



"Barbara's Final Words"

For my family, friends and loved ones that I left behind; I want you to know what I had in mind. I thought of you all before I left; I loved you so much, I constantly wept. But God put out his hand for me to go; I had no time to let you know. Don't grieve for me, for now I am free of all the pain and suffering that plagued me for years; Weep not loved ones or lessen your tears and Thank God for our wonderful years.

The grave is just a bed, but in Heaven there will more to see; So wipe your eyes and dry your tears and prepare to follow me, In love we lived, and in that final day I peacefully died; You asked for my life, but God denied. He Welcomed me Home and said **Barbara**, "No More Worries and No More Pain;" And I said in reply, "To God Be the Glory, Thank You Father!!!" To my family, I'm free from my respiratory problems and are now resting in the bosom of the Master. So please do not grieve too long; and whatever you do, be kind, support and continue loving each other. Because I am home with God and there is no better place to be, so prepare your lives to follow me.

...always remember and apply the Final Words of Barbara

Acknowledgement

We are most grateful for those you who have been so kind and thoughtful during Barbara's long-term illness. Your visits, call, text messages, flowers and every act of kindness have given us strength and inspiration. We are also especially grateful to the doctors and nurses of Community Hospice. The care and compassion they provided was nothing short of amazing.

~The Family of the late Barbara Ann Goshay~

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Celebrating The Life of Barbara Ann Goshay



*Sunrise
July 31, 1950*

*Sunset
January 15, 2022*

*Saturday, January 22, 2022
Eleven O'clock*

*Samuel C. Rogers Jr. Memorial Chapel
4315 N. Main Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32206
Pastor Carl Odom, Jr., Officiating*

Obituary

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints"
-Psalm 116:15 NIV

Barbara was born in Jacksonville, Florida on July 31, 1950. She was the third of nine children. Immediate members of this large family who proceeded **Barbara** in death included her father, Mr. George Edward Goshay Sr; mother, Mrs. Annie Mae Goshay; sister, Mrs. Georgianna Goshay-Battle; brothers, Mr. George Edward Goshay Jr. and Mr. Tony Goshay. Other family members who proceeded **Barbara** in death were her niece, Mrs. Kethenia La'Chelle McSwain and nephew, Mr. Kaylan Coffie. **Barbara's** paternal and maternal grandparents proceeded her in death many years ago.

Barbara attended local schools in Duval County. She was a proud member of the 1968 graduating class of William M. Raines High School. After graduation, **Barbara** was employed with various companies in Jacksonville. She held several positions in the Health Care Industry, most notably with Florida Blue (*also known as Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida*) and Humana Insurance Company. **Barbara** was also employed with Coach of Jacksonville. She maintained special relationships with her co-workers and willingly shared her knowledge and experience with team members.

Barbara was a faithful member of Exodus Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Carl Odom Jr. (her oldest nephew). While attending Exodus, **Barbara** accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. She faithfully served as a member of Exodus' church choir; she was the Leader of the Pastoral Care Ministry; also actively served on the Finance committee. Later in her adult life, **Barbara** rejoined Abyssinia Missionary Baptist Church where her parents were active members for more than forty years. Unfortunately due to **Barbara's** failing health, she was unable to attend Abyssinia's church services in person. Even though **Barbara** was not physically in the church building, church was always in **Barbara**. She loved telling her siblings on the Old Testament bible stories. **Barbara** was the life of the Goshay's family gatherings. She had a laughter that was jubilant and a beautiful smile. **Barbara** will be truly missed!

Cherishing **Barbara's** precious memories are her sons, Bernard Glenn Goshay (Janay Denise) and Darrell Devone Goshay; granddaughters, Zy'lei Simone and Zayla Savaughn Goshay and step-granddaughter; Goddess Nazjae Lewis; sisters, Jacqueline Brown (Henry), Sharon Goshay-Jones (Leon Sr.), Pamela Goshay-Greene (James Ralph II), Eunice Bell; brother, Lynn Goshay Sr.; nephews, Pastor Carl Odom Jr, Frederick and Reginald Battle, George Goshay III, Lynn Goshay Jr., Antonio Banks, Joshua and Caleb Goshay, Dexter McSwain; nieces, Krystal Lundy (Marquis Sr.), Tiffany, Shayla and Marla Goshay, Ashley Bell; great nephew, Marquis Lundy Jr.; great nieces, Anaiah McSwain, Myla Lundy and Zari Chance; one surviving aunt, Maggie Jean Johnson of Hartford CT; and her only sister-in-law who was like another sister, Leacy Goshay.

Barbara had a number of other relatives and acquaintances who will also cherish her memories. She also maintained a special friendship with Brenda Sanders. Brenda was **Barbara's** neighbor who was always available for her during some really trying and tough times especially toward the end of **Barbara's** life.

Order of Service

Processional Music Ministry

Life Reflections Video

Minister of Music Pastor Bruce Allen

Prayer Reverend James Sumpter

Solo Ms. Twania Skipper

Scriptures Reverend Richard Black
Old & New Testament

Acknowledgement Ms. Harriett Sanders

Solo Elder Michael Cobb

Words of Comfort Pastor Carl Odom, Jr.

Recessional Music Ministry

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
4535 N. Main Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32206

Pallbearers

Bernard Goshay
Frederick Battle
Reginald Battle

Antonia Banks
Michael Whitfield
Virgil Grant

Flower Attendants

Family Members and Friends

Due to COVID restrictions, there will not be a Repast