



## Barbara Ann Parahoo

November 21, 1944 - April 5, 2006

BARBARA ANN MACK PARAHOO departed life on Wednesday, April 5, 2006, after an extended illness. She was born November 21, 1944 in Granite Quarry, North Carolina. She was the daughter of Josie Mae Gladney and step-daughter to Johnnie Mack.

She leaves behind two brothers, Arnold Mack and Susan of Washington, DC, Phillip Mack of Silver Spring, MD, and one sister, Malinda Coleman and LeRoy of Camp Springs, MD, and a host of nieces and grand nieces, nephews and grandnephews, as well as a large number of other relatives and friends.

Barbara or "Barb" as she was affectionately known to her relatives and friends graduated from Roosevelt High School and Strayer College, both located in Washington, DC.

Barbara worked as a Procurement Contract Specialist for over 30 years at various U.S. government agencies and private industry, including the U.S. Courts, the Department of Transportation, as well as the Department of Commerce. Although she "officially" retired in 1997, she continued to pursue her career in procurement by working on temporary assignments.

"Barb" was an avid ballroom dancer and loved shopping and fashion. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, reading, traveling, and was an excellent listener. While she enjoyed her hobbies, her passion was for underprivileged children. She contributed her money and time to helping those less fortunate. And this is why she was so special to family and friends.

She will be missed for the love and zeal she had for others, and for the courage, strength, and endurance she had during difficult times.

To send a lasting tribute or condolences to the Parahoo family, please sign the Online Guestbook below. Click "Sign Guestbook".

# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Ann Parahoo*

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October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *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.*

*Barbara you have been such a great friend and mentor, I miss you so much. There is so much left unsaid and so much left undone. I will miss you much and you will always have a special place in my heart. You are a peace.*

*Love ya.*

*Peggy##imported-begin##Peggy Y. Pennie##imported-end##*

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April 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *All prayers for you and the family during this time of  
grief.##imported-begin##Rena Boss-Victoria##imported-end##*

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April 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Family and Friends of Ms Parahoo,

*We wish to extend deepest sympathy on the loss of Barbara.*

*We at work only saw a tiny facet of the wonderful person that she was.*

*She had many co-workers who were concerned when we learned of the deterioration in her health, and we are saddened at her departure. We will miss her, too, and we grieve with you.##imported-begin##Co-Workers at CACI##imported-end##*

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April 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ To the family of Sis.Barbara,

*Our hearts, prayers, and deepest condolences are with you.*

*Sis. Barbara,*

*We miss you.*

*We lost a dear friend and a sister who gave all she had. You left a legacy for us to cherish. We know that you are at peace now. We'll see you on the other side.*

*LOVE YOU!!!##imported-begin##Millicent, Walter, Cassandra, Tamara, and Noel##imported-end##*

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April 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Whao", is your famous expression when something is awesome. You made me to always say whao in return whenever we met. I said whao when I got into the singles banquette hall last year and you said, "that is what I expected". When I visited you at the hospital some hours before your surgery you still said whao and smiled over your pain. I said whao when you physically left this world.*

*All these is to let the world know that you are a woman of faith and joy. Rest in peace. Love Marie.*

*Omega Gospel Center*

*Wash DC###imported-begin###Njah Marie###imported-end##*

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April 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sr. Barbara,  
We are all preparing for your funeral tomorrow morning.  
I know you`d love the setting to "be like wow" as you always said  
when we organised a reception in church. The expression resounds  
in my ears as I hear your sweet voice suggesting what I should do  
as Grace Team Leader. I remember how you laugh and choke in it  
because you can`t stop seeing the fun in all we did.  
I`m gonna make sure, we don`t forget how you`ll want things to be  
as we do decorations anytime. Thank you for the ideas you left with  
me.I`ll keep them jealously.I talked to Sr. Bola and we`ll do well to  
get her ideas if need be. She`s praying for you too.She felt bad but  
she has your appointments in her book though.  
I know you`re not gone for good and as I pray everyday, I know the  
Holy Spirit will remind me of anything I might forget. While all this is  
going on I remember one thing: something in one of your many very  
beautiful poems:"it`s in the valleys that I grow." I`m in a valley now  
and as you rightly said, I`m growing by God`s grace.  
C u.

