

Honorary Flower Bearers

Retired Teachers - Association
Elbert County Historic Society

Flower Bearers

Marilyn Mitchell
Patricia Downer
Erica Youngblood

Camilla Williams
Polly Jones
Bunice Porter

Honorary Casket Bearers

Men of Lofton Grove
Darius Downer

Elegant Gents
John Brown

Casket Bearers

Joe Downer
William McLendon
Lester Giles, Jr.

Ricky Willis
Rodney Willis
Greg McLendon

Ushers

Lofton Grove Ushers

Interment

Lincoln Heights Cemetery
400 N Oliver St.
Elberton, GA 30635

Acknowledgement

The family of Barbara Jean McLendon would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions. Your phone calls, visits, flowers, thoughts and prayers have all helped greatly during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you.

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In Loving Memory *Barbara Jean McLendon*



Sunrise
February 20, 1940

Sunset
October 23, 2017

October 28, 2017
1:00 p.m.

Lofton Grove Baptist Church
305 Campbell St
Elberton, GA 30635

Pastor Leonard Walker, Officiating

Obituary

Barbara Jean McLendon, better known as Bobbie, was born February 20, 1940, in Winston Salem, North Carolina to the union of Melvin and Bertha Giles. She is preceded in death by her parents and husband, Charlie McLendon.

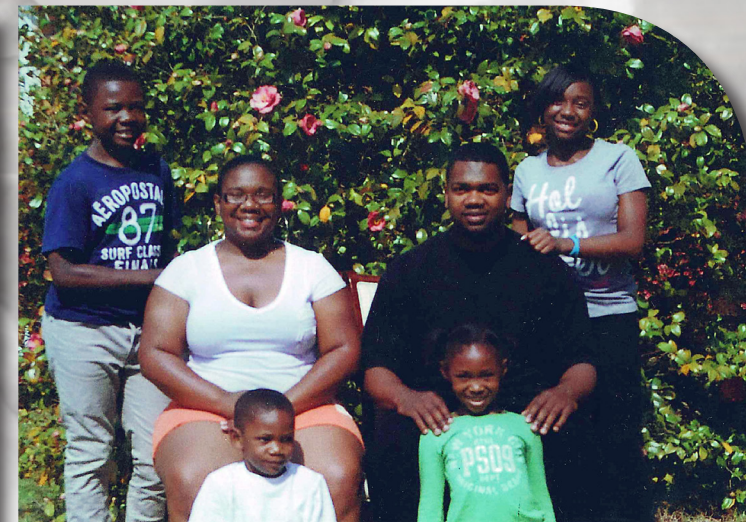
Barbara grew up in the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she obtained her basic education. In 1963, she graduated from Benedict College with a Bachelor's of Science in Chemistry. She also met the love of her life, Charlie, whom she married in 1963. To this union were born Tracy S. McLendon and Derrick M. McLendon. She later obtained a Master's of Education in Physical Science and Leadership and Administration from the University of Georgia. She also pursued additional educational studies at Columbia University and New York City University. She was an educator for over 40 years, educating students in Elbert County and Abbeville, South Carolina. She was an advocate for education at all levels.

She travelled extensively in the United States - the Pacific Northwest, the Caribbean, and Canada. Barbara enjoyed reading the Word, attending concerts, museums, flower shows, and professional baseball games of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

She enjoyed swimming, card-playing, talking, gardening, exercising, and volunteering. Most of all, she loved helping others -- giving advice, making important decisions, and confronting challenging situations. Last but not least, she loved the Lord Jesus Christ. She attended Lofton Grove Baptist Church, where she participated in many activities including Bible Study, teaching Sunday School, attending to the children in daycare, and serving as the church secretary and chair of the Usher Board.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her sons Tracy S. McLendon (Patricia), Derrick M. McLendon (Catrenia), and her sister, Shirley Hamilton; grandchildren - Latashia DuBose (Gregory), Deltorrious McLendon, Jazmyne Johnson, Azrien McLendon, Derrick McLendon, II, Arie McLendon, Djimon McLendon, Tori McLendon, and Micah Socek; great-grandchildren Khloe McLendon, Paris McLendon, Kellin McLendon, and Kamora McLendon; three neices, three nephews; and a host of aunts, other relatives, and a very special friend, Ms. Frances Willis.

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Order of Service

Processional.....	<i>"It is Well"</i>
Selection.....	<i>"Solid Rock"</i> Lofton Grove Choir
Scriptures	
Old Testament	Rev. Alton Downer
New Testament	Rev. Michael Routh
Prayer.....	Rev. Robert Burkins
Remarks	
Spiritual	Rev. Alton Downer
Professional	Mrs. Rudine Phelps
Community	Mrs. Sallie Hood
Friend	Ms. Carolyn Bolton
Family.....	Mrs. Tara Thompson
Solo.....	<i>"How Great Thou Art"</i> Rev. Keith Norman
Remarks.....	Sons/Grandchildren
Acknowledgements.....	Dr. Catrenia W. McLendon
Solo.....	<i>"Great is Thy Faithfulness"</i> Ms. Sabrina Vann
Eulogy.....	Rev. Leonard Walker
Recessional.....	<i>"When The Gates Swing Open"</i>

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God's Garden

*God looked around His garden
And He found an empty place
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your precious face.
He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest;
God's Garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain
He knew you'd never ever
Get well on earth again.
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, "Peace be thine"
Then He took you up to Heaven
With Hands so gentle and kind.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God welcomed you home.*

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has chosen 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've now found peace at the end of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Oh yes, these things I, too, will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow;
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee;
God wanted me now—He has set me free.*

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