



## Mrs. Candace Barber

May 10, 1915 - January 30, 2016

### The Life And Legacy Of Candace Barber:

Today we honor and celebrate the life of Candace Barber. Candace's parents, Isaiah and Elizabeth Lapsley welcomed her into the world on May 10, 1915 in Uniontown, Alabama as the fifth of six beloved children.

At an early age, Candace developed a love for education and after matriculating through the Perry and Jefferson County School systems, she received her teaching certificate from Miles College in Fairfield, Alabama. Her college later received the honor of being designated as a historical black college. Upon her graduation, she returned to her hometown of Uniontown, Alabama and served as an educator for many years.

During those early years in Uniontown, she met and married Thomas J. Ward (deceased). There was one child from this union, Joyce A. Miller. Years later, she migrated to Detroit, Michigan in search of better opportunities for she and her daughter. After arriving, she found a new church home at Alpha and Omega Missionary Baptist Church where (while singing in the choir) she met and married her second and last husband George B. Barber (deceased). There were three children from this union: Yolanda Thompson, Reginald Barber (deceased), and Maria Barber.

Candace accepted God into her life at an early age and lived her life as a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. Her love for God was evident in all areas of her life. In 1959, Candace joined Chapel Hill Baptist Church and served faithfully for over 43 years. She served consistently as a Sunday school teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher, choir member, and on countless committees, auxiliaries and ministries. Candace instilled wisdom and the love of God into her family and sowed seeds of love that will reap harvests for years to come.

Surrendering to her calling, Candace continued her education at Marygrove College where she majored in and obtained a degree in education in 1980. While working for the Detroit Board of Education, Candace received a great deal of satisfaction and fulfilled her passion as she nurtured her students in the same manner that she nurtured her children and grandchildren. She also fulfilled her civic responsibility by serving as an election poll worker for over 30 years.

In the latter years of her life her health declined, but in spite of it all she maintained her strength, humor, dignity, humility and love for others with an enthusiasm for life, often enjoying social activities at Caring Hearts Adult Day Care and spending quality time with family and friends.

On January 30, 2016 while surrounded by her loving family, Candace peacefully transitioned.

# Cemetery Details

## Grand Lawn Cemetery

23501 Grand River  
Detroit, MI 48219

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

Monday, Feb. 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellowship Chapel  
7707 West Outer Drive  
Detroit, MI 48235

## Funeral Service

Monday, Feb. 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Candace Barber*

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January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM

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“ *To the family of Candace Barber*

*We the daughters of Crayton Lapsley being Lue Ethel Carson, Smyrna, GA; Dorothy Smith-St. Augustine, FL; Alfreeda Lapsley and Margurite Muharib-both of Cleveland, Ohio and grand-children and other descendants of Crayton Lapsley are very saddened for the loss of our Aunt Candace Barber. Regretfully, we are not with you physically, but our spiritual love is with you. We do understand that having lost someone is a difficult moment of life. May God provide you the strength you need to cope with this difficult situation.*

*Thank you so very much for taking care of Aunt Candace when she could not take care of herself.*

*In Exodus 20:12 The Bible states to “Honor your father and your mother, that you may live a long time in the land the Lord your God is giving to you.*

*Poem:*

*Aunt Candace you are  
Gone yet not forgotten,  
Although we are apart,  
Your spirit lives within us,  
Forever in our hearts.  
You will be missed.*

*From The family of Crayton Lapsley*

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**Crayton Lapsley Family** - February 08, 2016 at 08:16 AM

JG

“ Prayers and love for you and the family! God will continue to give you strength.

Joy Gilbreath - February 06, 2016 at 11:01 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Mrs. Candace Barber.



February 04, 2016 at 01:58 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Candace Barber.



February 03, 2016 at 01:48 PM

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“ My sympathy to the family. May it comfort you to know that God is near to those that are broken at heart-Psalms 34:18

Ms. Tuffy - February 03, 2016 at 12:50 PM

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“ Pat Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Candace Barber



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Pat Lewis - February 02, 2016 at 10:38 PM

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“ Our condolences Maria to you and your family.  
From the Lewis family  
Jimmie, Pat, Kim and Eric

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Pat Lewis - February 02, 2016 at 10:37 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss, I know this is a very difficult time for you.  
Death is always terribly sad. The bible helps us to cope and it gives  
us hope. Please please read Isaiah 25:8, soon God will swallow up  
death forever. You will no longer feel this pain again! May this God's  
words give you comfort doing this difficult time

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kelynn - February 01, 2016 at 08:28 PM