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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Barbara Jean
COBB

SUNRISE: MAY 22, 1941 - SUNSET: DECEMBER 23, 2018

Service to be held

Saturday, January 5, 2019

10:00 A.M. Family Hour • 11:00 A.M. Funeral Service

Triumphant Life Christian Church

13254 Thompson Ave. • Highland Park, MI 48203

Apostle Joseph Hobbs, *Officiating*

BARBARA'S STORY

Barbara Jean Cobb was born on May 22, 1941 in Detroit, MI to the union of Grady and Gertrude Smith. She was the youngest of eight children; five of them preceded her in death along with her parents. Barbara Jean accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Burns Seventh Day Adventist Church.

LOVE

Barbara was educated through the Detroit Public School System. While Barbara attended Northern High School, she met the love of her life James. She was a cheerleader and he was an athlete which made them a perfect match. On February 24, 1962, James and Barbara sealed their love for one another through holy matrimony. From that union they created four beautiful children, Pamela, Craig, Marcus, and Bryce who died as a newborn. Ever since that wonderful day, they have been inseparable. They did everything together and their biggest adventure was to move to Ft. Worth, Texas together where they lived for the past eight years. While in Ft. Worth, TX they worshipped together at Good News International Christian Center under the Pastoral Leadership of Dr. Von Peaks where Barbara served as a Trustee and participated in their "Dine By Design" dinners.

EDUCATION AND CAREER

Barbara decided to continue her education after taking a brief break after high school. She attended Wayne County Community College and then Lewis College of Business. She then decided to enter the workforce where she was employed at Sinai Grace Hospital in Detroit, J.L. Hudson, Claims Incorporated and Bing Steel.

GOD'S GIVEN GIFTS AND TALENTS

After Barbara decided to join James in retirement in 1990, she was able to devote her time with caring for and spoiling not only her grandchildren but other relatives and friends' children. When she wasn't caring for the children she created her brand "Simply Barbara". Barbara was a very talented seamstress and a very creative woman. Anytime she would create she would always give credit to the "Holy Spirit" for her creations.

Under Barbara's brand she created many, many beautiful things; outfits, bags made out of old t-shirts, bath salts, African dolls, angel dolls, scarves, jewelry, blankets, afghan blankets and costumes for her church's plays. Barbara did not only create those things for profit, she often gave them as gifts to many. Her latest gift that she made was a "High Priest Robe" and the "King's Robe", both for her Pastor in Fort Worth, Texas.

In addition to being an amazing seamstress, Barbara was an amazing make-up artist, she was responsible for transforming the actors into their characters. For the past couple of years, the "Holy Spirit" led her to start writing a book entitled "In The Midst of Sorrow, Love Abounds" but due to the decline in her health she was unable to finish it. As a very talented Psalmist herself, Barbara also wrote several songs, one of which the Praise Team from her church in Fort Worth sang for one of the Sunday Morning services.

In early November, Barbara and James decided to go on another adventure after Barbara's grandsons Devon and Donovan requested that she and James return home so that the family could "take care of them." So together, Barbara and James made preparation to return to Detroit to be with their family. Barbara not only made preparations to return to Detroit but to be home for Christmas, and on December 23, 2018 Barbara departed this life and was home for Christmas. Barbara will truly be missed by all that knew her, because she never met a stranger.

Barbara leaves to cherish in her memory and carry on her legacy: her loving husband James Cobb, daughter Pamela Key (Larry), sons Craig Cobb and Elder Marcus Cobb (April). Two granddaughters: Nicole Gibbons and Micah Key. Three grandsons: Emmanuel Key, Devon Cobb and Donovan Cobb and two great-grandsons: Avery Allen, Ethan Sparks. One sister Rita Essex of Trophy City, TX, one brother Grady Smith Jr. and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Momma.

I didn't notice your legacy until you were gone from me. You were the last of eight children born, but you were the first in so many of our hearts. For 56 years you and dad walked side by side. You were the precious example of womanhood to your daughter. The first woman that your sons ever loved. The first woman that I saw create out of the vision from her heart food, clothes, costumes a brand and many more things. It wasn't until I returned home as a man that I understood that you were more than just my Mother. You were a natural extension of God's hand being used by Him to be the first example to others. God gave you the idea to create "Simply Barbara" which is merely a play on words because there is nothing simple about you. You are simply a multifaceted woman who became a good thing to a good man while you were already a good daughter and a good sister in a good family. One thing I know is this, what God calls Good to Him is Great to us.

I Love You Momma, Marcus

Grandma,

You will always be remembered and loved.

Love, EJ

To My Mother-In-Love and Friend,

Words can't describe the heaviness I'm feeling right now. I will miss our long talks on the phone, sharing creative ideas and just laughing together. Though I was your daughter-in-law you treated me like a daughter and for that I am truly grateful. Thank you for loving me unconditionally. I will truly miss you.

Love you forever, April

Barbara's Favorite Song

"Always" By Wintley Phipps

When you're feeling down

And it just seems your world

Is falling all around

No need to fear

I'll still be there to love you.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Processional

Scriptures Minister Lavondia Eldridge

Old Testament - Habakkuk 2:1-3

New Testament - Philippians 4:10-13

Prayer Pastor Alta Davis
Compassion Ministries

Selection - "We Shall Behold Him" Karole Bailey

Celebration of Life Tribute Family and Friends
(3 minutes please)

Acknowledgment of Cards and Condolences Kim Simmons

Obituary Kim Simmons

Selection - "More Than Wonderful" Lisa Coulter

Eulogy Apostle Joseph Hobbs

Recessional

Organ Postlude

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:
Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the
righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them
also that love his appearing. ~2 Timothy 4:7-8*

PALLBEARERS

Elder Marcus Cobb
Emmanuel Key

Craig Cobb
Charles Simmons

Anthony Simmons

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Devon Cobb
Elder Larry Key

Donovon Cobb
Timothy Landers

Robert Landers

FLOWER BEARERS

Friends and Family

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