

Celebrating the Life

of

Barbara

Rose

Russ

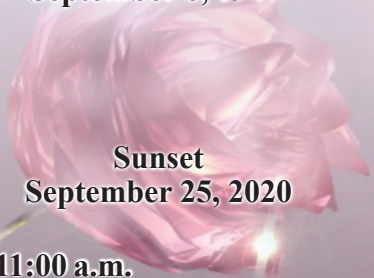


Sunrise
September 6, 1947

Sunset
September 25, 2020

Saturday, October 10, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.

984 Prospect Avenue
Bronx, NY 10459
Rev. David Jenkins, Officiating



Life's Reflections.....

BARBARA ROSE RUSS was born on September 6th, 1947 to the late Huery Cornelius Toone and Celia Rebecca Marable Toone in the Bronx, New York. Barbara was the fifth child and third girl for the couple. She transitioned to eternal life on September 25th, 2020. Barbara was a resident of The Bronx, New York her entire life but was a citizen of the world as she so enjoyed learning and watching documentaries about other cultures in various counties. Barbara was baptized and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal savior as a young child at the Thessalonian Baptist Church, Bronx, New York. She rededicated her life to Christ in 2008 at the Convent Baptist Church, New York, New York. Barbara had a personal relationship with God that was the foundation for her high moral and ethical values.

Barbara was united in marriage from 1966 - 1972 and to this union one child was born, a daughter, Danielle Renee Russ. As proud as she was of her only child Danielle nothing brought her more joy than becoming a grandmother and the birth of her only grandchild Carli Rebecca Wallace on December 2nd, 2006 to Danielle and Lamont Wallace.

Barbara was a very intelligent child who excelled in academics receiving honors and scoring high on IQ exams. She attended in the Bronx P.S. 124, P.S. 120 and was one of the first students to integrate selective Taft High School. She went on to pursue higher education earning an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts from The Bronx Community College, a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Psychology from The College of New Rochelle as well as becoming a Certified Paralegal at The Herbert H. Lehman College. Barbara held various positions in the corporate world including working for: Chase Bank, MONY Insurance, John's Talent Agency, AVON, IBM, Black Enterprises and Cablevision Optimum where she ultimately retired as an Employee Benefits Coordinator. Her work ethic was a strong one and she was a valuable dedicated employee who always arrived early going above what was required not only of herself but to help others.

Barbara was the epitome of a cosmopolitan independent woman who managed her roles as a single working mom who was devoted and loving to her extended family as well including her siblings, nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews. Barbara had a heart of platinum and you could never ask for a more loyal person. Barbara had a life time love of music and reading. Fashion forward always. She also followed sports, especially basketball. She always enjoyed comedy as well as suspense themed entertainment. As a New Yorker she enjoyed what the city had to offer from the night life where she loved dancing, concerts, Broadway play's and restaurant's just to name a few. She was a skilled driver who could navigate anywhere. She enjoyed traveling domestically to places such as Los Angeles, Dallas, Chicago, Miami, Cleveland, Atlanta, Myrtle Beach, Raleigh and cities in Virginia. Internationally she vacationed in Bermuda, Bahamas and Jamaica satisfying her love of the beach.

She was a proud African American woman who was civically and politically engaged voting every election as well being a community activist. Her passion of the plight of the African American and learning the history of the Black American was important to her. She remained committed to meaningful change and the progression of African American people in the United States.

Above all she was amazingly devoted to her family which Barbara cherished above all things. Her special devotion to her daughter and love for her granddaughter Carli was exceptional. Carli was her special treasure. Every need and want she could obtain she would attempt for Carli as she was so very proud of her. Her love for her surviving siblings Jeanette Johnson (Lloyd deceased), Deloris Toone (a special thank you for caring for my mother dearly a faithful sister, confidant and friend.), Shirley Harmon (George) [always her special baby sister] was amazing. She also loved her cousins. Barbara so cherished her nieces Nicole, Tatum and Lisa and her nephews Lloyd, Kevin, Scott and Michael. Grandnieces Jessica, Kennedy, Sydney, Katelynn, Delaney, Chloe and Grandnephews Nicolas, Dominic, Cartier, Scott, Ian, Mason and Scott N. She is preceded in death by her father, mother, and brothers Hura Alphonso Toone and Carl Stevenson Toone.

The warm memory of her countless selfless unconditional acts of love and loyalty for her family and friends is etched in the hearts of us all.

Order of Service

Invocation and Prayer	Reverend Jenkins
Scripture Reading	Chloe Edwards 23rd Psalm
Selection	Reverend Jenkins
Selection	Carli Wallace
Poem	Carli Wallace
Poem.....	Tatum Harmon
Poem	Scott Edwards
Obituary Reading	George Harmon
Expressions.....	Family and Friends
Acknowledgments	Nicole Edwards
Selection	Reverend Jenkins
Eulogy	Reverend Jenkins
Parting View	
Closing Remarks.....	Maurice Henry, Heaven's Touch Funeral Services
Recessional	

Interment
Kensico Cemetery
273 Lakeview Avenue
Valhalla, New York 10595

God's Garden



God saw you were getting weary
So He did what He knew was best.
He came and stood beside you
And whispered, "Come and rest".
You bade no one a last farewell;
Not even a sad good-bye,
You were gone before we knew it,
And only GOD knows why.
The days we saw you sinking
And watched you fade away,
Our hearts were almost broken;
We wanted you to stay.
But when we saw you sleeping
So peacefully, free from pain,
How could we wish you back to us?
To suffer that again
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day GOD took you home.
GOD looked around his garden
And saw an empty place.
He then looked down upon this Earth
And saw your weary face.
He knew you had done your work.
And he knew you needed rest
His garden must be beautiful,
Because He only picks the best.

My Angel Grandmama

Grandmama, your life
was full of loving deeds,
Forever thoughtful of my special needs
Today and tomorrow,
my whole life through,
I will always love and cherish you.

There was magic in grandmama's touch,
And sunshine in her smile.
There was love in everything she did
to make my life worthwhile

I found both hope and courage
Just by looking in her eyes.
Her laughter was a source of joy,
Her words warm and wise.

There was a kindness and compassion
found in her embrace,
And shining down from Heaven above I see
the glow of my
Grandmama's face I see love

Acknowledgment

We, the family of Barbara Russ wish to express our sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who so very genuinely gave of your hearts whether by prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, floral tributes, donations, and other acts of kindness during our time of sorrow. We found comfort and our spirits were deeply touched.
Very Special mention: Ora Wallace & Lamont Wallace, and George & Shirley Harmon
Special mention: Scott Johnson, Deloris Toone, Denise Knight, Francine Knight, Lola Rozier, John Young and Lynn Morgan, Dr. Bramdeo Singh, M.D. & family, Milton Russ II and Rebecca, Arlene Johnson, Kathryn Harmon, Darrrel Johnson & Pat and Bubba Duke.

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