



*God grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change;  
courage to change the things I can;  
and wisdom to know the difference.*



**THANK YOU**

*The family of Barbara would like to thank  
everyone for the prayers, love, and kindness  
shown at this very difficult time.*



**AN INVITATION**

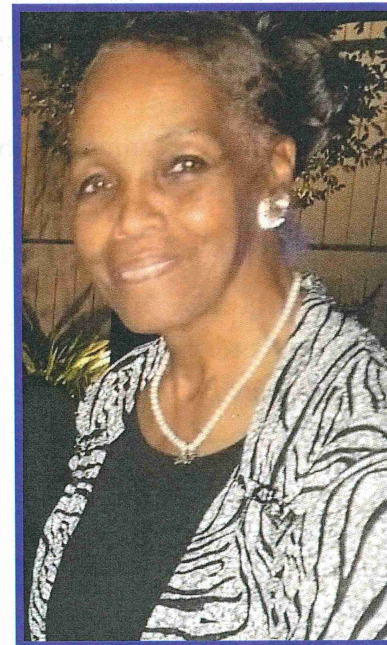
*Please join us for a luncheon at St. James Parish  
in the Parish Center immediately after the Committal.  
~The Martin-Golden Family*

**Mass of Christian Burial**

for

**Barbara Martin-Golden**

Beloved Child of God, Mother, Grandmother,  
Sister, Friend, Colleague, Teacher



April 23, 1951 ~ February 20, 2023

Monday, February 27, 2023  
11:00 A.M.

St. James the Less Catholic Church  
Savannah, Georgia



*This is a service of Thanksgiving for the life of  
**Barbara Martin-Golden***

*Please pray with us, follow the liturgy, sing hymns, and  
participate joyfully in the closing chapter of her life.*

### **MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

#### **Greeters**

Faculty & Staff of St. James School

#### **Presider**

Father Joseph A. Smith

#### **Concelebrants**

Father Peter Lanshima  
Father Joey Buencamino  
Father David Koetter

#### **Deacon**

Rev. Mr. Louis Santore

#### **Homilist**

Father Joe Smith

#### **Musicians**

Charles Ancheta  
Delphine De Mauro  
Sheryl Cohen

St. James Catholic School Student Alumni Choir

#### **Servers**

Brooklyn Baldwin  
McKinley Tate  
Harrison Tate

### **A Portrait of Barbara Martin-Golden**



On Monday February 20, 2023 at 3:00am, our dear sister Barbara Ann Martin-Golden was called by God to rest. She lived 71 years dedicating her life and heart to God, serving as a daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, educator, family member, friend, confidant, advisor and advocate.

A Savannah native, Barbara grew up in First Bryan Baptist Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Benedict's Parish, and St. James Catholic Church. Barbara was educated in the Catholic Diocese of Savannah having attended St. Mary's Parochial School and St. Pius X High School. She is a graduate of Savannah State University with further graduate work in education at Armstrong Atlantic State University.

She gave the world her talents by teaching 48 years in the Catholic Diocese of Savannah at St. Mary's Parochial School in 1975 and at St. James Catholic School from 1977 until 2023.

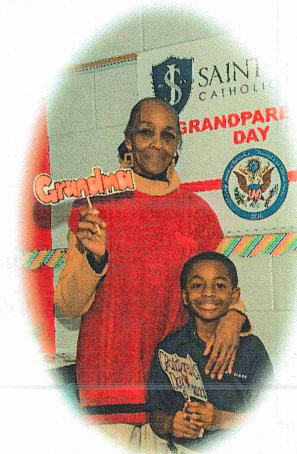
She is preceded into Heaven by her great grandparents Nola and William Spivey, and David and Daphne White; her grandparents Inez Smith, Colin Smith, Roman Washington, Sr. and Peter Bryan; her uncles Roman Washington, Jr. and Benjamin Graham. Her Heavenly family also has her devoted mother Delores W. Bryan, her father Reginald C. Bryan, and her brother Reginald T. Bryan.

She leaves a family behind loving her dearly: two aunts Bernese Graham and Isabel Hudson, her brother Tyrone Bryan (Karen), her sisters Narvia Williams (Barney) and Dr. Dianetta G. Bryan, and sister-in-law Ann Rhett. Dearest to her heart her loving daughter Katrina A. Martin, and her dedicated son William E. Martin IV., 3 delights of her life grandchildren Diamond Jones, Damascus Chambers, Jr., and Alivia Destiny Martin.