With Love...Leslie.##imported-begin##Leslie Jones##imported-  
end##

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April 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ In Sympathy,  
May the family's cherished memory eased their sorrow in this time  
of sadness.  
Cousin Annie Rushing and family##imported-begin##Annie  
Rushing##imported-end##

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April 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Although I did not get to know you as well as I would have liked, I felt your desire to help others. Your work with your brother in PIA was exemplary. You will sorely be missed.##imported-begin##Barbara Roberts##imported-end##

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April 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Ms. Barbara: On February 5th 2006 I met you for the first time when Commie Berkeley brought you to my home for our very first group meeting. I listened to you speak to the group of amazing women and was proud to be connected to a woman who showed remarkable tenacity. I looked forward to a long relationship and hoped to learn a lot from you. I did not know that would be our first and last meeting. Even in that short a time you left an indelible mark on all who met you. Thank you. You are now with the Lord and we know you are fine. We will see you one day.

To your family: my sincere condolences. Take comfort in knowing you had a woman in your midst who touched a lot of lives. Many of us learned a lot from her, even in some cases with only a few hours of being in her presence. May the Lord give you strength.##imported-begin##Susannah Mondoa##imported-end##

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April 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ I will always remember Barbara, because when I would see her in the halls I would quietly walk up next to her, she would turn around and give me one of those bright smiles. Barbara had such a gentle spirit, and a very calming voice. I will really truly miss this flower of God.##imported-begin##Ashley Garrick##imported-end##

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April 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear family of Barbara Parahoo,

*I wanted to offer deepest sympathy and condolences to you.*

*I met Barbara when she interviewed with us back in 2003 or 2004. I was impressed at what a humble and sweet person she appeared to be. I'm glad that she came to work for us and that some of us could get to know her better.*

*We were privileged to even meet her!*

*May God comfort you during this time of grief.##imported-begin##yuri##imported-end##*

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April 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Sister Barbara,

*How can we ever forget you. The messages and the music in your poems said it all about you. After receiving so many telephone calls from you, the Lord has decided to call you home to be by his side. We can only imagine how sweet and lovely it is to be by his side. We stay behind to celebrate the peaceful and friendly life you lead, hoping to see you again. That is the confidence we have in the Lord.##imported-begin##The Mbahs##imported-end##*

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April 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sister Barbara,*

*Your love has been set as a seal upon mine heart: for your love for us here at Omega has been as strong as death that separated you from us. Many waters cannot fill the vacuum your absence has created neither can it quench your love in our hearts. That your love exploded towards us at Omega is very evident; the orphans, Grace Team, the Youth, Abba's Children, and the Women ministry. Thank you.*

*You are my friend and sister forever. With all boldness, you've always magnified Christ in your body, whether it is by life, or now by death. For to you to live was Christ, and to now die, you have just exploded into the presence of the Lord and it's all gain. I am jealous of you and the dance you are having there now with the Lord. I would have made my last dance with you a little longer if I had known that it was the last dance.*

*We at Omega promise that we will work with every ounce of energy left in our blood under the leadership of sister Powell to make sure your desire for the Orphans is fulfilled. A foundation ?Barbara Parahoo Foundation? will be created in honor of your desire for Orphans. Congratulations! You saw and received freely what many are laboring to have?Salvation which is free. ?God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.? 1 John 5:11-12. Enjoy Him, we are coming to meet you!*

*Thank You for ALL your sacrifices.*

*Pastor Toby Awasum  
Omega Gospel Mission##imported-begin##Toby  
Awasum##imported-end##*

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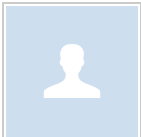
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“ My beloved, I will miss you more because of the many unfinished businesses we had started. From the time pastor TOBY preached the message that " IF ONE DIES WITHOUT REPLICATING THEMSELVES OR SKILLS, THEY HAVE NOT DONE WHAT THEY WERE REQUIRED TO DO", You have been after me to revive the contracting department of Tri-State so you can train two people in the church with the procurement skills you had acquired during your many years of working with the government. I regret for not acting fast enough. All the preliminary work you had done is still on my desk. I did not understand the reason behind the urgency. I have learned. I will work hard to revive the contracting department, the Lord will grow it so we can use the funds to help sister Donna continue the vision of taking care of more orphans. You are one who put into practice the things that your pastor preached when it came to circular work. On the eve of your surgery, we joked and laughed as usual. Our faith did not fail us, The Lord Knows better. I am consoled with the scripture that says" To be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord". I will miss you.##imported-begin##Jeannette Awasum##imported-end##

