it was all out of love. She had this love and appreciation for Mickey Mouse.

Barbara made her transition on Monday, June 24, 2019. She is preceded in death by her son – Kevin Maurice Joseph; her mother – Carmen Agatha “Gam” Joseph; her dad – James Joseph; her brothers Charlie “Joe” Joseph, Calvin Joseph and Elliott Reeves.

Barbara leaves to cherish memories: son – Keith Joseph; daughters – Christina Thompson, Gloria Thompson and Lenee “New-New Butt” Huston; brother Randy Joseph; nephews – Wendell Ferguson, Arnie Joseph, Kyle Joseph, Isaac Joseph and Gary Joseph; nieces – Crystal Joseph, Laverne Joseph and Phyllis Joseph; grandchildren – Jarrod Thompson, Lay-Tasha Joseph, Danielle Joseph, Maureen Gardener, Nafisa Moore, William J. Coleman Jr., Christina D. Thompson, Leroy Huston and Laquasia Artis; great-grandchildren – Saniya, Peyton, Christopher, Jeremiah, Amir and Kamren; godchildren – Chana Thompson, Henry “Buddy” Barrow, Devere Johnson and David Barrow and a countless host of friends, all of her special daughters, sons, grandchildren, nieces, nephews (too many to name but you know who you are) and her 140th Street Family.

Order of Service

Processional.....	Clergy & Family
Invocation	Minister
Opening Selection	“Blessed Assurance”
Scriptures:	
Old Testament: Psalm 121	
New Testament: I Corinthians 15:50-58	
Prayer of Comfort.....	Minister
Solo.....	Sabrina Bethea
Words of Comfort/Church Family.....	Minister
Selection.....	Choir
Acknowledgement.....	Church Clerk
Expressions of Love	Arnie Joseph (Nephew) Debra Sutton Christina Thompson
Reading of Obituary.....	Gloria Thompson
Solo.....	Sabrina Bethea
Eulogy	Dr. Carl L. Washington, Jr.
Benediction.....	Dr. Carl L. Washington, Jr.
Committal/Benediction.....	Graveside

Interment

*Forest Green Memorial Park
Morganville, New York*

I've Changed My Address

Dear Family and Friends,

I want you to know that I have moved. I received a call from God, the Chief Architect, who informed me that my new house is ready and I could move immediately. Well, my new home is finished and its such a beautiful sight to behold. It is located in an exclusive estate area and it sits behind a beautiful pearly gate.

There is peace, joy and happiness here with no more pain to bear, no strife or discontent. I could go on exploring around my new home but I have to get fitted for my wings. Let me give you my new address because I highly recommend you make plans to live here too.

*Barbara Yvonne Joseph
12 Gates to the City Avenue
New Jerusalem, Heaven 77777*

Oh yeah! Let me tell you this , I don't have a telephone yet, but first call God. If you don't have His number, He is listed in the Good Book on every page. Contact Him.

Acknowledgement

The family would like to give a special thanks to the doctors and nurses from Mt. Sinai Hospital, her home health aides and the hospice team. Thank you and May God bless you all.

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