



CELEBRATING
THE LIFE
OF A
Legend

"The sun has come. The mist has gone. We see in the distance our long way home. I was always yours to have. You were always mine. We have loved each other in and out, in and out, in and out of time."
-Maya Angelou

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with sincere appreciation, the many prayers, comforting messages, floral tributes, calls, cards and other expressions of kindness evidenced at this time in thought and deed. May God continue to bless you.

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John W. Barber Jr.

SUNRISE: JUNE 13, 1942 SUNSET: DECEMBER 19, 2021

Life Reflections

John Wesley Barber was born on June 13, 1942 to Mr. and Mrs. John and Christine Barber Sr. in Chicago, Illinois.

John grew up in Chicago, IL. He attended and graduated from Washington Elementary School in 1956. After graduating from Washington Elementary School, John attended Proviso East High School in Maywood, IL. While at Proviso East High School he met his wife Juanita and graduated Class of 1960. John was a hard worker and was employed at various companies including but not limited to American Can Company, and then International Harvester where he worked until retirement.

In February of 1962, John married the love of his life and best friend Juanita L. Dillard. They shared an immense love for each other, life, and family for over 58 years together. Through this union, John was blessed to have five beautiful children: John (III), Kimberly, Richard, Patrice, and Wesley. He exemplified what it meant to be a Father, man of strength, morals and the importance of family unity.

John loved and enjoyed imparting his wisdom on his family. He had the ability to make each and everyone feel empowered to conquer life's challenges. He was a provider for his family, he always made sure his children and grandchildren were provided for in every way. Whether it was advice or an ear to listen, he was there to provide in any way he could. He loved watching football and westerns. He also loved going fishing especially with his children and grandchildren. His love, wisdom, and mentorship extended beyond family to his friends and community.

He attended and joined God's Heritage Full Gospel Ministries under the leadership of Pastor James C. Williams where He accepted Christ as his Lord and savior.

On December 19, 2021 John was called home to rest. He was preceded in death by his wife Juanita L. Barber, his father John H. Barber Sr., his mother Christine Hamilton, his son Richard, and his daughter Patrice.

His leaves to cherish his memories: his children: John (Darlene) Barber III, Kimberly Barber, Wesley (Yolanda) Barber. His sisters: Gloria Williams, Marsha Ann Barber, Mabeline Barber, Mary (Monty) Stamps, Denise (Ezra) PridGeon, and Gwendolyn Samuels. His brothers: James Hamilton, Zachary Samuels, and John Barber Pennington. His grandchildren: Robert (Keesha), Tristan, Robyn, Christopher, Kennon (Meshelle), Torrence (Jalisa), Jarrin, Wesley, Jasmine, Devin, Elexus, and Mya. He had 25 great grandchildren and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. John was loved and will be missed by many.

Precious Memories

Dear Dad,
I thank God for you!! Thank you for setting an example of what a man should be! You've provided for us with your last. You've protected us with your life, respectfully spoke wisdom and instilled in us so many values. I will miss our talks especially with them ending in you calling me princess. It is because of you that I know my self-worth. Job well done dad, Rest in heaven with mom.
Love, Your Princess

As we sat and watched our favorite past time (Sunday Night Football). I watched you reach out and call your wife's name. At that moment I knew you were happy to see your queen! Though I felt tremendous pain when you took her hand, I understand that you felt tremendous joy!!
Rest in heaven my king! Till we meet again,
Your Son "Pig"

My brother, you will always have a special place in my heart.
I Love and miss you tremendously, **Gloria**

To My Ride & Die Partner and Brother in Crime and the best friend a sister could ever want!
Rest In Peace, **Mabel**

To John From Mary...you always told me to let guys know that my big brother was JOHN BARBER ... so don't bring no mess (and they didn't).. you enjoyed talking trash to my husband Montie and THAT contest was ongoing. We laughed a lot at everything and that's what I will miss..our birthdays are in the same month of June and I always outdid u when it came to birthday cards..you are gone from my sight but NOT from my HEART.. See ya later allegator, after a while crocodile
Mary

Poppabear thank you for all the family values, true wisdom and situational life knowledge you've continually poured into me my entire life. You are a pillar in life I love you and will miss you your big oldest grandchild.
"The Foundation Will Stand" **Robert**

Papa Bear,
I will miss you so much! I will always remember the times I was giving discipline, wisdom and correction. I appreciate and will always value the time you spent with me. Whether it was the pickups after school, the fishing trip, the life talks, and the encouragement to be my best. I will always remember that I can do anything I put my mind to. I will remember that family is everything and that we have to stick together no matter what. You taught me so much about being a leader and you have had so much influence on the woman I continue to become daily. You were the greatest grandfather a girl could ever imagine/ask for and I am forever grateful! I Love you forever! **Robbie**

Papa Bear,
We had our ups and downs, and it's hard for me to type this, but it'll be short and sweet, I'm going to miss us fishing, you waiting for me in my driveway, coming to the job, us having life talks, etc. I love you man, and no I'm not mad at you, in fact I'm Happy to see that You and Nana are back in stride again as one, forever.
Until next time, **Lil Wes**

Order of Service

Wednesday, December 29, 2021
Wake: 10:00 am - 11:00 am Service: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

God's Heritage Full Gospel Ministries
1200 South 5th Avenue
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Pastor James C. Williams Sr., Officiating

Organ PreludePaulette Triplett
Invocation/PrayerMinister
ScriptureMinister
SelectionPaulette Triplett
Acknowledge of CardsMinister
Words of Encouragement/Remarks(Please 2 minutes only)
Reading of ObituaryMinister
Eulogy/BenedictionPastor James C. Williams Sr.
RecessionalPastor James C. Williams Sr.

Pallbearers

Wesley Barber	Kennon Barber
Wesley Barber Jr.	Robert Anderson
Torrence Clanton	Devin Barber

Honorary Pallbearers

John Barber III	Walter Stinson Jr.
Michael Hayes Sr.	Darnell Cloyd
Derrick Hayes	DeAndre Hayes

Flower Bearers

Jasmine Barber	Meshelle Barber
Elexus Williams	Mya Barber