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“ To her family and friends I want to encourage you that she knew who God is and and we trust his word that he takes care of his own. I will always remember her joy and laughter. Maryce##imported-begin##Maryce Hall##imported-end##

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“ To the Parahoo Family,

*Although I didn't know Ms Parahoo personally, since I am relatively new to the Contracting Center of Excellence. But, I have heard nothing but "Great Things" about her and the legacy she left at her place of employment-She is still here in spirit. Godspeed to her Family & May the "Peace" of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ, be with you all!##imported-begin##Gary Jefferson##imported-end##*

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April 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Barbara, your infectious smile will be missed. God rest your soul and Bless your family. Prayfully the comfort of knowing you are loved will ease some of the sorrow.##imported-begin##Adriene Norman##imported-end##

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“ I just wanted to extend my sincerest condolences to Ali and your family. I will keep you in my prayers.##imported-begin##Jackie Brown##imported-end##

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“ Sis Barbara,  
I now understand your poem. "It depends in whose hands it is found". Death in the hands of the almighty God is very precious. Indeed I remember Psalm 116:15 kjv "Precious in the sight of the Lord the death of his saints". The time appointed by the Lord came but the gap left behind is so big. However I must praise the name of the lord for everything. Sis. it is going to be virtually impossible to forget about you. Your impact among the brethren was so great. However Jesus is our strength.  
Deacon Anthony Nti  
Omega Gospel ministries  
6210 Chillum PI NW, Washington D.C. 20011##imported-begin##ANTONY F. NTI##imported-end##

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“ To Barbara's Family: In the quite moments, when the hurt is hard to bear, May love become your shelter and may the beauty of precious memories be your comfort at this time. May your sorrow be turned to joy through God's loving touch.##imported-begin##Rita Simmons##imported-end##

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“ The word of GOD... shares with us, to be absent from this body is the present with the LORD...  
May you rest in peace Barbara.  
  
Condolences to Barbara's family and relatives. May GOD comfort you all in this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Leona C. Cousar##imported-end##

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“ *SISTER BARBARA WAS SUCH SUCH A WONDERFUL SISTER,ALWAYS HAVING A POSITIVE POSTURE,JUST HER SMILE,THE WAY SHE WALKS,TALKS WAS SO EXPLOSIVE AND WOULD MAKE YOU FEEL SO SPECIAL.ENCOURAGEMENT,COMFORT,LOVE AND CARE WAS HER. I JUST WANT TO THANK GOD FOR YOUR SALVATION. WITH MUCH LOVE I DO SAY, MAY YOUR SOUL REST IN PERFECT AND ABUNDANT PEACE. THERE IS TIME FOR EVERYTHING,BECAUSE THE WORKS OF THE LORD ARE NEVER QUESTIONABLE I KNOW THIS IS THE DAY THAT HE HAS MADE THAT WE SHOULD REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN THEE.BLESSED ARE THEY THAT MOURN FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED.I DO THANK GOD FOR JOURNEY MERCIES. ON BEHAVE OF OMEGA GOSPEL MISSION I'LL SAY WE LOVE AND MISS YOU.##imported-begin##VICTOR EBENKI-OMEGA GOSPEL MISSION##imported-end##*

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“ *Dear Sr. Barbara,  
I worked closely with you for some years in the church. Your sweet and gentle attitude towards every situation we encountered always kept me going.  
The way you calmed down when I assured you everything will be okay, always made me thankful to God that we could see him in each other.  
I remember our last laughter on the phone, you were in your hospital room, a few minutes before the surgery.  
I bless the Lord for having blessed us all with you.  
I love you and so long...I'll keep praying for you till we meet in the Glory of Christ Jesus.  
Leslie.##imported-begin##Leslie Jones##imported-end##*

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“ *Barbara:*

*Words cannot amount to how much I will miss your presence in this life. Thank you for all of your support, encouragement, patience and most of all your cheerful smile everyday. Truly, I am humbled to have known you as a colleague and a friend. My deepest sympathy is extended to your family with my prayers for their continued strength on their precious loss.##imported-begin##Edna Taylor-Capers##imported-end##*

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“ *Sister Barbara*

*When your bell tolled the other day without preable,it took your Omega brothers and sisters by surprise.Your absence from the last few church services and events seems to confirm our fears and the inevitable. As you may rightly guess,everybody thinks that someone would explain this void but no one has the answer. As I close my eyes in an apparent daze, pleasant memories of your charm and inspiring presence flash through my mind's eyes like a movie I will treasure forever. Your poems still strike a cord in me, in us,in your Omega family, making you an everlasting spiritual icon. We will therefore continue to celebrate your life, even as you make your presence felt in celestial places and enjoy the lasting peace of our the giver of life.*

