

*In Loving Memory
of
Linda Louise Barnes*

SUNRISE
March 24, 1940

SUNSET
March 3, 2014



SERVICES

Saturday, March 8, 2014 — 11:00 a.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

1005 Northeast 23rd Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

Dr. James H. Tucker, Senior Pastor

Pastor Adrian Brown, Redeemer Lutheran Church
Officiating

Obituary

Linda Louise Garrett Barnes was born on March 24, 1940 to Rachel Solomon Garrett and Johnnie Kimble Garrett in Butler, Texas.

She attended Butler from elementary through high school where she graduated as the Salutatorian of her class. Linda went on to continue her education by attending Prairie View A&M University, as well as Oklahoma State University. It was at OSU, while working to receive her residency for dietetic work, that she met her future husband, George Jessie Barnes, in 1964.

After completing her degree at Oklahoma State, Linda moved to Chicago where she worked at Mt. Sinai Hospital, as well as Veterans Administration Research Center, in Chicago, on weekends.

On June 2, 1965, Linda and George were married and soon moved to Oklahoma City. Through their union, George Jessie Barnes, Jr. and Alicia Dawn Barnes were born.

Linda stood out as a dietitian at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Oklahoma City, where she fought tirelessly for the rights of her patients, co-workers, and employees. She soon became the first Black individual to reside as the Assistant Chief of Dietetics at the VA Medical Center. She retired after 37 dedicated years of service.

Linda was an active member of Redeemer Lutheran Church for over 40 years and Jack and Jill of America for over 20 years. She was also an innovative leader in the American Dietetics Association for more than 35 years and a founding member of NOBIDAN (National Organization for Blacks in Dietetics). Linda greatly enjoyed the sense of sisterhood and spirit of fellowship that she found with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She shared over 20 years of love and friendship with her sorors until her passing on March 3, 2014.

Linda leaves to cherish her memory her husband, George; her children, George Barnes, Jr. (Margaret) of Virginia and Alicia Fletcher (Preston) of Georgia; two brothers, Lee Garrett (Diane) and Johnnie Garrett, both of Texas; five beloved grandchildren: Griffin Walker, Peyton Grace, and Hudson Garrett of Virginia, and Rachel Paige and Preston Garrett of Georgia; and a host of other precious family members and dear friends.



Someone So Dearly Loved

By Jacqueline Ryan

Someone so dearly loved, so popular with her friends
We should not cry forever, for this is not the end.
Her memory lives amongst us; times we both laugh and cried.
We cannot bear to lose her, but one day, we all must die.
I hear her voice within me and her funny little laugh,
So many things remind me/us of times that are not gone past.
I know of no one who hated her; she was the apple of every eye.
Any conflicts, we all once had are now by and by.

Forever Friends,
Barbara, Brenda, Gloria, Hazel, Janice, Jackie, and the Walstreet gals