Expressions of Gratitude

The family wishes to express our deepest gratitude for the love and support shown during this difficult time. Your kind words, prayers, and presence have been a great comfort to us. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful family and friends by our side.
May God bless you all.
We are forever grateful.











"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day _ unseen, unheard but always near, still loved, still missed, and forever dear."

Repast
Bella Italia Restaurant
535 Central Avenue
Orange, NJ 07050

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Caggiano Memorial Home
62 Grove Street
Montclair, NJ 07042

IN LOVING *Memory*



DIANE BARRETT

SEPTEMBER 28, 1942 - OCTOBER 7, 2026

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026 | 10:00 A.M.
CAGGIANO MEMORIAL HOME
62 GROVE STREET, MONTCLAIR, NJ 07042

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Order of SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL
Family and Clergy

OPENING PRAYER
Pastor William Chambliss

MUSICAL SELECTION
“Amazing Grace”
Sheila Epps Williams
Pianist: Dylan Williams

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Old Testament | Psalm 23
New Testament
Tonka Barrett

Matthew c11; v28-30
Justina Schumacher

POEM
Priscilla Barrett

REFLECTIONS
Family & Friends

MUSICAL SELECTION
“His Eye is on the Sparrow”
Sheila Epps Williams
Pianist: Dylan Williams

WORDS OF COMFORT
Pastor William Chambliss

CLOSING PRAYER
Pastor William Chambliss

RECESSIONAL

forever in our HEARTS

You left this world before we knew,
The heavens called and skies turned blue.
Your journey ended, peace was near,
Yet in our hearts, you're ever dear.

We see your smile in morning rays,
We hear your voice in quiet ways.
The world feels still without your light,
But your love remains, forever bright.

You showed us grace in all you gave,
In every hug, in how you’d brave.
A heart so pure, a soul so kind,
A love like yours is hard to find.

Though we're apart, you’re not far gone,
Your memory lives, your spirit strong.
You touched our lives in countless ways—
A legacy that never fades.

Now rest in peace, in skies above,
Your soul set free, wrapped up in love.
And when a soft wind brushes by,
We’ll feel you near, and not ask why.



Prayer

Gracious Lord,
We entrust our mother into Your loving care. May her soul find rest in Your presence—where there is no pain, no sorrow, only eternal peace and joy. Lord, be with us as we mourn, and grant us the strength to carry on with faith. Though we say goodbye for now, we hold fast to the promise that we will meet again. Until that day, may mommy’s love continue to shine through us, and may Your peace be our comfort and guide. Amen.

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siblings















Remembering DIANE

"I Have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."-2 Timothy 4:7

Diane Barrett passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center. She was born on September 28, 1942, in Newark, New Jersey, and lived a life rooted in family, hard work, and the simple joys that brought her happiness.

Diane attended Newark Public Schools, graduated from Central High School in 1960, and later earned an associate's degree from Essex County College in Newark. She built a working life marked by care and dedication. She worked briefly at Orange High School in Orange, New Jersey, and at Jersey City Medical Center. She also worked for the East Orange Board of Education and retired in 2000 as a teacher's aide at Lincoln School on Lincoln Street in East Orange, New Jersey, an accomplishment she held with pride. Later, she also worked at Bama Nursery and Preschool in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Diane was one of 15 siblings, and family remained at the center of her life. She had six children and shared many happy memories over the years with those she loved most. In her younger years, she spent weekends with her brothers, sisters, and uncles going to clubs in New York and enjoying Latin dancing, memories that reflected her lively spirit and love of being out in the world. At the same time, she was quiet and reserved, often described as a "quiet storm," carrying both warmth and strength in her own distinctive way.

She enjoyed shopping, going to the movies, and going out to eat with family and friends. She also took special pride in caring for her home, planting seeds for grass and flowers and tending to the spaces around her. Some of her happiest times were spent with her youngest daughter and her grandchildren. After moving to Charlotte, North Carolina with her life partner, Pete, she always looked forward to visits back to New Jersey. In 2022, she moved back to New Jersey to live with her daughter Angelina and son-in-law Hakim. In late 2023, she began showing signs of dementia, and in 2024 she required around-the-clock care and was placed in Inglemoor Care Center, Livingston, New Jersey. Even during that difficult season, she became more affectionate and openly loving, and that tenderness remains a cherished part of her memory.

Diane leaves behind a loving family who will carry her memory forward with deep affection. She is survived by her daughters, Angelina Killane-Sims and her husband, Hakim, and Ramona Barrett; her son, Frank Barrett and his wife, Laurel. She is also survived by her brothers Alvino Barrett, Rajhon Barrett and his wife, Beth, Esteban Barrett, Munuwell Barrett (Tomoco), and Orlando Barrett (Kelly); and by her sisters Alita Barrett and Bonita Killane. Her legacy also lives on in her grandchildren DJ, Deanna, Devante, Faliscite, Gabriel, Ibn, Isaiah, Johnny, Melanie, Melina, Michael, Monique, Najla, Nathaniel, Raymon, Rebecca, William, Carl, 32 great-grandchildren, and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends. May the love she gave them, and the joy she found in being with them, continue to be a lasting comfort.

She was preceded in death by her long time partner, Peter H. Callahan; her mother, Dora "Tiny" Pierce Barrett; her father, Ray Barrett; her sister, Delores Valentino (Pedro); her brothers, Antonio Barrett (Patricia), Dale Barrett (Louisa), Gary Barrett, Kiarke Barrett (Waynne), Raymond Barrett, and Reginald Barrett; and her children: Joanna Barrett, Carl Barrett (Patricia), and Derrick "Leakey" Barrett.

Diane will be remembered for her quiet strength, her love of family, her lively spirit, and the affection she shared so freely. Her presence brought warmth to those around her, and her memory will remain treasured by all who knew and loved her.

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LIFE PARTNER, CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

A LEGACY *Remembered*































