

In Loving Memory of



Sunrise
August 1, 1933

Sunset
December 13, 2019

Service

Thursday, December 19, 2019 • 11:00 a.m.

PHILEMON BAPTIST CHURCH

246 Shephard Avenue • Newark, New Jersey 07112

Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating

Obituary

Barbara F. Gilliam, affectionately known as “Bobbi”, was born on August 1, 1933 in Newark, NJ to the late John and Ruth Williams. She was the second eldest child of four born to that union.

Barbara received her formal education at Newton Street Elementary School, Robert Treat Middle School and Central High School in Newark, NJ.

She married Thomas E. Gilliam Jr. on October 5, 1963. From this union they had three children, Jerome T. Gilliam, Tracey E. Gilliam and Gregory Gilliam.

Barbara loved to take long walks through the neighborhood, eating sweets, solving crossword puzzles and watching game shows on TV.

She never let her illness damper her spirits. When she was asked how are you feeling, she would often reply “ain’t no need to complain, I’m alright, how are you today baby”. She was always more concerned about you, than she was about herself.

Barbara was called home to her eternal rest on Friday, December 13, 2019 at the age of 86.

Barbara was predeceased by her parents, John and Ruth Williams, brother, John William, Jr., sister, Francis Williams and son, Jerome T. Gilliam. She leaves to cherish her precious memories: husband, Thomas E. Gilliam Jr.; two sons, Tracey E. Gilliam (Nicole) and Gregory Gilliam (Lisa); one sister, Delores Brunson (Douglass); brother-in-law, George Gilliam (Ruby); grandchildren, Mark, Eric, Jeffrey, Gregory Jr., Jasmine, Muhammad, Laquan, Shantisha, Jalissia, Omari and Rahjuan; and a host of great-grands, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.



Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

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Glendale Cemetery
Bloomfield, New Jersey

"Your Wonder Why"

*You wonder why I went away,
And didn't say good-bye
I couldn't bear to tell you
For it hurts me when you cry,
My ship came in early this morning
And it was beautiful to see,
The Captain was King Jesus
And He softly beckoned me,
I ran across the leeway
And fell down at his feet
He took me gently in His arms
My rest is now complete.*



Acknowledgement

The family of **the late Barbara Gilliam** graciously acknowledges all acts of kindness rendered to them during the illness and passing of their love one. To each of you we say, Thank you and May God forever bless you with his love.

~The Family

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