



I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
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 that peace at the close 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,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*



Interment

Crown Hill Memorial Park



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*A Service of Memory
Celebrating the Life of
Barbara Ann Hawkins*
October 7, 1938 — April 22, 2021



Saturday, May 1, 2021
Visitation – 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Mass of the Christian Burial – 10:30 a.m.

Church of the Resurrection
1619 California Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45237

Obituary

Barbara Ann (Trotter) Hawkins, 82, was born on October 7, 1938 in Cincinnati, Ohio to the late Lloyd C. Trotter, Jr. and Mildred (Redmond) Trotter. She was the first born of four children.

She was a graduate of Hughes High School in 1962. Because of her love of children, in 1970 she became employed at (Princeton) Woodlawn Elementary School as a Educational Aide for 30 years assisting teachers, the school office, librarian and cafeteria. She wore many hats and was outstanding in all her roles.

Barbara was a loving mother of three children: Sheila, Donald and Michael. She was joined in holy matrimony to Vernon Allen Hawkins, Sr. for 43 years and became mother to Vernon Jr., Albert and Linda — “That’s how they became the Brady Bunch.”

She was known by many names to people who loved and knew her well i.e. “Babs”, “Barb”, “Bobbie”, “Ma”, “Mother Nature”, “Granny” and “G.G.”

Barbara’s love of God and strong faith, she surrendered her life to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior at an early age. She was a member at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Lockland for many years until she converted to the Catholic faith and then she was a member of Church of the Resurrection. Her church activities were varied and abundant: Choir, Bereavement Committee, Food Pantry, Rock of Ages, Senior Group and Travelers Group. She also

baked delicious Lemon Meringue pies and 7-up cakes for church fundraisers.

Barbara’s father once told her to see the world. That she did with her devoted husband. They traveled abroad to Europe, Canada, Egypt, Mexico, the Caribbean, Panama Canal, Hawaii, Las Vegas, Alaska and Niagara Falls. They were a Globe-Trotter couple.

Barbara was a valuable member of her community, always volunteering time and energy to a worthy cause and joining many worthwhile organizations. She volunteered for and ran on the Village of Woodlawn’s first Fire Department Life Squad, served as Chaplain for I-Dom-I Temple #1287, member of Woodlawn P.T.A., Board of Elections, NAACP, Unicef, Girl Scouts, We Thrive! And Woodlawn’s 50 Plus Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Allen Hawkins, Sr.; parents, Lloyd C. Trotter, Jr. and Mildred (Redmond) Trotter; brother, Lloyd C. Trotter III and his wife, Charlene Trotter (Shark); sister, Claudia (Trotter) Ellis; and children Vernon Jr., Donald, Sheila and Linda.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her children, Michael Graves (Catie) and Albert Hawkins (Felicia); sisters, Johnnie Hammond, Norma Jean Ellis; sisters-in-law, Patricia and Jeanie; brother-in-law, Oliver; 16 grandchildren, 28 great-grand-children and 16 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Barbara would always say, “And this too shall pass” (2 Corinthians 4:17-18).

Mass of Christian Burial

Rev. David Lemkuhl, *Pastor*

Rev. Mr. Royce Winters, *Pastoral Administrator*

Elder Rick Trotter, *Homilist*

Musical Interlude *In This Very Room* and *Trust Me*

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Sign of the Cross

Sprinkling With Holy Water

Placing of the Pall

Opening Procession

Order My Steps

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Responsorial

Psalm 23:1-6

Reading II

Acts 9:36-42

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-40

Homily

General Intercessions

In Loving Memory: Vernon Hawkins, Sr., Sheila Tucker, Donald Smith, Jr., Vernon Hawkins, Jr., Linda Hallums, Claudia Ellis, Walter Tucker, Walter Redmon, Lloyd and Mildred Trotter, Jr., Lloyd Trotter III

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Service Music

Lord’s Prayer

Lamb of God

Communion Procession

Blessed Assurance

Communion Meditation

Take Me To The King

Communion Prayer

FINAL COMMENDATION

Family Remarks

Honorable Brian Poole,
Hattie Stevens, John Ellis

Invitation to Prayer

Song of Farewell

Prayer of Commendation

Procession to the Place of Committal

Closing Song

Goin’ Up Yonder