

Come to Me

*God saw she was getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So He put His arms around her
And whispered, "Come to Me."
With tearful eyes we watched her suffer
And saw her fade away.
Although we loved her dearly,
We could not make her stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands are at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*



Acknowledgement

The family of Barbara Marlin wishes to express heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all for the expressions of love prayers, visits and support during this time of loss.

Arrangements Entrusted to:


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Celebration of Life



Barbara Elaine Marlin

SUNRISE: SEPTEMBER 28, 1930 - SUNSET: JUNE 26, 2020

Funeral Service

Friday, July 10, 2020 • 11:00 A.M.

BENTA'S FUNERAL HOME

630 St. Nicholas Avenue • New York, NY 10030

REVEREND DR. DERRICK MCQUEEN, Officiating

BRVON NEAL, Musician

Interment

MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY

Hastings on Hudson, NY

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE BRVON NEAL

INVOCATION REV. DR. DERRICK MCQUEEN

SELECTION “GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS”

SCRIPTURE
OLD TESTAMENT - PSALM 121 BRANDON SMALL
NEW TESTAMENT - JOHN 14:1-6 DARREN INCE-SMALL

PRAYER OF COMFORT REV. MCQUEEN

SELECTION “HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW”

REFLECTIONS (2 Minutes Please) FAMILY & FRIENDS
THELMA WOODS
CONSTANCE GOLDING
ELAINE GOLDING
MERRICK JOHNSON
IAN JOHNSON
CHARLES ANDREW JOHNSON
ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TRIBUTE & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS BERYL SMALL

OBITUARY BERNARD SMALL, JR.

SELECTION “IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL”
BRIANNA SMALL

EULOGY REV. MCQUEEN

BENEDICTION REV. MCQUEEN

RECESSIONAL “O FOR A WORLD”

Obituary

BARBARA ELAINE MARLIN, the second of four children of Cicely Betton-Johnson and Charles Zaccheus Johnson was born in Jamaica, West Indies on September 28, 1930. As a teenager, she immigrated to United States, joining her mother and several other family members in Harlem, New York.

Barbara was a faithful believer in the teachings of Christ and became a member of St. James Presbyterian Church shortly after arriving in Harlem. She dedicated herself to serving the church and the Harlem community.

In 1970 she was ordained an Elder of St James Presbyterian Church. She served on the Committee on Ministry at the NYC Presbytery where she was the liaison to several churches in the Presbytery.

Over the years she held a number of positions on various committees. She represented St. James Church on the Harlem Initiative Together (HIT), a community organization whose focus was addressing issues affecting the Harlem community, such as forcing supermarkets to remove decaying fruits, vegetables, and expired food items from their shelves.

She created or coordinated outreach programs to address some of her concerns for church members, particularly for the elderly. These included the Adopt a Senior Program where younger members were assigned to older members to provide assistance where needed; a health fair to create awareness and disseminate information on health and wellness, as well as a number of other programs to strengthen and serve the church community.

Barbara was honored by the Presbyterian Women and by the Harlem Council of Churches for her dedicated service and outstanding contributions to the Presbyterian Church and the Harlem community.

During her early years, she worked at the New York Telephone Company for several years before becoming a registered nurse. She graduated from Brooklyn College where she received her Bachelors' Degree in nursing. Barbara worked at Metropolitan Hospital in NYC for over 20 years until her retirement in 1995. She was a member of the American Nurses Association. Additionally, she attended the Fashion Institute of Technology where she studied Pattern Making.

Ever the visionary and organizer, Barbara initiated and coordinated a family reunion in honor of Lewis and Ellen Betton, her maternal grandparents. She will always be remembered and credited for instituting what has become a tradition that brings together over 140 family members across six generations every three years.

On Friday, June 26, 2020 Barbara was called home. She is survived by her sister Beryl Small; nephews, Bernard (Dorothy); Merrick (Shirley); Ian (Jacqueline); Andrew (Nicole); nieces, Heidi (Sheldon); Hilary (Maro); several grandnieces, grandnephews and a host of other family and friends.