



Mrs. Barbara Jean Byrd

March 17, 1938 - April 6, 2018

Celebrating The Life of Barbara Jean Byrd:

Barbara Jean Byrd was born on March 17, 1938 to the union of Albert and Addie Jeffress in Detroit, Michigan.

Barbara was educated in Catholic Schools attending Sacred Heart, St. Leo and the University of Detroit.

Mrs. Byrd was employed by the City of Detroit Department of Streets and Traffic for several years. She married Melvin E. Byrd in 1966 and to this union was born Melvin E. Byrd, Jr.

Barbara was a devoted member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and Corpus Christi Church for over 50 years. She was the recipient of several awards from the Archdioceses of Detroit.

His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida, Archbishop of Detroit, in accord with the Indult granted by the Holy See, designated Barbara Byrd as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist to minister to the needs of the people of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in 1998 and Corpus Christi Church in 2008.

Barbara was a generous woman who believed in equality for all people. She was a Life Member and Golden Heritage Member of the National Association

For The Advancement Of Colored People, one of the original members of the Charles H. Wright Museum for African American History and a charter member of the James Tatum Foundation for the Arts.

A world traveler and avid photographer, she traveled the world, throughout the United States, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Caribbean.

After a lengthy illness, Barbara departed this life on April 6, 2018.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens

17840 Middlebelt Road
Livonia, MI 48152

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Apr. **13.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Saturday, Apr. **14.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Corpus Christi Catholic Church
19800 Pembroke
Detroit, MI 48219

Funeral Service

Saturday, Apr. **14.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Barbara Jean Byrd*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Melvin and Family,
We are sorry to hear of Barbara's passing. She was a sweetheart.
May God keep you in His Loving Arms. I will be praying for you.
Mary Donnell and Family Pontiac, MI. Leon and Rhonda's Friend.*

Mary Donnell - April 14, 2018 at 09:19 AM



“ *With all my heart, Maya Boyd (Friend of Melvin Jr) purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Barbara Jean Byrd.*



With all my heart, Maya Boyd (Friend of Melvin Jr) - April 12, 2018 at 04:39 PM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort embrace you with peace and hope during this difficult time. Rev 21:4*

Ms Laverne - April 11, 2018 at 08:51 AM

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“ Melvin & family - sorry to hear of Barbara's passing. I am so happy I got to know her a little bit. Thank you to both of you for being my "welcome committee" at H F V. Prayers, sadness and blessings for her family. May HE keep you in HIS tender loving care during this time of transition in your loss. She is now at peace and in time her family will also find this peace. I have and still going through this process myself - it just takes lots of time, prayers, acceptance, memories, crying, family & friends, knowing life is eternal and lots of LOVE Karen J PB506

Karen J Kelley - April 10, 2018 at 07:09 PM