



## Ms. Barbara Jean Hollesen

December 23, 1943 - August 19, 2023

Mrs. Barbara Jean Hollesen was born on December 23, 1943, to the late Mr. John Wesley and Mrs. Lula Belle Kemp, in Fayetteville, North Carolina. She was called to God's Heavenly Garden on August 19, 2023. She was preceded in death by her siblings Sarah K. Gorham, Johnny Kemp Jr., Cecilia Mordecai, Jeffery Kemp, Dorothy M. Johnson, Emma L. Simmons, Larry W. Kemp, and Annie E. Specks.

Barbara accepted Jesus Christ at an early age at Beaver Creek Methodist Church. The family later moved to Bonnie Doone where she grew up in Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, she was educated in the Cumberland County School System. In the last few years Barbara continued her worship as a faithful member of the "virtual" Silver Lining Ecumenical Ministry, Inc. in Springfield Gardens, New York.

Upon relocating to Queens, New York Barbara met and married Mr. Malcolm Hollesen, who would be her life-long love. She and Malcolm celebrated 38 years of marriage and they had two children and one granddaughter and one grandson.

Picture this; the daughter of sharecropper whose hands cropped and strung tobacco, picked tomatoes and peas, years later would be visiting the White House standing with the first Black President of the United States of America, President Barack Obama. The same arms that carried baskets of string beans from the field, she used to embrace the President and same face that burned in this North Carolina sun had a smile on it that could light up world. Yet, the Godly pride of it all was from her daughter, U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Caroline Hollesen, who invited her Mom to this historical event and meeting. She was very caring and loved cats. She was very talented. She wrote songs, loved to sing, dance, and enjoyed life mostly with a smile and she was a nurturer. Her grandchildren called her Grandma, her children called her "Ma" and "Mommy". The family affectionately called her "Barb", "Aunt Barb". She was truly a spiritual blessing to the Silver Lining Ecumenical Ministry as "Mother of the Church" and we called her "Aunt Barbara". She was truly a Woman of God. Her closing remarks at Bible Study and Prayer Meeting were always, "I love you and God Bless you". Mrs. Barbara Hollesen leaves to cherish her memories four children: Retired Navy Petty Officer Caroline Hollesen, Malcolm Hollesen, Jr. of Norfolk, Va., Edwina Gray of Delaware, and Eugene (Shirley) Gray of Brooklyn, NY. (1) Sister

Helen D.

McNeill of Fayetteville; (2) Brothers Willie B. (Linda) Kemp of Stedman and Sterling

(Virginia) Kemp of Fayetteville. Two grandchildren, Carolnae Hollesen and Ethan

Ford. A host of nieces, nephews, family and friends and Church Family, and many

other people who were special in her life.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP 1. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Mt Olive Missionary Baptist Church  
118 Johnson Street  
Fayetteville, NC 28303  
(910) 868-2770

## Funeral

SEP 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

Mt Olive Missionary Baptist Church  
118 Johnson Street  
Fayetteville, NC 28303  
(910) 868-2770

## Burial

SEP 1 (ET)

Cumberland Memorial Gardens  
4509 Raeford Rd  
Fayetteville, NC 28304

# Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Barbara Jean Hollesen*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - August 30, 2023 at 03:21 PM

DR

“ *So sorry for your loss. As you celebrate the life of Mother Hollesen may blessings of peace and love and comfort abide with you always*

Delores Rosado - August 31, 2023 at 08:16 PM

LJ

“ *As a child I used to love spending the weekends with Aunt Barb, Uncle Malcolm, Caroline and Malckie. I will miss her beautiful smile and the twinkle in her eye! She has always been a special part of our lives, she loved Caleb and thought of him like one of her grandchildren and although she didn't get a chance to meet Steve in person she loved him very much! Rest in Peace our beautiful, sweet Aunt Barb, you are at peace and reunited with Grandma Lula Belle and your beloved brothers and sisters. I will cherish your memories... always. Love, Lauren*

Lauren Jarvis - August 31, 2023 at 08:02 PM

DR

“ *Delores Rosado lit a candle in memory of Barbara Hollesen*



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**Delores Rosado** - August 31, 2023 at 07:58 PM

LJ

“ *Lauren Jarvis lit a candle in memory of Barbara Hollesen*



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**Lauren Jarvis** - August 31, 2023 at 07:46 PM

JH

“ *Jacqueline Hill lit a candle in memory of Barbara Hollesen*



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**Jacqueline Jones Hill** - August 31, 2023 at 05:21 PM

SF

“ *Sandra Smith & Family lit a candle in memory of Barbara Hollesen*



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**Sandra A. Smith & Family** - August 31, 2023 at 03:06 PM



“ Barb was a beautiful woman. I met her for the first time when I picked her up at the train station, in Harrisburg PA, to take her to her daughter's baby shower. Over the years we became good friends and she had a good time, with my, husband Bob, when we would go to visit in VA. You'll be missed and loved always. Till we meet again. Love and fly high Barb.

Marie Zeigler - August 30, 2023 at 12:18 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Barbara Jean Hollesen.



August 29, 2023 at 11:00 AM



“ Rev. Buckman lit a candle in memory of Barbara Hollesen



Rev. Buckman - August 29, 2023 at 09:43 AM



“ Love, Silver Lining Ministry Ecum. Min. purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Ms. Barbara Jean Hollesen.



Love, Silver Lining Ministry Ecum. Min. - August 29, 2023 at 09:37 AM

TC

“ *The Jarvis Family; Steve, Lauren & Caleb purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ms. Barbara Jean Hollesen.*



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**The Jarvis Family; Steve, Lauren & Caleb** - August 28, 2023 at  
11:18 AM