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Robert Neal Jr.
Robert Neal Sr.
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Mount Carmel MBC Deaconesses

Interment

Mount Hope Cemetery
Topeka, KS

Repast

Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church
610 SE Lime Street, Topeka, Kansas 66607

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Celebration of Life Service

March 10, 1942 - October 5, 2017



Barbara Jean Richard Gatewood

Service: Saturday, October 14, 2017
10:30 am

Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church
610 SE Lime Street, Topeka, Kansas 66607

Visitation: Saturday, October 14, 2017
9:30-10:30 am

Reverend Gale Martin - Eulogist
Mt. Carmel MBC

Associate Pastor Paul Pearson

Organist Tyson Williams

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me
And Im not here to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me

I wish you wouldn't cry
The Way you did today
While thinking of the many things
We did not get to say

I know how much you love me
As much as I love you
Each time that you think of me
I know you will miss me too

When tomorrow starts without me
Please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name
And took me by the hand

The angel said my place was ready
In heaven far above
And That I would have to leave behind
All those I dearly love

But when I walked through Heaven's Gates
I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me
From his golden throne

He said this is eternity
And All I promised you
Today for life on earth is done
But here it starts a new

I promise no tomorrow
For today will always last
and since each day's the exact same way
There is no longing for the past

So when tomorrow starts without me
Do not think we're apart
For every time you think of me
Remember I'm right here in your heart

- Love Barbara



Soving Memories

Barbara Jean Gatewood

Alpha ~ March 10, 1942

Omega ~ October 5, 2017



Our blessing from God began on March 10, 1942 when Dutley and Eva Ellis Richard gave birth to their first born child, Barbara Jean Richard. Barbara was given a strong Christian foundation throughout her childhood and exemplified her faith and Spiritual beliefs throughout her adult life. On October 5, 2017,

Barbara humbly and courageously accepted Christ loving hands into a peaceful journey of eternity with our Lord and Savior.

Barbara accepted Christ at an early age. She was baptized at St Joseph Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Wing in Marrero, Louisiana.

Barbara attended Fourth Ward Elementary School and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1960. She attended Southern University of New Orleans for two years and graduated from Southern University of Baton Rouge, La., with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education. Barbara was the first to graduate from college in her family.

Barbara continued her studies at universities in Missouri and Kansas to obtain her Masters + 35 in education and administration. She had a profound understanding of the importance of education and the significance of knowledge. Barbara was a dominant force and supporter of academic achievement, servicing and touching the lives of many children and adults for thirty-five years, collectively.

Barbara, a young southern, first year, school teacher became acquainted with Robert Gatewood through mutual friends during a short summer vacation in Chicago, Illinois. Barbara and Robert quickly recognized their love for each other and entered into Holy Matrimony on February 25, 1968.

To this union the Lord blessed them with a son, Raul Richard Gatewood, in 1973.

Barbara was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother like no other. She “loved” her husband, her son with immense unconditionally love. She gave her husband (the love of her life) all that she had.

Barbara was a vibrant and very energetic woman. She participated in the Civil Rights Movement and joined many others in the monumental walk in Washington, D.C. with Dr. Martin Luther King. She was a member of Jack and Jill Organization and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Barbara was a deaconess at Mount Carmel Missionary Church for seventeen years and worked on the Bereavement, Benevolent, and food committees. Her most gratifying moments, however, occurred during missionary work with the elderly. She was a true mother to the kids in the classroom and the community.

Barbara leaves an abundance of memories to her husband of 49 years, Robert Gatewood; her son, Raul Richard Gatewood; her daughter-in-law, Michelle Gatewood; her stepson, Robert Neal; and her grandchildren, Nachelle Culpepper, Tyra and Robert Raul Gatewood, Robert, Erin, Xavier, Tylisa, Dominic, and Alecea Neal, and five great grandchildren.

Also cherishing her memory are her siblings: Carol R. (Jasper) Morgan, Dutley Lee Richard Jr., Linda R. (Casey) Jumpiere, Peggy R. (Wadleigh) Johnson, Kathey R. (Espy) Pace, and LaQuerita Richard. Sister-in-laws to cherish her memory include: Ella (Leslie) Newman, Marie Bundridge, Nancy Dillard, Linda (Larry) Johnson, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Barbara was preceded in death by her father, Dutley Richard Sr., mother, Eva Ellis Richard, niece, Tyra Tenel Johnson, brother-in-law, Jasper Larry Morgan, father-in-law, William Gatewood, mother-in-law, Alberta Gatewood, sister and brother-in-laws Wilberta Gatewood, Hazel and Thaddeus Ferguson, and Curlis Gatewood.

The Life and Legacy of Barbara Jean Richard Gatewood



Barbara's Favorite Bible Testament: Revelations 21:3, 4

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.



Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Remarks: Clergy

Musical Selection

Scripture: Clergy

Prayer: Assoc. Pastor Paul Pearson

Reflections of Love (Family and Friends - 2 mins.)

Acknowledgement of Condolences:

Paula Johnson
Mt. Carmel MBC Clerk

Obituary (read in silence)

Musical Selection

Words of Comfort: Rev. Gale Martin
Mt. Carmel MBC

Closing Prayer: Rev. Gale Martin
Mt. Carmel MBC

A Special Tribute from Peaceful Rest Funeral Chapel

Parting View

Recessional

Order Of Service