*The Ngides*

*Omega Gospel Center##imported-begin##The Ngides##imported-end##*

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“ *Barbara was a very cheerful and sharing person. She helped my sister, from NY who lost use of both kidneys in 2004. Barbara and my sister would talk long distance on a routine basis about my sisters condition and how to deal with it in a positive way. My sister thanked me on several occasions for bringing Barabara into her life. Barbara help my sister deal with traumatic changes in her life, dialysis treatments and changes in her level of energy, etc., and alway spoke positively about dealing with her condition. In short Barbara has blessed my family for the short time we knew her and I am sure God is smiling down on her.*

*God Bless!*

*Julian Boggan##imported-begin##Julian O. Boggan##imported-end##*

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April 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Sis. Barbara, you have fulfilled the scripture from Philippians 1:21 "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain" You truly lived the life of Christ while you were here on earth and now that you are gone to be with HIM in glory, it is gain for you and I thank God for your life. We will live to remember you for all your love for the needy especially the orphans, kind and encouraging words of wisdom which you always deliver by means of poetic expressions.

*I will miss you at the Omega Women Fellowship Meeting because you were always present and always among the first to arrive, I will miss you at the Grace Team 'Essence of Glamour' because you always sponsor this event, I will miss you at the Omega Family Picnic this summer because you were always making us laugh with your good sense of humour, I will miss you every Sunday because your seat was just behind me in the pew, above all, I will miss you every Saturday when I come to church to prepare the programs because you were always there cleaning the church. However, every memory of you will only be a source of strength for me to continue in the legacy which you've left for us to follow.*

*As a covenant member of Omega Gospel Church, we will celebrate your life with joy because of the hope that we have in Christ knowing that we shall reign with HIM in eternity to part no more because the second death has no power over us who have taken part in the first resurrection. Rev. 20:6###imported-begin###sis. Jane Nkeng###imported-end###*

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“ I really miss my dear friend and colleague and sorry to know she is gone. Even though we had only known each other for only a short time, she was my best QVC friend with our joy of QVC shopping. God Bless and I pray she is with HIM. Love, Linda Jackson, -DCC-W.##imported-begin##Linda Jackson##imported-end##

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“ To the Parahoo family rest assured that our sister is gone to rest with the lord . Be comforted by the Spirit of the Lord . Jn 14:1-4,8,27. God bless you .##imported-begin##isaiah aneambili##imported-end##

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April 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ You will be missed!!!  
All those beautiful poems you wrote will keep you evergreen in our memory. Remember "I threw it all Out?"  
The Lord giveth, He taketh.  
Love you always##imported-begin##EDWAN FON - OMEGA##imported-end##

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April 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Barbara  
You were a pleasure to work with always a smile on your face for everyone. I still walk faster than you! You'll be missed. God bless & rest in peace.##imported-begin##Maria Hayes##imported-end##

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“ Sis Barbara,  
You've fought a good fight.  
You've run the race with endurance to completion.  
You've put a smile of joy on several faces.  
The Gospel of our Lord has been your dire responsibility. You've handed the relay baton we will continue the race. Stay in peace in the bosom of our Lord. We will greatly miss you but His will be done. "Precious in the eye of the Lord is the death of His Saints" Ps.116.5. May your beloved family find solace in the Lord.  
Amen.##imported-begin##Peter Akufongwe##imported-end##

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“ God Bless you all, and I pray that you will find an overwhelming comfort in his arms.##imported-begin##Caren Bush##imported-end##

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“ We loved you Barbara, but God loved you best. May you rest in peace.  
To the family I offer my condolences. May God bless and help you all get through this period of sorrow.##imported-begin##Stephanie Fogg##imported-end##

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April 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ I am very sorry for your loss. Barbara was a sweet person and she will be missed.

