

**Floral Bearers**  
Family and Friends

**Pall Bearers**  
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**A Heart-Felt Thank You**

We, the children, would like to extend a heart-felt Thank You to Coker Day, who was not only Josephine's employer at Day Break, but someone whom she loved like a son. Coker, your love and support during this difficult time has been more than generous, and for that, we will be forever grateful.

With Love, **Kareem, LaSonya & Michelle**

**Acknowledgement**

We, the family, would like to thank all whom have expressed both their condolences and sympathies. We appreciate every phone call, every card, and the countless thoughts, prayers and words of comfort received during this difficult time.

***The Broken Chain***

*We little knew that day, God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.  
It broke our hearts to lose you. You did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.  
You left us beautiful memories; your love is still our guide.  
And although we cannot see you, you are always at our side.  
Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same.  
But as God calls us one by one; the chain will link again.  
- Ron Tranmer*



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**Celebration  
of Life for**

***Mrs. Josephine  
Turner Barton***

**August 10, 1952 -  
May 22, 2019**



**Wednesday, May 29, 2019, 11:00 A.M.  
Bethlehem Missionary Bapt. Church  
19 Ward Road  
Lugoff, SC 29078**

***Reverend Marion Bennett, Pastor***



# Obituary

*"May the Life I Lived Speak for Me."*

## Our Angel

*"Though we cry tears of sadness for the loss of our loved ones, so the angels weep tears of joy for the return of theirs."*

On Wednesday, May 22, 2019, the heavens gained a beautiful angel as Josephine Turner Barton departed this life unexpectedly. Though her life was cut short, Josephine knew the quality of her work in this life would please God, not the quantity. Josephine was born on August 10, 1952 to Robert Turner and Mary Bell Turner. While Josephine accomplished many things in life, her greatest title was *Mom*. Josephine's life was enriched by being the limb of her family tree, and breathing life into three children; Kareem White and LaSonya White, whom she shared with former spouse, David White, Jr., and Michelle Barton, whom she shared with her late spouse, Michael Barton.

## Accolades

*"I just want to hear him say, well done my child."*

Knowing the importance of an education, Josephine excelled in the Kershaw County School system. She went on to receive advanced training through Columbia Technical College. Being a nurturer and entrepreneur, Josephine launched Barton Residential Home in Columbia, SC, which was followed by Home Remedies in Camden, SC. In recent years, Josephine, a health care administrator, partnered with the great staff of Day Break, and was employed with the Company up until her passing.

## A True Southern Lady

*"A golden heart stopped beating, hard-working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us that he only takes the best."*

Josephine was affectionately known as a God-fearing woman, which exuberated elegance and dignity. Having a heart of gold, she never met a stranger. She had a contagious smile, captivating heart and caring spirit. Josephine loved southern chic decor, and her style was synonymous to a local Martha Stewart. Josephine was a pillar of the community, and a link in her family's chain, which will forever be missed.

## Adored and Loved by All

*"If we could bring you back again for one more hour or day, we'd express all our unspoken love; we'd have countless things to say."*

Forever carrying on Josephine's legacy, she is survived by three beautiful children, Kareem (Jennifer) White, LaSonya White and Michelle Barton; her mother, Mary Bell Turner; six grandchildren, Kareem White, Jr., Kayla White, Karrine White, Jaylin White, Shaun Covington, and Kemet Blocker; three siblings, Mary Alice (Robert) Harris, Robert (Valerie) Turner and Calvin (Lenora) Turner; a lifelong friend, Ethel Paraiwa of Australia; and a host of other relatives and friends all of whom will miss her dearly.

## Reunited

*"There is a beautiful place where our loved ones await, and they will greet us when our journey here is complete."*

Josephine was preceded in death by her father, Robert Turner, and dearly departed husband, Michael Barton.

# Order of Service

*Reverend Perry A. Williams, Presiding*

**Prelude -----**

**Processional ----- Clergy, Family, and Friends**

**Opening Hymn ----- Bethlehem Baptist Church Choir**

## Scriptures

**Old Testament - Job 19:21-27 ----- Evangelist Debra Belle  
New Testament – Rev. 21:1-5 ----- Evangelist Monique Walker**

**Prayer of Comfort ----- Minister Valerie Coles**

**Selection ----- Bethlehem Baptist Church Choir**

**Reflections – 3 Minutes ----- Family and Friends**

**Medley of Songs -----**

**Mr. Kareem White  
Mr. Calvin Turner  
Mr. Robert Turner, Sr.**

**Eulogy ----- Pastor Marion Bennett**

**Selection ----- Mr. Sam Dennis  
"Now Behold the Lamb"**

**Recessional ----- Funeral Directors**

**Committal Rites and Presentation  
Greenlawn Memorial Park  
7100 Garmers Ferry Road  
Columbia, South Carolina 29209**

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