

In Loving Memory of



Barbara Louise Battis

Sunrise
March 11, 1933

Sunset
April 15, 2020

Thursday, May 21, 2020 - 12:00 Noon

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Obituary

Barbara Louise Batts was born on March 11, 1933, to the late Cleoaphus and Eula Mae Batts of Brooklyn, New York. Barbara was the oldest of three siblings. Barbara was affectionately known as “BB” to her family and friends.

At the age of 18, Barbara married Theodore Smith and from this union, she had two sons, Theodore Smith, Jr. known as “Butch” and Eric G. Smith.

Barbara suffered many years from diabetes and stomach cancer. Barbara lived out her last four months at Dr. Susan McKinney Nursing Home for rehabilitation. On Sunday, April 12, 2020, she was taken to Kings County Hospital emergency room for breathing complications. Due to her underlying illness, she became a victim of the COVID-19. She tried her best to fight with all her power, but this illness overpowered her.

On Wednesday evening her granddaughter Erica received a call from the doctor of Kings County with the sad information of her grandmother's demise.

In her time lived in life, Barbara loved to travel the world with close family and friends. She worked hard to provide for her family and to have the finest things in life. Barbara had the gift of sewing and would make the baddest outfits with some of the best material you could find. She never wanted for anything, she always had everything on her own. She loved to cook and entertain for all holiday occasions. She also had a passion to sing. She would sing at family gatherings, weddings, and for fun. She loved to listen to all the hottest music artists that would get her in the spirit to dance, laugh, and enjoy time spent with the ones she loved. Barbara was outgoing and outspoken. There was never anything she couldn't say to you herself before hearing it from someone else. Her favorite lines were, "It is what it is" and "When you find out let me know."

Barbara was educated in Brooklyn, New York. She worked with the New York City Department of Social Services Human Resource Administration for twenty-five years. She was an Associate Staff Analyst at the ACS Services/ Division of Administration. During her experience with the city, she was known for all her hardwork and knowledgeable assistance she gave to all. She always got her work done, completed and delivered on time. She was a devoted colleague, daughter, sister, mother, and grandmother who will truly be missed by all.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Cleoaphus and Eula Batts; two brothers, Ronald and Larry Batts; two sons, Theodore Smith, Jr. and Eric G. Smith.

Barbara leaves to mourn: her three granddaughters, Erica Peek-Green, who stuck by her side till her last days of life, Tamisia and Angela Smith; two grandsons, Arteak and Eddie Smith; one grandson-in-law, Greg Green; twelve great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Pamela Batts; one sister-in-law, Maxine Batts; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Order of Service

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Scripture Readings

Prayer

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Acknowledgements

Remarks

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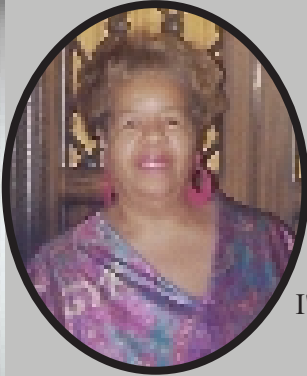
Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment
Cypress Hills Cemetery
Brooklyn, 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 his call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah 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 savoured 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.

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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