

## *Pallbearers*

Buford Mills, Jr.

William Howard

Jermaine Douglas, Sr.

Isaac Hazelton

Jermaine Douglas, Jr.

Devante Mingo

## *Interment*

**REST HAVEN MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY  
Tampa, Fl**

## *Acknowledgment*



With grateful and sincere hearts, we thank you for your prayers, words of comfort, and all acts of love and kindness extended to us during the illness and loss of our beloved mother, grandmother, & great-grandmother Barbara.

*-The Family*

## *Repast*

Please join us at the Raintree Village Clubhouse— 11715 Raintree Lake Lane, Temple Terrace, Fl 33617 where we will reminisce on the days of old and embrace everlasting memories.

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## *Celebrating* *the life, love & legacy of*



## *Barbara Davis Mills*

*Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring  
her praise at the city gate.*

**Saturday, March 9, 2024**

**11:00 a.m.**

*Reverend Arthur Green, Jr. Officiating, Eulogist*

**NEW SAINT MATTHEW M.B. CHURCH  
1006 S. 50<sup>th</sup> Street | Tampa, Fl 33619  
Reverend Alex Hall, Pastor**



# Barbara Davis Mills

1940 - 2024

Barbara was born in Tampa, Florida to the late Charles Francis Davis and Mary Lou Neal Davis.

She attended the local schools of Hillsborough County, graduating from Howard W. Blake High School, Tampa and Gibbs Junior College, St.

*"A wife of noble character who can find?"* ~ Barbara met and married the love of her life Buford W. Mills, Sr. in 1964 and to this union 5 children were born.

*"She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands."* ~ Barbara served as secretary for Stone and Gordan Funeral Home and Eastside Funeral Home in Tampa; Teacher Aide and Substitute Teacher for Hillsborough County School System and Membership Secretary and Art Instructor for Ybor City Boys and Girls Club of Tampa.

*"When it snows, she has no fear for her household: for all of them are clothed in scarlet."* ~ Barbara stood true to her word, nurturing her family with the love and kindness she firmly believed that everyone deserved. She had an unspoken personal rule of always putting her children's needs ahead of her own. Her proudest moments were intertwined with the joys and achievements of her children and grandchildren, whom she cherished beyond measure.

*"She is clothed with strength and dignity: she can laugh at the days to come."* ~ She was a pillar of strength, laughter, and love. Her indomitable spirit defined her. A woman of unparalleled grace, kindness, and curiosity. She touched the lives of everyone she encountered. Barbara's love and keen interest in others led her to form deep connections, and she never missed an opportunity to offer positive encouragement to those she met.

*"Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."* ~ Now that she has finally met the Man she has witnessed to others about for so many years and been honored to sit at the feet of the one she prayed to, not to mention beholding the beauty of the one she taught her family about, her spirit is satisfied and when the trumpet is sounded and the sky opens once and for all, the Master Himself will call her name saying, "Barbara, you've been faithful, you've been true and you've done all you could ever do and for your faithfulness, ITS YOUR TIME."





## Favorite Scriptures

<sup>26</sup> Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: <sup>27</sup> Neither give place to the devil.

~ Ephesians 4:26-27

<sup>4</sup> And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.



~ Revelation 21:4



*And He will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.*

- Revelation 21:4

Barbara was preceded in death by her loving husband Buford Mills, Sr.; daughter, Christina Mills; parents, Charles and Mary Davis; grandparents Horace and Lula Neal; great-grandchild, Avery Mingo; brothers, Charles "Chuck" Golden and James Davis; father and mother-in-law, Namon and Idell Mills; sisters-in-law Yvonne Scarlett Golden, Joyce Ann Brown, Gwendolyn Mills, Alice Mills Robusky, Shelia Mills Jones; dear friend Maxine M. Douglas, and other loving relatives and friends.

Celebrating her love, life, and legacy are her loving and devoted children Buford Mills, Jr., Monica Mills (Isaac Hazelton), Valencia Mills Lopez (William Howard), and Donna Mills Douglas (Jermaine); loving grandchildren Angelique Lopez Mingo (Devante), Jennifer Lopez (Everett Ferguson) Lay'la Howard, Jermaine Douglas, Jr., Nia Douglas, Geovonnica Douglas & family, Sharmaine Douglas & family and Daja Douglas & family; adoring great-granddaughter Avaya Mingo; her grand-fur baby, Bentley Lopez; loving sister-friends Carol Cotton & family and Cynthia Flowers; In-laws whom she loved and cherished Namon Bernard Mills (Dianne), her "Tiny" Jacquelyn Mills Brown (Garry) and Louis Brown; nieces and nephews with whom she truly adored Monique Mills & family, Altelio Moragne & family, Jason Robusky, Patrick Mills, Kimberly Mills Sanders & family, Christopher Mills & family, Winston Jones (Jennifer), Phillip Guest & family; Tasha Brown & family; her "sun" Victor Mills & family, her adopted son Maurice Green & family; grandnieces and nephews Wanda Only Jones & family, Kimberly Rhoden & family, Dana Only & family, Horace Golden, Monica Delancy & family, and Courtney Doss & family; cousins Earl Ward (Charlotte) & family, Pearl Neal & family, and Lindy McCarty; her "suns" Damien Green & family, John Zonata' & family and Roderick Floyd; her "sunshine" Tasha McMillan and family; her family in love Reverend Arthur Green, Jr. and family, Erma Jean Johnson, Gale Green, Tracy Brown, Alicia Hernandez, Anthony Coles, James Green (Joyce), Delores Ann Brown, Tampa Eagles Football Organization, Ybor City Boys & Girls Club, Eastside Funeral Home, former 15th Avenue and Lindell Avenue family, Lincoln Gardens family, Temple Terrace & East Congregations of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses, Tony & Shelia Holt and family of Roanoke Rapids, NC, Holt Assessment Services, LLC and other loving family and friends.





# Proverbs 31

*An excellent woman, who can find?*



She is far more precious than jewels. She does good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.....She arises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens.....With the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong.....Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet. She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple..... Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

*Her children rise up and declare her happy;*

*Her husband rises up and praises her.*

*There are many capable women,*

*But you—you surpass them all.*

*Proverbs 31: 10-31*

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# Order of Services

## Parting Glance

*“The Lord’s Prayer”*

Instrumental

New St. Matthew M.B. Church Music Ministry

*Our Words to God*

Prayer by Altelio Moragne

*God’s Words to Us*

Reverend Arthur Green

Old Testament – Psalm 91

New Testament – Revelation 20:11-21, 5

*Musical Interlude*

“I Won’t Complain”

New St. Matthew M.B. Church Music Ministry

*Acknowledgements*

Gudes Funeral Home

*Musical Interlude*

“I’m Gonna Be Ready”

New St. Matthew M.B. Church Music Ministry

*Words of Comfort*

“God Teach Us to Number Our Days”

Psalm 90

*Reverend Arthur Green, Jr.*

Greater Bethel M.B. Church, Tampa Florida

*Recessional*

“Till We Meet”

New St. Matthew M.B. Church Music Ministry

Remember me as you pass by, as you are now, once so was I.  
As I am now you too shall be, so prepare yourself to follow me.