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Services for Barbara Ann Ayres, of Lufkin will be held Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Grace Tabernacle Church. Burial will follow in the Davis Memorial Gardens. Visitation is Friday from 9:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m. at Colonial Mortuary .

Barbara Ann (Grady) Ayres, affectionately called (Ann) departed this life and was granted her wings on March 20, 2018. Her final days were spent surrounded by her family and friends family and friends that touched her life in some way. Barbara was born on July 10, 1941 in Lufkin, Texas, to the parentage of the late of Tommy and Georgia Grady.

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT

Barbara attended the Lufkin Independent School District and was a graduate of Dunbar High School with the Class of 1959. She had been employed as a cook in various restaurants. She also had been employed by J. C. Penny Department Store from which she retired.

MARRIAGE/LIVELIHOOD

Barbara married her High School Sweetheart the marriage lasting for fifty six years. To this union three lovely children were born.

She was an avid cook and loved to socialize with family and friends, weekend excursions, singing and lots of laughter. Barbara met no strangers and she will be remembered by her beautiful smile. She loved all of her family and was especially happy to have reunited with extended family members: (The Grady' s) from Dallas, Texas in recent years. She also sang with Silvertone Singers, and the Lufkin Interdenominational Choir.

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

She accepted Christ at an early age. Her church affiliations included Long Chapel CME Church , Lufkin, Texas, Church of The Living God PGT, (Pillar Ground and



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Truth) uniting under the pastorage of Pastor Jonathan Tima. Barbara and her family later united with The Church of The Living God, CWFF, under the pastorage of Pastor Billy Ray Keller. At her demise, she was united with the Church of The Living God, CWFF, (Christian Worker's for Fellowship) Lufkin, Texas. She also served as President of the Mission Department at Church of The Living God. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

LEFT TO CHERISH HER MEMORIES

Her spouse of fifty six years, Freddie Ayres; Children: Minister Straffod Grady (Cedric); Ronald Ayres; Calvin Ayres (Susan); She was a proud bonus mother of two sons, one preceding her in death, Kendall Wade; Baron Ayers (Cedric); Nieces, Aundrea Martin; Lisa Castillo (Tony); Sheila Martin; Kristi Stegall; Nephews: Philbrick Grady; Rodney Martin; Sean Stegall (Tejuanna); Mark Ingram; Rev. Michael Ingram (Sandra); Grandchildren: Brittany Smith (Ferdinand); Kendall Grady; Jasmine Grady; Ashford Ayres; Blake Malone (Lindsay); Lt. J.G. Teronda Brown, USN; Katrina Ayers, De'Metrius Duirden; Ten great-grandchildren
Aunts: Hazel Maiden (Roy) Ruby Punch; Uncle: Arthur Taylor; Sister-in-law, Deloris Stegall; Special cousins: Marcell Horace (Vernon) and Judge Bryant (Helen); Special friend/Sister in Christ, Lavell Myers; Other special friends, James Stewart, Pearl Moses, Dorothy Bennett and Lee George Ingram.

PRECEDED HER IN DEATH

Siblings: Brother, Pastor Ollie Stegall; Sisters, Evangelist Francis Martin and Evangelist Catherine Ingram; Nephew: Marvin Ingram; Niece, Angela Ingrhm•, Uncles, John Punch and Charlie Punch.



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Ashley A. posted:

I will ALWAYS love u Granny...🙏🙏❤️🙏🙏 Your oldest Grand, your 1st daughter, Ashley. Continue to rest peacefully!

August 23 at 3:48 PM



Yvonne Mccalister lit a candle in honor of Barbara .



March 30 at 5:46 AM



Pastor Billie Keller posted:

When peace like a river attendeth my way- when sorrows like sea billows roll - whatever my lot the Lord has taught me to say IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL. May the God of peace comfort your hearts during this time of grief. Pastor Billie and Rev. Betty Keller of Pasadena California

March 23 at 6:19 PM



Anita Darks sent a virtual gift in honor of Barbara .



March 23 at 10:58 AM



Jessie, Rosie, Jb, And Fabian Austin sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Ayres family.



March 23 at 9:19 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Barbara by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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