

## PSALM 34:18

*The LORD is close to the brokenhearted  
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.*

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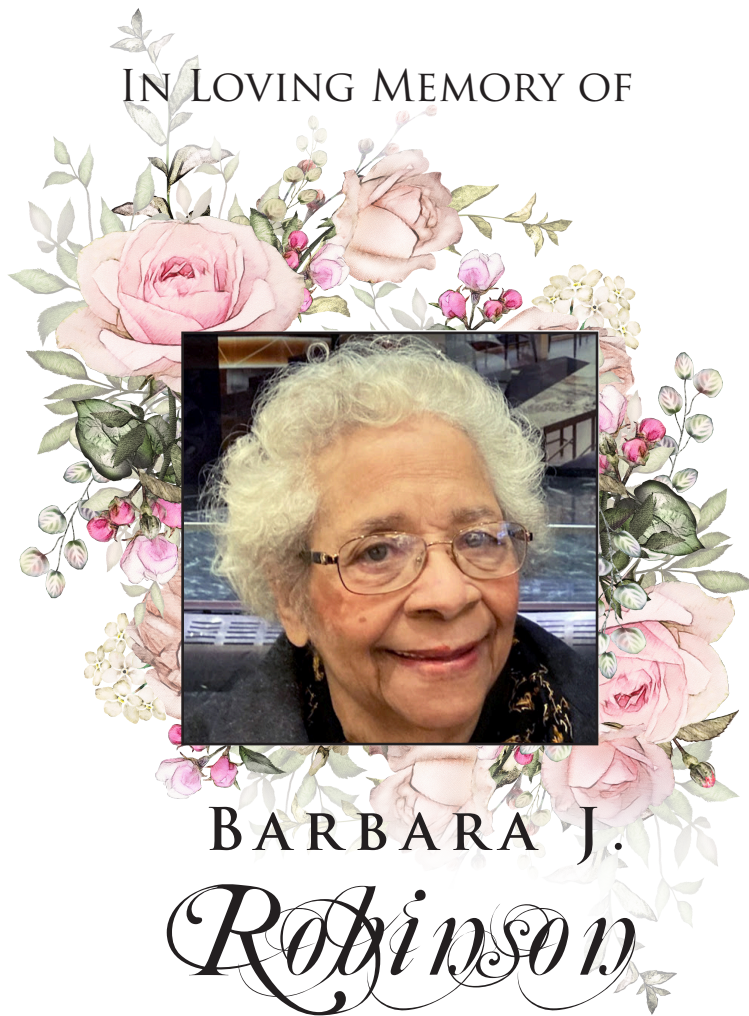
*Our family wishes to extend our profound and sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and prayers during this difficult time. Through our cherished memories, **Barbara** will live on in our hearts forever. May we continue to celebrate her life by living freely and with gratitude every single day that we have the ability to take a breath.*

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## IN LOVING MEMORY OF



BARBARA J.

*Robinson*

SUNRISE: OCTOBER 7, 1934 - SUNSET: MAY 4, 2024

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FUNERAL SERVICE  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024 - 11A.M.

**CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE**  
65 EAST 89TH STREET  
NEW YORK, NY 10128

FATHER JAMES SHEEHAN, *Officiant*

# Order of Service

## ORGAN PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL ..... Clergy & Family

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING ..... *Thessalonians 4:13-18*  
- Lauryn McGee

RESPONSORIAL PSALM ..... *Psalm 23*  
- Jacqueline Robinson

THE SECOND READING ..... *Revelations 14:13*  
- Celeste Robinson

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL ..... *Father James Sheehan*

HOMILY ..... *Father James Sheehan*

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS ..... *Michael Smalls & Charles Beattie*

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION HYMN ..... *"Amazing Grace"*

PREFACE ACCLAMATION

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

GREAT AMEN

## THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PEACE

FRACTION OF THE BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

EULOGY ..... *Father James Sheehan*

## FINAL COMMENDATION & FAREWELL

INVITATION TO PRAYER

HYMN ..... *"Blessed Assurance"*

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

CLOSING HYMN ..... *"How Great Thou Art"*

*Dissolution*

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BRONX, NEW YORK

# Obituary

**Barbara J. Harrison Robinson**, a devoted and compassionate community leader, peacefully passed away in her home in Manhattan, New York, on May 9, 2024, at the age of 89. Born on October 7, 1934, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Barbara was the youngest of two cherished daughters of the late John Thomas (J.T.) and Francis Harrison. Her older sister, Gertie McGee, preceded her in death.

Barbara's journey began in Tuscaloosa, where she excelled in local public schools before embarking on a career in healthcare. Her dedication and passion led her to Tuskegee University, where she met Blanchard. After graduating from St. Mary's nursing school, she married Blanchard and they moved to New York. In the following decades, Barbara made significant contributions to the healthcare field, holding supervisory and management roles in nursing homes, hospitals, and drug treatment centers.

Barbara's passion for healthcare extended beyond her professional life. Together with her late husband, Blanchard W. Robinson, Jr., and their son, Kevin Robinson, she established the House of Little People and House of Little People Too in New York City. This was a testament to her unwavering commitment to children's welfare. With the support of a dedicated staff, these establishments have provided a caring and safe educational environment for countless children, instilling in them important life lessons, and guiding them toward becoming responsible individuals.

Barbara's daughters, Elaine Robinson Beattie of Atlanta, and Jacqueline Robinson of New York City, also played significant roles in the family business, carrying on her legacy of care and compassion.

Barbara was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Blanchard W. Robinson, Jr., and their son, Kevin Robinson. She is survived by her daughters, Elaine and Jacqueline, and her sons-in-law, Rev. Dr. Charles M. (Chuck) Beattie II and Charles Michael Smalls. She is also survived by two sisters-in-law, Henrietta F. Robinson and Mary E. Robinson, and many nieces and nephews: Celeste Robinson, Lois Robinson, Franz Michael McGee, Greg McGee, Sharon McGee, Linda Hosten, and seven great-nieces and nephews. Barbara also leaves behind numerous cousins and friends, both near and far.

A wake will be held on Tuesday, May 24th, from 4pm to 8pm at Benta's Funeral Home at 630 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York, New York (at 141st and St. Nicholas Avenue). A memorial mass will occur on Wednesday, May 15th, from 11am to 12 noon at the Church of St. Thomas More at 65 E. 89th Street (between Park and Madison Avenues). A repast will follow immediately after the service. Parking is available across from the church or on 90th Street between Madison and Park. Barbara's ashes will be inurned at the National Cemetery in Long Island on Friday, May 17th, at 10 am, where she will be laid to rest with her husband, Blanchard W. Robinson.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations in Barbara's memory to a children's charity of your choice. Let us honor Barbara's life by continuing her mission of nurturing and uplifting young lives.

The Family