*Beth Yancey co-worker*##imported-begin##*Beth Yancey*##imported-end##

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“ To Barbara's family and relatives . Barbara will be sorely missed by me. She will remain in my prayers every day.##imported-begin##*John M. Buccigrossi*##imported-end##

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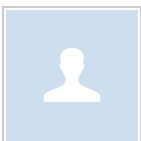
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“ Sister barabara, I will always remember your beautiful personality and can do attitude. Every poem you gave in church influenced my actions. I love you and look forward to meeting again in heaven. May blessings cover you and your family. With love, Azah Awasum##imported-begin##*Azah Awasum*##imported-end##

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“ Hey Sis Barbara,  
I bow in worship and praise before our Lord for the example you were to me. I am going to miss that beautiful smile but at the same time thanking the Lord because you have gone to a better place. A place where, we all look forward to come to. Your absence in the Grace team will be strongly felt.  
Love you!##imported-begin##*Princess Carla*##imported-end##

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April 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sister Barbara, we are going to miss you here in this life. But we will see you when we all get home some day. The orphans are going to miss you. Who will take care of them now? The Omega Family is going to miss you. The mission Department is going to miss you the most. We pray the father to send someone to take over your task here.##imported-begin##Pastor John Egyawan - Omega##imported-end##*

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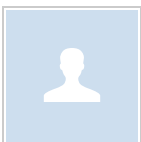
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“ *Sister Barabara  
The Lord God had sent you on hearth for a good reason, and you've accomplished the mission you're in charge. He has decided to end your journey beacause the Great Commision to which your were responsible of has been fulfilled. Rest in peace in the Lord's presence and pass your humility on to your surviving family. We'll meet again to party together on the resurrection day in the presence or our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen!##imported-begin##Emmanuel Ngollo##imported-end##*

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Barbara's family during this time of bereavement. Barbara was a helpful colleague. She was also playful in a nice way. I will miss her here at The Contracting Center of Excellence. May God bless and keep you.##imported-begin##Patricia A. Williams##imported-end##*

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April 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Barbara you were a good- good friend that was pleasure to know and work with. You indeed touch my life and may you rest in peace. Your Buddy, Arch##imported-begin##Archie N. Hector##imported-end##*

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“ Hi Barbs,

*So this is real that our friendship 15 years has come to an end. I wish I would told you I loved you when I called you the morning of your surgery. You were so strong and cheerful that I could not even think that, that was my last time talking to you. Well God has been giving me the strength to deal with your departure. I thank God for the good times we spend together in the world and I thank God that when I believed I was also able to invite you to Omega where you also accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. This is the only thing that makes me happy because I know you with the Lord. I know all what you have gone through than anybody else in the church, you good days and your bad days. I will always remember all the advice you used to give me. You treated me as your daughter, at that time it meant nothing to me but now, when I look back it beginning to make sense to me. The valentine gift you gave me is still on my table and it will there for a longtime. Since your departure, I have been playing the CD you bought for me and listing to the words, I begin to think you were alreading getting ready to go and our Father God. The second record which was your favorite says "how happy you will be when you go to heaven". I now see why every morning I pick you up to go to church you will always give me that CD to play for you. I have never had an American friend as you. You accepted me with my heavy African accent and you trusted me as a friend. I will miss the phone calls I always get from you after church service to discuss what the Pastor preached and also the calls I get from you on Saturday evening to listen to the peom you have prepared to read in church during the singles Sunday. You always prepare two and you will read the two for me to select the best. I will really miss your organization skills and you honesty. Thank you for taking care of the registration of visitors during the Church Conventions and Anniversaries. Thank you for selling the T-shirts and CDs. Thank you for cleaning the church whenever you feel better and thank you the interest you have for the orphans. Lastly, thank you for having me as friend and a sister-in Christ. I give God all the glory for the 15 years we spend together. Where we started does not matter but where ended it what really*

*matters. I am happy you ended with the Lord and I will meet you one day when he calls me too.*

*I will always remember you as long as I live. I am happy that you are resting now and God is very happy that you did what was expected of you.*

*Comfor Berkeley.*

*Your Cameroonian Sister###imported-begin##Comfort Berkeley###imported-end##*

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“ *Wow Barbara:*

*It's true you are Resting in The Lord? When I got the message that you departed us last Wednesday, I was unable to function at work on that day.*

*I knew you through my friend Comfort Ngu Berkeley for as long as she has known you. The good times we had together; be it at the Cameroonian parties or house parties could not be enumerated with all the fun we had together. Your everlasting smiles will be missed.*

*Finally, You Will Live on in the Hearts of Everyone who LOVED You, MAY YOUR SOUL REST IN THE LORD; AMEN!!!###imported-begin##Betty Meh-Halaand###imported-end##*

