

Obituary

Barbara Shackelford (Lowery) was born March 23, 1935, to Jesse and Eula (Lewis) Lowery in Detroit, Michigan. She was the oldest of three children Delores and Kenneth.

Barbara received her education from the Detroit Public School system graduating from Central High School in January 1953.

She met David Shackelford when she was 16 years old at a friend’s birthday party and shortly after, David enlisted into the United States Army on October 17, 1951. He was discharged from the army on September 25, 1953.

Barbara and David were united in marriage on May 30, 1954. From this union came three children: Christine, Brian, and Lisa.

Barbara accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was a longtime faithful member at Outer Drive Faith Lutheran Church. She was an active member and participated in numerous organizations and activities.

Barbara began her career at Michigan Bell Telephone Company. In 1978 she began working as a Clerk Typist at the Detroit Board of Education. She retired from the Board of Education June, 1993 where at the time she held the position of School Secretary at Gardner Elementary School in Detroit, Michigan.

Barbara’s passions were sewing, quilting, and gardening and she excelled at all three. She put her expressions of love in every quilt that she made for the members of her family. She kept a pristine garden and her motto was “No matter where you are in this life always surround yourself in beauty.”

Barbara’s husband, David Shackelford; parents, Jesse Lowery and Eula (Lewis) Williams; siblings, Delores McMillan (Raiford) and Kenneth Lowery; son-in-law, Donald Gear preceded her in death.

Barbara Shackelford leaves to cherish her loving memory: her three children, Lisa Anderson (Maurice), Brian Shackelford (Stephanie), and Christine Gear; eight grandchildren, LaShonda Gear, LaTrice McDonald, Nicole Gear, Brenton Shackelford, Skylar Shackelford, Nadia Wilson, David J. Thomas, and Michael K. Thomas; four great-grandchildren, Jaylon Gear, Jordan Taylor, Madison Gear, and Terrance McDonald; God daughter, Debrah Bryant; a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



A Poem for Mom

A Mother's Love is the heart of a family. A Mother's Love comes running to pick us up when we fall. A Mother's Love taught us about life and how to trust in God. A Mother's Love taught us how to be respectful women and men and show respect towards one another. A Mother's Love always gives support and shares her gentle smile, warm laughter, and kind hearted ways. Our daily talks will be missed dearly. I am thankful for your wisdom, advice, words of encouragement, and prayers.

Thank you for being my Mother!

Order of Service

- Organ Prelude.....
- Processional.....
- Scripture.....*Psalm 23*.....
- Prayer.....Pastor Eddie Morales
- Song.....*“Order my Steps”*.....
- Acknowledgment of Cards,
- Telegrams and Condolences.....Karen Brown
- Obituary.....Steve McMillan
- Remarks.....2 minutes please.....Family and Friends
- Song.....*“Jesus Promised Me a Home Over There”*.....
- Eulogy.....
- Recessional.....
- Organ Postlude.....

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



Celebrating The Life And Legacy Of

Barbara Shackelford

Sunrise: March 23, 1935 ~ Sunset: July 27, 2020

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

12:30 PM Family Hour 1:00 PM Funeral Service

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Pastor Eddie Morales, Officiating

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Acknowledgment of Appreciation

The family of the late **Barbara Shackelford** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and many other expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time in thought and deed. A more personal acknowledgment will be made at a later date.

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