

*In Loving Memory
of
Keith Omega Barr*

SUNRISE
April 16, 1943

SUNSET
April 14, 2021



Thursday, April 22, 2021
Service: 2:00 pm

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ

The Obituary

Keith passed away peacefully in the early hours of Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at University Hospital in Newark, New Jersey.

The seventh of eleven children Keith was born to the late Henry Watson Barr and Daisy Pressley Barr on April 16, 1943 in Williamsburg County, South Carolina where he grew up in a Christian home. During his childhood he attended Battery Park School in Nesmith, SC but eventually had to drop out of school to help on the farm due to the illness of his father.

In 1963 at the age of 20 he relocated to Newark, New Jersey where three older siblings resided. Keith was employed, for many years, at the Lacrosse Scissors & Tweezers Company in Maplewood, New Jersey. Those years of employment were followed by many years at the Revlon Company in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

He would eventually meet and marry Maryanne Johnson, a union that birthed one daughter, Tracey Barr. His second child, Wanda Scott was birthed from a union with the late Marie Scott.

Keith, being the eldest brother below his sibling, Roosevelt, would go on to fill the role of "big brother and protector" of his younger siblings, especially his little sisters—Mary, whom he affectionately named "Lil Bit" and called her that until his death, Joyce whom he called "Bey", Daisy—called Daisy Bell and niece, Carolyn whom he lovingly called "Punch". Keith developed a "close-as-brother" relationship with his older cousin, Jimmy McGill and when you saw one, you saw the other. We would refer to them as "Frick & Frack".

Keith's favorite phrase in his later years was "I am God's child!" said with emphasis. Today, we know that He is home with His father! Praise God!

Keith is preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Daisy Barr; his brothers—Theodus, Curtis, Preston and Roosevelt Barr; his sisters—Ollie M. Freeman and Mattie Brown, his nephew—Ronald Brown; a niece, Patricia Brown and 2 brothers-in-law, James Brown and Bobby Freeman. He leaves to cherish his memory—two daughters, Tracey Barr and Wanda Scott; four grandchildren, four sisters—Almeta Brown, Mary Sims (Edward), Joyce Jackson (Calvin), Ella (Daisy) Barr, Niece who is like a little sister—Carolyn Barr-Ragin (Daniel); eight nephews, eight nieces, a host of grand & great-grand nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

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Carolyn, "Thank You" for your dedication in caring and helping our brother the last year of his life. We would like to "thank you" Joyce and Calvin, as well, for watching out for him during his later years and finally we thank our cousin, Jimmy McGill, for being the "big brother" that you were to him for so many years.

Order of Service

Processional

Opening Hymn

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Selection

Obituary & Acknowledgements

Reflections (*2 minutes each please*)

Selection

Eulogy ~ *Rev. Wayne Osborne*

Recessional

*With long life will I satisfy him
and show him my salvation
~ Psalm 91:16*



God saw the road was getting rough
The hills were hard to climb
He gently closes those loving eyes
And whispered, "Peace be Thine."
The weary hours, the days of pain,
The sleepless nights are past.
The ever patient, worn out frame
Has found sweet rest at last

Thank You

Maybe you prayed for us, we felt those prayers in our deepest hour. Maybe you came and sat with us, your words of comfort were touching. Maybe you served us food, our bodies were well nourished. Maybe you sent flowers; their beauty and fragrance lifted our spirit. Whatever you did, we thank you. May God bless each of you.

~ The Family of Keith Barr

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