



Acknowledgements

We deeply appreciate your kind expression of sympathy in our time of great sadness.

We know our pain will decrease and what will remain will always be.

Love all whom you hold dear
Precious is the time you share

Do not wait for tomorrow
For tomorrow may not be...

Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

Special thanks to: Ms. Terrye May, Ms. Virginia Pryce, Ms. Wanda Patterson, Alice and Ron Erskine, Connie and Terry Ferguson, The Staff of Barrett Cancer Center, Hospice of Cincinnati, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

The Ballard Family



Honorary Pallbearers

Donovan Wilson
Raymond Johnson
Jack Benna, Jr.
Wesley Ballard

Donald Shabazz, Jr.
Anthony Benna
David Benna
Lee May, Jr.

Please join us to celebrate Barb's life

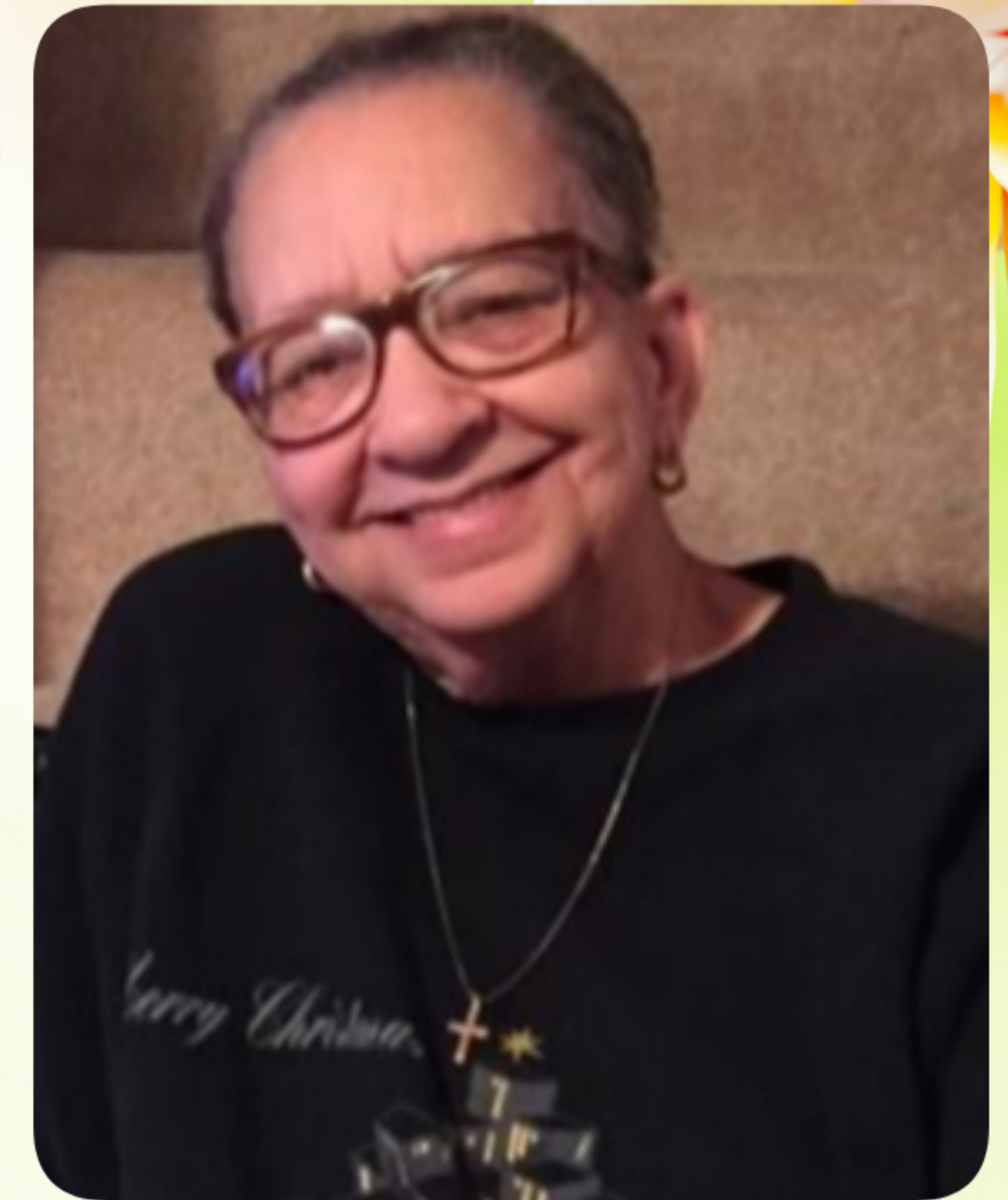
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Fueled Collective, 3825 Edwards Rd, Suite 103
Cincinnati, OH 45209