She continues to be loved by a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. Her St. James family of Sisters, colleagues, her students, parents of students, her St. Benedict's family and Pirates House family and friends. Holding her dear in heart are Sr. Joan Felicia and Fr. Joe Smith with special remembrances of Rev. Fred Nijem, Fr. Herbert Wellmeyer and Rev. Jim Mayo.

In honor of their teacher, Barbara Martin-Golden, St. James has established a scholarship fund. Remembrances are asked to be sent to St. James Catholic School Scholarship Fund in lieu of flowers.

*May the work she has done in  
God's world speak for her.*



**COMMUNION MEDITATION**

“Above All”

Sung by Delphine De Mauro

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**REMARKS OF REMEMBRANCE**

William Martin

**FINAL COMMENDATION**

Response:

“Receive her soul; And present her to God the Most High.”

**SONG OF FAREWELL**

In Paradisum | solo

**PRAYER OF COMMENDATION**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

“Christ Be Our Light”

**Verse 1.** Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

**Refrain:** Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts,  
Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today

**2.** In deepest night, shadows are lifted

Now let your servant go forth in peace

Your Word fulfilled, your promise honored

Love that will never cease! *(Refrain)*

**3.** Many the gifts, many the people,

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,

making your kingdom come. *(Refrain)*

**PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITAL**

Catholic Cemetery

1720 Wheaton St., Savannah, Georgia

**PRELUDE**

“I Look to You”

Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dr. Dianetta Bryan, Barbara’s sister

**HONOR GUARD**

Present and Former Faculty & Staff members

**+ INTRODUCTORY RITE +**

**ENTRANCE HYMN (stand)**

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

1. The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness fails me never;  
I nothing lack if I am his, And he is mine for ever.
2. Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he’s leading,  
And where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feeding.
3. Confused and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill with you, dear Lord, beside me;  
Your rod and staff my comfort still, Your cross before to guide me.
5. You spread a table in my sight, your saving grace bestowing;  
And O what transport of delight from your pure chalice flowing!
6. And so through all the length of days your goodness fails me never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise within your house forever.

**OPENING PRAYER**

Father Joe Smith

## + LITURGY OF THE WORD +

### FIRST READING (sit)

*"The wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament."*  
Daniel 12:1 – 3 | Read by Mrs. Colette Sego, former teacher

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 27

"The Lord is my light and my salvation."

### SECOND READING

*"We shall see him as he is."*  
1 John 3:1-2 | Read by Tina Blackston, teacher

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (stand)

"Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory."

### GOSPEL

*"Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in heaven."*  
Matthew 5:1-12 | Read by Deacon Lou

### HOMILY (sit) Given by Joe Smith

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL (stand)

Response: "Lord, Hear Our Prayer" | Read by Deacon Lou

## + LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST +

### PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (sit)

Stephanie Creeden, Karen Woods, 6th grade students

### OFFERTORY HYMN

"Be Not Afraid"

1. You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.

**Refrain:** Be not afraid. I go before you always.  
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

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2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,  
know that I am with you through it all. (*Refrain*)

3. Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me,  
blessed, blessed are you! (*Refrain*)

### COMMUNION HYMN

"I Am the Bread of Life"

1. I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger;  
and who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

#### **Refrain:**

And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.

2. The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread, you shall live for ever, you shall live  
forever. (*Refrain*)

### COMMUNION HYMN 2

"We Remember"

**Refrain:** We remember how you loved us to your death, and still we  
celebrate, for you are with us here; and we believe that we will see you  
when you come in your glory, Lord.

We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

1. Here, a million wounded souls are yearning just to touch you and be  
healed. Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart. (*Refrain*)
2. Now we recreate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a  
meal. Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord. (*Refrain*).
3. Christ, the Father's great 'Amen' to all the hopes and dreams of ev'ry  
heart. Peace beyond all telling, and freedom from all fear. (*Refrain*)
4. See the face of Christ revealed in ev'ry person standing by your side,  
Gift to one another, and temples of your love. (*Refrain*)