



Barbara Wilder

December 13, 1957 - March 29, 2019

Barbara Ann was the third child born to Ouida Muriel and Clifford Harmon on December 13, 1957 in Dekalb Texas. Barbara would come to know the Lord at a very early age. She initially attended Heglar's Chapel but found her church home and was baptized with her brother, Clifton at Dekalb Church of Christ on March 12, 1970. Barbara was a member of South Austin Community Church until the time when she would go home to be with the Lord.

She attended school and became a proud member of the Dekalb High School marching band, graduating in 1976. Barbara fondly remembered her high school days. She remembered everyone's name and their family, anything quirky about them, and if you made her laugh, then you can rest assured that we all laughed about it later. Shortly afterward, she moved with the family to Austin, Texas. Barbara was one of the earliest hires of the historic Four Seasons Hotel in downtown Austin. They will never know the monumental sacrifice she made to get to work to support her four beautiful kids. Having to walk an hour to and from the bus stop each day for years. She never complained and always exhibited a fortitude and a spirit that would live up to her nick name of "Mama Kat". After nearly 15 years, Barbara took a promotional opportunity with the Driskill Hotel in management. All the while supporting her kids, she continued to help her Mother and Father when she was needed.

One fateful day while riding that number 37 Colony Park bus she would strike up a conversation with one Byron Wilder... and the rest they say is history.

Barbara and Byron would wed February 14, 1998. They would share their lives until God would call his angel home on March 29, 2019.

Barbara will be most remembered for her fiery spirit, her love of life, and her love of family. When times got tough she could be counted on to help out. If you were going astray, she would give you a stern word or a kind word to set you straight. Most importantly, when you needed a word of encouragement she would be there to cheer you on. That fire will continue in all of those who were touched by her.

Barbara is preceded in death by her grandparents, parents Ouida and Clifford Harmon. Siblings Aundrea Yahoshua, Byron Harmon, Jeffery Harmon, and granddaughter Kearia Richard.

Barbara leaves to mourn her spouse, Byron Wilder, her children: Tonya Harmon (Gerome), Damika Harmon (Deon), Negale Harmon (Portia), Kimberly Sterling (Rowan), and Gregory Wilder (Tori).

Siblings: Clifton Harmon, Ricky Harmon, Patricia Harmon (Mark), Harold Harmon, Donna Josey (Larry), and Evelyn Nero of San Bernadino, California. Grandchildren: Chelsea, Damasia, Gearia, Alexis, Gerome, Aundoy, DeAmbra, Negale, Rowan, Kyndall, Trinity, Chasitee, Zion, and 7 great grandchildren.

And a host of aunts, one uncle, nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

King-Tears Mortuary
1300 E 12th St
Austin, TX 78702
(512) 476-9128

Celebration Service

APR 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

Grant A.M.E. Worship Center
1701 Kramer Lane
Austin, TX 78758
<http://gwcaustin.org>

Tribute Wall

AV

“ I worked with Barbara in the early 90's at the Four Season's Hotel in Austin. I really enjoyed working with her and our daily laughs. Her smile lit up the room. I've thought about her through the years and was sad to see her obituary. What a sweet, kind soul. You are missed Barbara

Allison

av - July 03, 2024 at 05:11 PM

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Hi Allison, thank you for sharing a memory of my mom. I remember she had nice things to say about you. God bless. 🙏

DaMika Harmon (daughter) - July 19, 2024 at 03:55 PM

DH

“ Grief is truly something mama. Today I find myself thinking of you and the time that has past since I last heard your voice. I look back over our old text messages and I noticed that you were preparing me for life without you for awhile. I just want to thank you for everything that you did for me but you knew that before you left. I just want to say mama that "I'm alright, even if I'm not alright". God walks with me and he talks with me and he tells me that I'm his own so I can face anything.



I love you mama, and I'll see you later.

Rookie

Da'Mika Harmon - April 14, 2024 at 01:32 PM



“ Barbara Wilder

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ DAMIKA L HARMON sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara Wilder



DAMIKA L HARMON - August 02, 2022 at 04:45 PM



At work just thinking about you mom. I've been blessed with the prettiest princess in the world. I know you would go crazy behind Ayden and Riyah. Just check in on us from time to time mama. I miss you still and I love you.....Rookie

DAMIKA L HARMON - August 02, 2022 at 04:50 PM



“ DAMIKA HARMON sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara Wilder



DAMIKA HARMON - March 30, 2021 at 03:08 PM



IT'S BEEN TWO LONG YEARS WITHOUT YOU MAMA. JUST WHEN I THINK THINGS ARE SETTLING DOWN, I'M REMINDED YOU'RE NO LONGER HERE. JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW I MISS YOU BUT I'M PRESSING ON.

ROOKIE

DAMIKA HARMON - March 30, 2021 at 03:12 PM

RS

“ Although I never had the chance to meet you in person Ms.Barbara, I do know that you were greatly loved by so many and deeply missed even more. GOD sends his angels here to complete a task and you Ms.Barbara have done a phenomenal job in completing yours. Even tho the family is having a hard time right now without your prescence, we all know that GOD makes no mistakes and HE needed you back home in the heaven's high above with HIM where you will now reside eternally. Yes "Mama Kat" you have earned your wings and the knowledge, wisdom,love,and strength that you have instilled in your kids as the shining light of life, willl forever stay lit through your beautiful and adorable grandbabies!!!
REST IN PEACE ANGEL

Reginald Simms - June 28, 2019 at 09:55 PM

DA

“ Da'Mika sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara Wilder



Da'Mika - April 16, 2019 at 04:30 PM

DA

I MISS YOU SO MUCH MAMA

DA'MIKA - April 16, 2019 at 04:33 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



A Life Celebration by Franklin - April 06, 2019 at 07:12 PM



“ My sympathy to Byron and Wilder family. Barbara was a nice person and good neighbor. Dudley Moseley



Dudley Moseley - April 06, 2019 at 05:20 PM



“ Shirley Washington lit a candle in memory of Barbara Wilder



Shirley Washington - April 06, 2019 at 04:02 PM



“ I'm very sad to hear Barbara passed away. I looked forward to going into work with her at the hospital. She was a great lady.

Alicia Ontiveros - April 05, 2019 at 06:06 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Wilder.*



April 05, 2019 at 08:04 AM



“ *Tori, Jeremiah, Jordin purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Barbara Wilder.*



Tori, Jeremiah, Jordin - April 04, 2019 at 01:00 PM