



Acknowledgements

The family of Barbara Rutledge is indeed grateful to each of you for your visits, phone calls, flowers, cards and the many acts of kind expressions of sympathy shown during this period of bereavement.



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Celebrating The Life Of



Barbara Ann Rutledge

February 5, 1948 - March 30, 2025

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025

Visitation 10:00 AM Celebration of Life: 11:00 AM

KINGDOM OF CHRIST BAPTIST CHURCH

101 W. 108th Street • Chicago, IL 60628

Pastor Kerik Bell, Officiating

Obituary

Numbers 6:24-26 "The Lord bless thee and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

Barbara was born in Coalwood, West Virginia on February 5, 1948. She was the oldest of 3 daughters born to Anna Mae Rutledge. Her mother preceded her in death in March 2002. Her sister Ruby Smith also preceded her in death in December 2018. She is also preceded in death by her grandparents Sam and Hosea Rutledge and her nephew Willie Henry Jr.

Barbara moved to Chicago in 1951 where she received her education at Shakespeare Elementary School and Dunbar Vocational High School. Barbara graduated from Dunbar in 1967 as the Homecoming Queen with a major in Cosmetology. After graduating she later went on to pursue a career in Cosmetology working as a Hairstylist at a Beauty Salon in her local Bronzeville neighborhood.

Later in her career she held various corporate positions with American National Bank, a management position with McDonald's, later on she passed the Chicago Police Officer Exam prior to becoming a stay at home mom instead and returning back to corporate America in 1997 as a Data Entry Specialist at Northern Trust Bank and various administrative or cooking roles thereafter doing what she loved in the Business and Restaurant/Hospitality Industry. She later decided to retire from the workforce at the age of 60 and spent her time enjoying friends, social events and caring for youngest grandchild, Courtney.

Barbara enjoyed cooking, politics, western shows, puzzles, dancing, music and having a great time with her friends and family.

Barbara leaves behind to cherish her passing: three daughters, Anissa, Marcella, and La'Shaundra and one son, Randy, daughter-in-law, Neece. Her baby sister, Phyllis and brother-in-law Willie Smith (Ruby Smith). Her grandchildren, Semajae Rutledge, Courtney Davis, Terry Austin Jr., Corey Ingram, Christopher Rucker II and Randy Jr. She also leaves loving nieces Felicia Rutledge and Alesia Rutledge, niece-in-law Taneka (Willie Henry) a host of great-nieces, nephews, grandchildren, cousins, and close friends.

Celebration Of Life

Musical Prelude

Processional of Family R D Rartler Memorial Staff

Scripture Pastor Kerk Bell

Prayer..... Pastor Kerk Bell

Acknowledgements Christopher Rucker II

The family of Barbara Ann Rutledge wishes to express sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love, prayers and other acts of kindness shown during this time of grief and mourning. Your kind expressions of sympathy will be forever cherished. May God continue to surround you for being a blessing to us.

Remarks..... Felicia Rutledge

Musical Selection

Obituary Read Silently

Words of Comfort..... Pastor Kerk Bell

Benediction

Recessional

Interment PRIVATE