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Celebrating the Life of



Barbara Benna Ballard

Sunrise: June 19, 1943 - Sunset: June 17, 2022

Saturday, June 25, 2022

Visitation: 10:00 am

Memorial Service: 10:30

Trinity Missionary Baptist Church

6320 Chandler St

Cincinnati, OH 45227

Pastor Dwayne D. Flood, Officiating

Obituary

Barbara Benna Ballard was born to David E. Benna Jr. and Nancy (Payne) Benna on June 19, 1943 and was known to all as “Barb.” She was later lovingly adopted by David G. and Blonzetta (Smith) Benna.

She joined Trinity Missionary Baptist Church as a young child, baptized under the pastorate of the late Reverend W. Martin Harris and was a standing member until her passing. She graduated from Withrow High School in 1961 and upon graduation began working at Cincinnati Bell Telephone. Subsequently, she began working for The U.S. Playing Card Company and ultimately, landed her dream job with American Airlines in downtown Cincinnati where she worked for several decades until retirement.

Barb set up roots in Madisonville where she was born and raised. She met and married Robert Willis and to this union Robin (Willis) Shabazz was born. Later she married the love of her life, Alonzo (“Lonnie”) Edward Ballard in 1973 and to this union was born their second daughter Alona Elisha Ballard. Barb was proud of her two daughters and raised them with the discipline of a “tiger mom,” and kept a constant eye on their life experiences like a true “helicopter” mom. In 1996 her only grandson was born to their oldest daughter Robin, Donovan Drake Wilson who was the “apple of her eye.” Donovan and his “Grammers” shared a special bond as he was the son she never had.

She loved baseball, golf, fishing and camping at Eagle Valley Campground, and she especially loved spending time with her close-knit family and good friends. She looked forward to her lunches with the American Airlines retirees and enjoyed a good round of Texas Hold'em with her “Camp friends.” Those who have life-long memories will easily recall the Ballard’s infamous Christmas Eve parties, which became an annual event loved by family, friends and neighbors. She was as loyal as she was tough!

Barb was lovingly known as the “Da Matriarch” of the family and looked forward to hosting family gatherings at their home. She relished this title and wore her crown proudly!

Barb is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Alonzo; daughters, Robin Shabazz (Donald Jr.) and Alona Ballard; grandson, Donovan Wilson and host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends and her “fur baby” Torrie.

Order of Service

- Musical Prelude
- Hymn of Rejoicing Dawn Merritt
"Take Me To The King"
- Prayer Pastor Dwayne D. Flood
- Scripture Anthony Benna
Matthew 17:20
- Acknowledgements Kimberly Benna
- Reflections Please limit to 2 minutes
Raymond Johnson
Anne Olson
Alice Erskine
Richard Chiles
- Obituary Read Silently
*A time to reflect, pray and give God thanks for the life of
Mrs. Barbara Benna Ballard*
- Musical Selection Dawn Merritt
"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"
- Eulogy Jack Benna, Jr.
- Video Tribute
- Benediction Pastor Dwayne D. Flood
- Recessional Clergy, Family & Friends
"Going Up Yonder"



Inurnment

Gate of Heaven Cemetery
11000 Montgomery Road
Cincinnati, OH 45249

