



Ms. Barbara L. McKethan

September 8, 1940 - November 4, 2023

Barbara L. McKethan was born on September 8, 1940, to the late Reedy Alphonso Blanchard, Sr, and Vivian E. Blanchard. She passed into the arms of the Lord on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, MD. She went home to be with her Heavenly Father, beloved siblings and parents.

Barbara was the fourth child of nine children whom all grew up in the Washington, D.C. area. She attended and graduated from Dunbar High School. She futhered her education and studied at Maryland University, American University, and George Washington University. She was active in various clubs.

Barbara worked in the Federal Government as a computer analyst, computer consultant, and office manager at Federal Government offices in D.C. During this time, she married Donald McKethan. She later worked at Howard University Hospital where she retired.

She began to search for more clarity in life and that's when she found the Lord Jesus Christ and made Him Lord and Savior of her life. Barbara asked many questions. She was seeking to find out more of the things of God, and as she did, she did according to the scripture: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you" (Matt 7:7-8). At this

time, Barbara found her church home at Evangel Cathedral and joined under the leadership of Pastor John L. Meares and Elder Mary Lee Meares. This is where Barbara's relationship with God began to grow. She became very active in her calling in the Jewels of the Royal Priesthood Women's Ministry.

Barbara is preceded in death by her loving parents Reedy, Sr, and Vivian Blanchard; loving brothers Reedy, Jr., Richard, Norman, Floyd, and Ray Blanchard; sisters, Joyce Williams, Ellen Blanchard, and Patricia Peters. Left to cherish her life and memories are Diana Blanchard, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Heritage Memorial

13472 Poplar Hill Rd
Waldorf, MD 20601

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel
5538 MARLBORO PIKE
FORESTVILLE, MD 20747

Funeral Service

DEC 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Barbara L. McKethan



Pope Funeral Homes - December 02, 2023 at 10:47 AM

RP

A feisty diva who loved Jesus and her family. A prayer warrior. She desired that her family and others she met would be saved and go to heaven, as God desires. Seamstress 2nd to none who created anything from skirts to wedding gowns. Her 1st job was crocheting at the age of 9. Known as aunt Bibbie or Pinky by her dad. I called her aunt Barbara. She prayed for many and God answered many prayers. Her desire of a new home was granted on Nov 4th. She's in heaven now where according to God's Word, the streets are paved with gold, the gates are made of pearls, a city of worship that will have mansions, people there from all nations, a place of joy, peace and precious stones just to name a few things. I can image her now with her white robe, crown and her praising the Lord 27/4. From reward to labor. You will certainly be missed.

Rona Prescott - December 03, 2023 at 10:10 PM

DW

“ Hi aunt Barbara I know we barely know each other but my grandmother told you all about me and we also met at papa funeral as well but you was a wonderful lady of God and fair lady. I will see you again 🌹



Derek Wilson - June 20, 2024 at 01:20 AM



“ *She became like family to me she had a great sense of humor & always had a word of advice for you when needed. She will most certainly be missed. Sleep on in the arms of Jesus my spiritual mother sleep on and take your rest. Suzette Evans.*

Suzette Evans - December 02, 2023 at 08:50 AM

LS

“ *Lavell Porter Sr lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKethan*



Lavell C Porter Sr - December 01, 2023 at 10:54 PM

YP

“ *What can I say about an amazing woman of God, who loved the Lord and her family!!! I will miss my time with you, Auntie, and the memories that I have of you will always be in my heart. I may not be there at the service but I will be there in spirit. Your legacy will continue to live in your nieces and nephews!!! You taught us to pray and talk to the Holy Ghost, “and ask the Holy Ghost to help you”. Miss and love you!!!
Love always,
Landie*

Yolanda PorterRamalho - December 01, 2023 at 01:01 PM

LS

Aunt Barbara was a Woman of God. She lived by the word of God. She attended church faithfully. Whenever you have conversed with Aunt Barbara she always praised her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We had long conversations for hours about Jesus and Bible verses. She was the last living sibling of the Blanchard Family. Rest in Peace Auntie. We Love you and going to miss you until we all will be together in our Father Kingdom. Love always, your Nephew Lavell

Lavell C Porter Sr - December 01, 2023 at 09:12 PM