

Celebrating The Life of

Barbara C. Phipps

Sunset
July 2, 2019



Thursday, July 11, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

Woody “Home For Services”

163 Oakwood Avenue
Orange, New Jersey 07050

Rev. Jeffrey Kearny, Officiating

Obituary

Barbara Caesar Phipps

Beloved mother, sister, aunt

Barbara Jo Anne Elizabeth Caesar Phipps passed away on Tuesday, July 2, 2019. She was strong and courageous to the end.

Barbara was born in East Orange, NJ to (the late) Dorothy and (the late) Joseph Caesar. Her maternal grandmother gave her the name Barbara because she didn't like the name Jo Anne. Along with her sister Vivian Caesar Dawson, Barbara attended and graduated from the East Orange school system. Barbara and Vivian were always very close. Barbara often said that Vivian would look after her in school; holding her hand as they walked home long after she really needed to.

In school, Barbara was very popular and participated in sport and social events. She enjoyed basketball and softball and was a member of the Twilight Debs club. In later years she became an avid tennis spectator. She often credited her father for raising his daughters to have an interest in sports.

Also while in school, Barbara made many lifelong friends. One of her closest friends was the late Vivian ("Sis") Rowlette, who was godmother to Barbara's daughter. Barbara loved recounting many of their fun times together, which would still bring tears of laughter to her and everyone listening.

Following her school years, Barbara married. She and her husband (the late) Robert McCray welcomed their daughter Loren Dale and resided in East Orange for a number of years.

After graduating from East Orange High, Barbara worked at Western Electric, RCA, and as a physician's medical secretary. She then worked many years for Verizon (New Jersey Bell) in the Network Engineering organization, where she finally retired from a managerial position.

Barbara later met and married Billy Phipps, Sr. Together they shared a loving relationship, as well as many interests, including music and travel. Barbara often attended Billy's musical appearances and enjoyed meeting his numerous jazz colleagues and students. They vacationed frequently in the Caribbean and Atlantic City. They also enjoyed visiting Billy's brother Nat and his wife Bea in New York state. Recognizing the Phipps family's St. Kitts heritage, they were active members of the Sons and Daughters of St. Christopher Benevolent and Charitable Society of NJ, Inc.

Barbara enjoyed decorating her home. She was especially adept at creating beautiful flower and table arrangements. She also loved to host parties and small get-togethers for family and friends. For many Christmases, she delighted everyone with her spectacular brunch and dinner feasts.

From her childhood, Barbara always loved dogs. As an adult, her pets were an important part of her family. She also doted on her sister's and niece's furry family members. She couldn't visit without bringing toys for the dogs and cats.

Barbara loved people and had a fun, carefree spirit. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends and all who knew her. Barbara was the beloved wife of William ("Billy") M. Phipps (deceased); devoted mother of Loren (Lori) Phipps-Cadwell; loving sister of Vivian Dawson; loving aunt of Donna Dawson-Luckey and her husband Kennard (Ken) Luckey; loving cousin of Dennis Smith and his wife Mary Jane Linnehan Smith; cherished sister-in-law of Nathaniel (Nat) Phipps and his wife Bertha (Bea) Phipps, and George ("Herbie") Phipps and his wife Vivian Phipps; caring godmother of Michelle Coleman and Laura Layton. She is also survived by a host of other loving relatives and dear friends.

Order of Service

Seating of the Family

Invocation

Selection..... *“After the Rain”* John Coltrane.....Jimmy Stewart, Saxophone

Scripture Reading

Solo *“Jesus, the Light of the World”* George Elderkin/ Charles Wesley.....Pat Tandy

Remarks.....Anita White

Acknowledgements

Selection..... *“Round Midnight”* Thelonious Monk..... Nathaniel Phipps, Keyboard

Obituary.....(Read Silently)

Solo..... *“I Never Dreamed You’d Leave Me in Summer”* Stevie Wonder.....Pat Tandy

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Jeffrey Kearny

Selection *“Fly Me To The Moon”* Bart Howard.....Nathaniel Phipps, Keyboard

Closing Prayer..... Rev. Jeffrey Kearny

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

Interment
Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey

"If love could have saved you, you would have lived forever."

— David Ellsworth

Repast

After the interment, family and friends are invited to the repast
at

Acknowledgement

With sincere appreciation we acknowledge all of your comforting
expressions of sympathy and support during this sorrowful time.

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