

# Order of Service

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Opening Prayer

Ms Vanessa Bowie

Scriptural Readings

Old Testament  
*Isaiah 40:29-31*

Mr. Gerald Warfield

New Testament  
*Romans 8:26-27*

Mr. Javier Bonn

Musical Selection

Mr. Shelton Mahoney

Acknowledgements & Cards

Ms. Lynette Smith

Obituary

Nicklaus Watkins

Reflections

Guests

Musical Selection

Mr. Shelton Mahoney

Eulogy

Ms. Almera Carroll

Closing Prayer

Hilde Stewart, *Col.*  
*Ret. USAF*

Recessional

## Pallbearers

The Family

## *A Note from the Family*

We are extremely thankful and appreciative that you would share in the celebration of the life of our beloved Barbara. Thank you for your heartfelt expressions of love and compassion. We are assured and rejoice that she is now present with the Lord. May the blessings of Almighty God be upon you.

Remember that love conquers all!

## *Interment*

Trinity Memorial Gardens  
3211 Mattawoman Beantown Road  
Waldorf, MD 20604

*So now faith, hope, and love  
abide, these three; but the  
greatest of these is love.*

*Corinthians 13:13*

*In Loving Memory of*



**Barbara Jean Tyler**

April 20, 1939 – March 10, 2021

Thursday, March 18, 2021  
Visitation: 10:00 AM | Service: 11:00 AM

Thornton Funeral Home, P.A.  
3439 Livingston Road  
Indian Head, Maryland 20640

# Barbara's Journey

Barbara Jean Tyler, the daughter of the late Benjamin Harrison Walton and Roberta L. Carroll Walton, was born April 20, 1939 in Pomonkey, Maryland. She departed this life on March 10, 2021.

Barbara received her education in the Charles County, Maryland school system, graduating with honors in 1957 from Pomonkey High School. She grew up attending Metropolitan United Methodist Church. Later, she met and married Paul E. Garrett of Marietta, Georgia, and gave birth to her only child, Melody A. Garrett. Barbara divorced and years later, briefly married Linwood Tyler of Lynchburg, Virginia.

Barbara relocated to Landover, Maryland and became an active member of Highland Park Baptist Church. She entered her Civil Service career as a Christmas gift wrapper at the local Base Exchange. She began her career in the Federal Government working for

The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and retired from there after nearly 30 years of service. While working, she attended college and earned a B.A. in Accounting from the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) in 1982.

Barbara began her second career working for Lockheed Martin on a HUD contract for an additional 20 years. She enjoyed her work and colleagues so much that she travelled her lengthy, tedious commute to Rockville daily until her second retirement in 2008.

Meanwhile, before complete retirement, Barbara worked as the Office Manager for Potomac Anesthesia Associates, PC for her daughter, and as Co-owner and Operator of Walton's Seafood Carry-Out 2000 - 2009. This was Barbara's final retirement, but she was not done.

She became extremely active in her neighborhood homeowners' association and was instrumental in developing her neighborhood Homeland Security Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) where she became a certified team member and also headed the task force for emergency pet management until 2019. Anyone who knew Barbara knows that she had a passion for animals and animal rescue services. She was also actively involved each year with the Associations' National Night Out Program.

