

In Loving Memory of
Barbara L. Branch

Sunrise
June 25, 1936

Sunset
December 15, 2021

Service:
Sunday, December 26, 2021 - 4:00 pm

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Rev. Norman Coleman, Officiating

Rev. Kevin Wade, Organist

Obituary

Barbara Lorraine Branch was born on June 25, 1936, in Jersey City, NJ to the late William James Dawson and Olga Lilian Marshall-Dawson. On December 15, 2021, our beloved Barbara transitioned to her heavenly home.

Barbara's family relocated to Harlem, NY where she received formal education from NYC Public Schools. She attended Wadleigh High School for Girls in Harlem, after high school she became a hospital volunteer (in 1950's known as Candy striper) at "NY Hospital for Joint Disease" after a year as a Candy striper Barbara was offered the role of Operating Room Technician where she held this position for 43 years and obtained many awards and accolades. In her amazing career Barbara became the first technician to assist in the first hip replacement surgery in the United States. Barbara also assisted in the surgery of famous singer Gloria Estefan. She also held the cover 1975 cover of Sports magazine issue featuring the famous basketball player Julius Erving better known as Dr. Jay the issue "Dr J Operation Basketball".

In 2000, Barbara retired from NY Hospital for Joint Disease but her dedication to help others didn't stop in the operating room she was always there for her family, friends, and community. In her community she was affectionately known as Ma Branch, or Ma B where she provided shelter, food and always a listening ear. She took joy in helping others and always being a shoulder to lean on.

She told the best stories and would keep you in laughter. One memorable story tells us how she was living proof of a survivor, she was born premature, and her family relocated to Harlem with family when she was just two months old. She was so tiny her crib was a "dresser draw". She gave the best advise with her no nonsense, to the point perspective on life "she told you like it was". She loved reading, traveling, and sports and attended two super bowls in her lifetime.

Preceding Barbara in death husband: Alvarado J. Branch, 2 siblings; brother: David Dawson, and sister: Denise Dawson.

Barbara leaves to cherish her fond memories sons Daryl, Dawson Jr. and Alvarado J. Branch. 4 Grandsons: Daryl A. Dawson Jr (Martha), Justin Meacham, Darnell A. Harrigan, and Alvarado J. Harrigan. 5 Great-grandchildren: Daryle Dawson, Ma'at Dawson, Candnce Dawson, Jaiden Demunn, and Brandon Meacham and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of family and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude
Rev. Kevin Wade

Processional

Invocation
Rev. Norman Coleman

Selection
Rev. Kevin Wade

Scripture Readings
Rev. Norman Coleman
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer Of Comfort
Rev. Norman Coleman

Selection
Rev. Kevin Wade

Reading Of Obituary

Selection
Rev. Kevin Wade

Eulogy
Rev. Norman Coleman

Committal & Benediction
Rev. Norman Coleman

Remarks By Funeral Director

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment
Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

I Am Standing Upon The Seashore

I am standing upon the seashore
A ship at my side spreads her white
sails to the morning breeze and starts
for the blue ocean.
She is an object of beauty and strength.
I stand and watch her until at length
she hangs like a speck of white cloud
just where the sea and sky come
to mingle with each other.
Then, someone at my side says;
"There, she is gone!"
"Gone where?"

Gone from my sight. That is all.
She is just as large in mast and hull
and spar as she was when she left my side
and she is just as able to bear her
load of living freight to her destined port.
Her diminished size is in me, not in her.

And just at the moment when someone
at my side says, "There, she is gone!"
There are other eyes watching her coming,
and other voices ready to take up the glad shout;
"Here she comes!"
And that is dying.

by Henry Van Dyke

Acknowledgments

**The family would like to express their deep appreciation and
sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during
their time of bereavement.**

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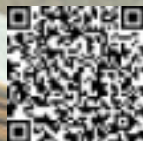
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
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