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“ *I will miss Barbara's warmth and quiet kindness. May God give His comfort and strength to each of the family members during this time of loss.###imported-begin##Billye Phillips###imported-end##*

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“ Sr. Barbara,  
*I don't know what to say, and you know that is a very rare thing! I remember coming to see you the night before your surgery. Even then, you were the comforter instead of the comforted. I would never have imagined that i would never see you again in this life. We had plans all lined up! You were so precious to me. You always had a way of putting things in perspective. Whenever i was going through some of my 'issues', you would lay it all out plain as day! You were so practical and straight to the point. I remember all the phone calls, sometimes we would laugh from start to end. Yes, they are still between you, me and the wall! You were so full of life, no matter what you were going through. You gave so much to me, your love, your advice, the CD's, the clothes and just by being there for me whenever i needed you. I was not ready to let you go, but God's ways are higher than our ways. He had a special purpose for you and i am so blessed that i had a piece in that purpose. I miss you so much and it is such a joy to know that your life was not in vain and you've gone to be with the Lord. I'll come looking for you in your mansion, the one by the ocean right?##imported-begin##Cathy Kouko - Omega Gospel##imported-end##*

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“ *For all those who are strong let them know their purpose. Let them be Angles for you Lord, let them work for you. Barbara you where truly an Angle of the Lord.  
My Eternal Love##imported-begin##Gail Thomas##imported-end##*

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“ My Dearest Friend,

*You have been the ideal role model. You have exemplified LOVE, PATIENCE, RESPECT, INTEGRITY, HUMILITY, and COMMITMENT. Best of all, you have shown me how to have pride in what I say and do. Even though my heart is sorrowful, I am truly made glad because God shared you with me for a season. You have been the BEST in your role as my COLLEAGUE, and my FRIEND. I miss you so much!*

*To Your Family:*

*Barbara has fought the good fight, she has finished the course, she has kept the faith; henceforth, there is laid up for her a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, shall give her on that day; and not for her only, but unto all that love His appearing. Please take some comfort in knowing that Barbara is now without pain and is at total rest!##imported-begin##John Benjamin Deas, Esq.##imported-end##*

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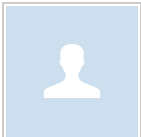


“ I am grateful that Barbara or as I referred to her as MaDukes blessed my life with her friendship and love. Her friendship meant so much to me. Knowing that I have shared my gratitude towards her makes it easier for me to express them now. Barbara has encouraged me to not settle for less but press towards the mark for the prize of the high calling. She shared mother-like wisdom with me that I will never forget. I will miss her, however, I find peace in knowing that God makes no mistakes and He knew what was best for Barbara's life. The Word of God shares with us to be absent from this body to be present with the Lord...what better promotion is there to receive.

My prayers are towards Barbara's family. May the Lord comfort and keep you in this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Melvina L. McNeill##imported-end##

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“ The LORD sent his Angels to personally escort you to Heavens Mansion. You accepted with grace and dignity. Being with the LORD is a peaceful reward of greatness. You have run the race, and made an impression on the lives of many. Now, it is your turn to to reap the rewards of life forever after. My condolences to your family. The LORD will be there for them, and the remembrance of you will always be in their hearts. God Bless.##imported-begin##Goldie Reese##imported-end##

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“ Sis Barbara,  
You have done more than enough, and after he called you, you answered. As you journey to meet with the him, we pray that you rest in his arms peacefully untill we meet again. To your family that you have left here, may the Lord be thier stregnth and comfort during this time of grief. May they rest assure that you are not hurting anymore, but resting peacefully.  
We love you  
The Simms'  
Omega Gospel Missions##imported-begin##Marlon and Adeline Simms##imported-end##

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“ I will never forget the good times we shared, your genuine concern for others and your spirit of giving. I learned so much from you, and I am grateful to have known and worshipped with you. It is going to be lonely without you my dear sister, and I'll miss being called your little sidekick. As you have gone higher I will continue to stand firm in my faith. Please know that your legacy at Omega Gospel Ministries is engraved in all our hearts and you will never be forgotten. I am going to miss you so much, but I know your presence will be with me from time to time. Also, I want you to know that we love you and we are going to celebrate your life "Omega style of course" at the appointed time, and yes I am going to dance unto the Lord for you. You know how I do it. Enjoy! I'll be thinking about you, and this you can be sure of. Until we meet again.##imported-begin##Donna Powell##imported-end##

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