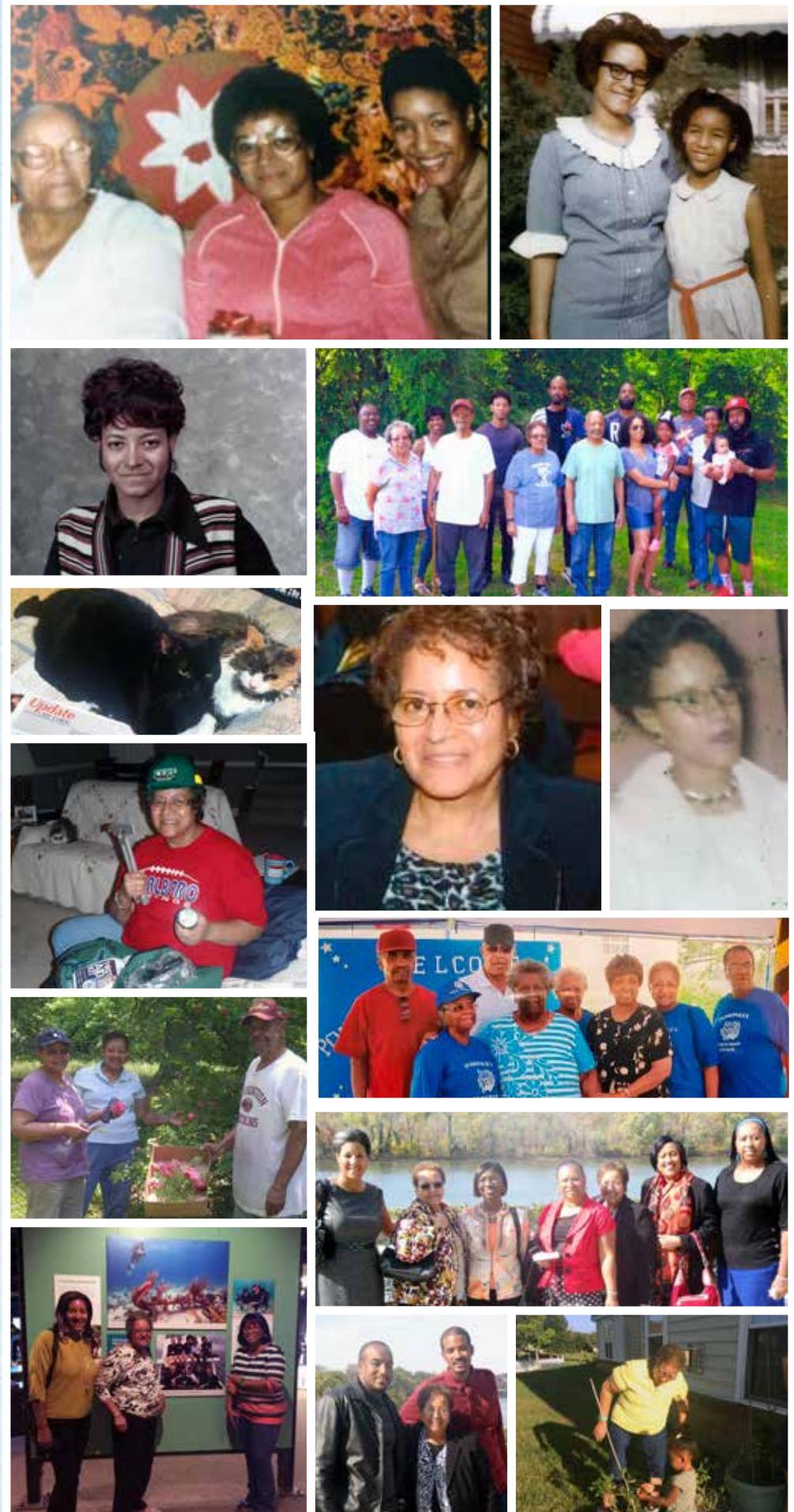
Barbara's other passions included travelling, cooking, eating, and baking her famous Walton's sweet potato pies. She could also throw down a mean carrot cake. She loved to cruise and has cruised every Caribbean route. Other travels include West Africa, South Africa, Nassau (her real love), Turks and Caicos, Curacao, Dominican Republic, St. Lucia, Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska. She collected tee shirts and turtles from everywhere. You could say that she never met a T shirt that she did not like.

Her biggest passion of all was her family. The Walton and Carroll families gave her love and a solid foundation. She was most proud of her daughter, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She could be described as compassionate, very independent, and well thought out. She loved adventure, challenges, and the sweet smell of success. She loved to hear of anyone's success story. She simply loved victories!

Barbara was a member of the Pomonkey High School Alumni Association, Pomonkey High School Class of 1957 Lunch Group, National Association of Black Scuba Divers (NABS), and former member of both the Coalition of 100 Black Women, and the Order of the Eastern Stars. For many years, she served as Treasurer for Maryland State Senator Nathaniel Exum.

Barbara was preceded in death by two brothers: Bennett H. Walton and Vernon C. Walton; one sister; Shirley A. Walton, and one brother-in-law, Eugene M. Johnson. She is survived by her daughter Melody A. Garrett, MD, son-in-law Woodrow W. Watkins, Jr., 4 siblings: Vera W. Merritt, Rodney A. Walton (Kimberly), R. Carroll Walton, and Kline I. Walton; 2 grandsons: Travis and Nicklaus Watkins; 5 grandchildren: Antonio and Javier Bonn, Juliette Watkins, Adeara Watkins, and Travis Watkins, Jr.; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and eternal friends.

*Gone but never forgotten!!!*



## If Roses Grow in Heaven

If roses grow in heaven,  
Lord, please pick a bunch for me.  
Place them in my Mother's arms  
And tell her they're from me.

Tell her that I love her and miss her,  
And when she turns to smile,  
Place a kiss upon her cheek  
And hold her for awhile.

Because remembering her is easy,  
I do it everyday, but there's an ache  
Within my heart that will never go away.  
*From Melody*



## God Looked Around His Garden

God looked around His garden  
And found an empty place  
He then looked down upon the earth  
And saw your tired face.  
He put His arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best  
He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb  
So He closed your weary eyelids  
And said, "Peace be thine."  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone.  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.

*From your loving grand and great-grandchildren*