

Pallbearers
Nephews

Floral Bearers
Nieces

I Am Free

Don't grieve for me now, I am free,
I am following the path God laid out for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I found peace at the end of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it now with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
These things I too shall miss.
Be not burdened with time of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life has been full, I have savored much,
Good friends, good things, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't spend it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me;
God wanted me now, He set me free.
THANK YOU LORD

Expression of Appreciation

We, the family of Mrs. Barbara Jean Gilmore Melvin, would like to graciously thank everyone for their personal and collective prayers, food, visits, calls, flowers and other acts of kindness. Your many expressions of sympathy and love will always be remembered. God bless you all.

— The Family

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Homegoing Services of Love
Celebrating the Life
of
Mrs. Barbara Jean Gilmore Melvin



Tuesday, December 3, 2019
2:00 P.M.

St. Matthew Baptist Church
Newberry, South Carolina

Rev. Willie C. Hair, Jr., Pastor
Officiating

Obituary

Mrs. Barbara Jean Gilmore Melvin entered into the arms of Jesus on Wednesday, November 27, 2019. She was born in Newberry, SC, on August 10, 1941, to Mr. Willie Gilmore and the late Mrs. Florence Nance Gilmore.

She was a member of Saint Matthew Baptist Church in Newberry, SC.

Barbara was predeceased by her husband, Mr. Blakely Melvin; two brothers, Spence and John Willie Gilmore; and one sister, Ella Mae Gilmore.

Those who celebrate her life and cherish precious and loving memories include one daughter, Eleanor Rose Green; father, Mr. Willie Gilmore of Newberry, SC; two brothers, Wilbert Gilmore of Columbia, SC, and Nathaniel Gilmore (Katanya) of Lexington, SC; four sisters, Lucille Mitchell (L.V.) of Woonsocket, RI, Irene Scott and Emma Lee Griffin of Newberry, SC, and Sarah Lindsay of Anderson, SC; three uncles; one aunt; one sister-in-law, Bonnie Gilmore; and a host of nieces, including a devoted niece, Angela Baxter (George); nephews, cousins and friends.

*“Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was;
and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.”
— Ecclesiastes 12:7*

Order of Service

Prelude	Rev. Laré W. Williams
Processional	Clergy and Family
Final Viewing	Family and Friends
Selection	Choir
Scripture	Rev. Annie G. Reeder
Old Testament	
New Testament	
Prayer	Bishop Robert Kinard
Selection	Choir
Words of Comfort	Rev. Willie C. Hair, Jr.
Recessional	
Committal and Benediction	Graveside
Interment	Werts Cemetery Newberry, South Carolina
Repast	St. Matthew Baptist Church Fellowship Hall 61 Boundary Street Newberry, South Carolina