

I Am Not Gone

*I am not gone
I remain here beside you
Just in a different form
Look for me in your heart
And there you will find me
in our love which forever lives on
In those moments when you feel alone
Look for me in your thoughts
And there you will find me
in sweet memories that burn strong
Every time a tear
forms in your beautiful eyes
Look up to the heavens
And there you will see me
Smiling down from God's glorious skies*

Pallbearers

Robert Mink
Cory Dennis
Eddie Mink

Kaylin Dennis
Robert Mink Jr.
Edward Ontiveros

Honorary Pallbearers

The Stewards of Greater Cleaves CME Church

Flower Bearers

Cherryl Hurd
Ebony Hobbs
Cheronda Edwards

Natalie Dennis
Khallese Garrett
Kiana Garrett

Honorary Flower Bearers

The Stewardess of Greater Cleaves CME Church

Interment

Rose Hill Burial Park
6001 Northwest Grand Blvd.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Acknowledgement

The members of the family acknowledge with grateful appreciation all messages of love, sympathy, florals and courtesies extended by the many friends during the illness and death of our loved one. May God bless each of you.

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TEMPLE AND SONS FUNERAL HOME DIRECTORS, INC.
2801 N. Kelley Avenue
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Celebration of Life

For

Barbara Jean Heath



Sunrise
December 18, 1946

Sunset
April 14, 2020

Services

Tuesday, April 21, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.

Temple & Sons Funeral Directors, Inc.

Earl M. Temple Memorial Chapel

2801 North Kelley Avenue

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Reverend James L. Dunbar - Officiating

Obituary

Barbara J. Heath was called home to rest in the arms of our Lord and Savior on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, following a brief illness. She was born December 18, 1946, to Mr. & Mrs. Eddie C. Dennis in Citronelle, Alabama.

Barbara accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of State Street A.M.E Zion Church in Mobile, Alabama. She attended elementary school at Caldwell Elementary and graduated from Central High School in Mobile, Alabama.

She moved to Oklahoma and attended Langston University, where she graduated in 1970 with a Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics. While at Langston, she met and married OJ Thomas Jr. and to that union Erica, her only daughter, was born. She went on to receive her Master's Degree in Education from Central State University in 1979, and taught for several years as a home bound teacher for Oklahoma City Public Schools.

She joined Greater Cleaves Christian Methodist Episcopal Church where she was a member of the Stewardess Board, Usher Board, and because of her passion for working with young people, taught Sunday School and served as the Youth Director.

She married Donald J. Heath, and they moved to Altus, Oklahoma where she retired from the Altus Public School System having taught history at the Middle School. While in Altus, she joined the Episcopal church, where she was a very active member. Here she also joined the graduate chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. She LOVED her pink and green!!! "SKEEWEE."

They moved to Duncan, Oklahoma where she enjoyed life as a retiree, continuing her involvement in the church and the community. She was often visited by her loving grandchildren, hosting what they called "Camp Duncan."

After the dissolution of their marriage, Barbara moved back to Oklahoma City. It was then that she reunited with Greater Cleaves, serving as the president of the Stewardess Board, and various other organizations until she fell ill.

Family members lovingly called her "Martha", as in Martha Stewart. She was very active and loved sharing her creativity. Whether it be cooking, baking, arts and crafts, gardening, or doing a puzzle, Barbara was always busy and on the move.

Barbara loved her family. She always had an open door and an open fridge.

Barbara leaves to cherish her memory a loving daughter Erica (Sean) Bradford, four special granddaughters, Jasmine, Halle, Gabriele, and Camryn; One brother Albert Hurd Jr. (Deceased); Three sisters Carolyn (Dwight) Smith, Gloria (Sidney) McFarland, and Brenda Price. A surviving aunt Annie Bell Young of Fairford, AL; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Order Of Service

- Processional
- Prayer
- Scriptures
 - Old Testament
 - New Testament
- Congregational Hymn "What a Friend We Have In Jesus"
- Acknowledgments/Resolutions Cheryl Hurd
- Message from the Granddaughters Halle Corbin
- Musical Selection "The Battle is the Lord's"
- Words of Comfort Reverend James L. Dunbar
- Video Tribute
- Recessional "When We All Get to Heaven"

God Saw You

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

