

HER LIFE & LEGACY



MSgt.
Barbara D.
ODOM
USAF (RET.)

Tuesday July 28, 2026- 12PM

Ivy Hill Cemetery & Crematory
Chapel

1201 Easton Road, Philadelphia, PA 19150

Steven Pierce, Eulogist

June 20, 1959 — July 6, 2026

Obituary

MSGT. BARBARA D. ODOM, USAF (RET.)

*Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:
- John 11:25*

Barbara Dolberry Odom, 67, passed away peacefully early on the morning of Monday, July 6, 2026.

Barbara was born on June 20, 1959, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the youngest of twelve children of the late Claudie and Annabelle Lewis Dolberry. Affectionately known as “Popsie” to her family, she was a sweet, kind-hearted, and generous lady who was always bubbly, joyful, and full of laughter. She had a wonderful sense of humor that she constantly used to make others laugh. Her family was the center of her world. Nothing brought a smile to her face more than time spent with her siblings, nieces, nephews, or extended family and being able to share stories of her childhood in North Philadelphia.

After graduating from Murrell Dobbins Vocational-Technical High School in 1977, Barbara enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1981 and began a twenty-year military career, honorably serving her country as a Supply Specialist and later a Manpower Specialist before becoming a Contract Specialist in the C-5 Contracting Division. In addition to earning a Level II Acquisition/Contracting Certification, her meritorious service earned her many awards recognizing her dedication, professionalism, and commitment to serving the United States of America. During her twenty-year tenure, Barbara was stationed in Florida, Texas, Mississippi, Nebraska, Georgia, South Korea, Germany, and even a temporary assignment in Saudi Arabia. She retired from active duty in 2001.

Barbara’s service to her country did not end with her retirement from the Air Force. She continued as a civil servant on Robins Air Force Base as a Contract Specialist. Highly respected by her supervisors and co-workers alike, she will be remembered as a beloved co-worker, mentor, and friend. During her military career, Barbara earned an AAS in Business Administration from Wayland Baptist University,

a BS in Business Administration Management and Occupational Education and Training from Wayland Baptist University, and an MBA in Acquisition and Contract Management from American Graduate University. She was an active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and enjoyed participating in sorority fellowship, service, and activities.

Barbara was always excited to travel the world and explore new places. She had recently returned from trips to Montreal, Greece, and Cabo San Lucas. Discovering new restaurants and sharing a meal with family and friends was always an exciting time. She especially enjoyed Korean or Mexican cuisine. And, if the destination had a casino where she could drop a coin into a slot machine, Barbara was all-in. Thrift shopping and antiquing were also high on her priority list. In her down time, she could be found curled up enjoying a good book. She was very passionate about genealogy and preserving her family's heritage and history. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Marion Karney, Carol-Ann Dolberry, Claudie Dolberry Jr. (Carol), Pattie Jane Pringle, and Ralph Dolberry (Yolanda); her sister-in-law, Adrienne Odom; and her nephew, Darnell Dolberry.

Her memory will forever be treasured by her adoring husband of forty-five years, Hozell Odom, III; her siblings, Martha Charles (Barry), Janis Carter (Charles), James Eddie Dolberry, Henry Dolberry, Sr., Columbus Dolberry (Cynthia), and Annie May Ammons (Ira); and a host of other loving family members and friends. She will be lovingly remembered as a devoted wife, daughter, sister, sister-in-law to Karen Odom and Michael Lee, aunt, great-aunt, niece, cousin, friend, mentor, sorority sister, beloved boss, and co-worker.

Barbara will be laid to rest in Ivy Hill Cemetery in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Submitted
with
Love

Order of Service

Reverend Stephen Pierce, Presiding

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Reading of the Obituary

Moment of Silent Reflection

Eulogy

Final Remarks-Family & Friends

Closing Prayer

Recessional

Revelation 21:4 KJV

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.

Take The Love

Take the love you had for me
and turn it into laughter
turn it into blinding light
to shine on you thereafter

take the love you have for me
and show it to the world
something so amazing
needs to blossom and unfurl

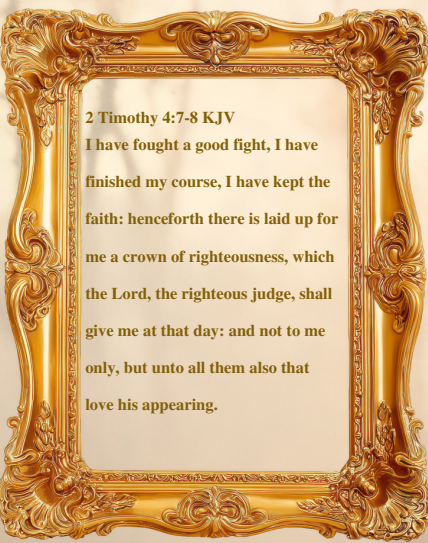
take the love that made us
keep it burning bright
let that fire guide you
let it warm you through the night

take the love you shared with me
and spread it out with gladness
my life will not have been in vain
if you can fight the sadness

take the love, my darling
it's yours to carry on
- Donna Ashworth

2 Timothy 4:7-8 KJV

I have fought a good fight, I have
finished my course, I have kept the
faith: henceforth there is laid up for
me a crown of righteousness, which
the Lord, the righteous judge, shall
give me at that day: and not to me
only, but unto all them also that
love his appearing.







Casket Bearers

Family & Friends



Acknowledgment

I want to extend our sincere appreciation to all of you who took the time to attend my wife's funeral service. Your presence, kind words, and condolences have been a source of comfort during this difficult time.

We will always remember your support and love.

- Hozell Odom, III



Benediction & Interment

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