



Barbara C Mack

July 31, 1942 - December 15, 2017

Barbara Kay Coney-Mack was born July 31, 1942 in Waterloo, Iowa to William and Kathryn Coney. She is preceded in death by her parents and one sister Charlotte Coney Williams.

Barbara graduated from East High School and attended Gates Business College in Waterloo, Iowa. Upon graduation in 1962, she was recruited by the Central Intelligence Agency in Langley, Virginia as a typist and stenographer. As a result of her typing speed, in 1963, Barbara was one of very few minority women selected as a typist for the Penkovskiy Papers, a very sensitive spy book which recorded the secret life and adventures of one of the greatest spies of the 20th century.

At the agency, Barbara frequently posed as a model during training sessions for sketch artist after being chosen as one of the "Most Beautiful Black Girls" at that time of the Central Intelligence Agency. During her thirty-two years of service at the "agency" she held sensitive and selective analyst positions at CIA Headquarters in Langley, Virginia and at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia.

In 1964, Barbara married Louis Mack and enjoyed the many privileges of being an Air Force military wife. During their marriage, the Lord blessed them with two daughters, Carmen Mack and Dr. Crystal Owens. The marriage

ended in divorce, however they remained close.

Barbara loved God, her family and her grandchildren. In her earlier years, Barbara typed the weekly church bulletins for Payne Memorial A.M.E. Church in Waterloo, Iowa. In Maryland, she was a member of Hemingway Memorial AME Church and frequented Ebenezer A.M.E Church later in life.

Barbara's life-long passion was helping others. She was an avid reader and believed that reading was a gateway to a successful life. After her retirement from the CIA in 1994, she volunteered weekly as a reading tutor for the Literacy Council for Prince George's County, teaching adults how to read. A product of the Civil Rights movement, she believed that voting was the key to economic and community empowerment, as a result, she volunteered with the Prince George's County NAACP and was proud to assist with voter registration.

Reading the Washington Post daily was one of her favorite pastimes. She often enjoyed discussing the latest current and political events with friends, family and neighbors. Dancing and listening to R&B soul music with her grandchildren gave her immense enjoyment.

She is survived by her two daughters, Dr. Crystal Owens, Carmen Mack; a granddaughter Ariel Smallwood, Esq; a grandson Cory Owens; sisters Mrs. Chris Hilson and Mrs. Delores Brown of Atlanta, Georgia; brothers William Coney, Jr. and Clifford Coney of Waterloo, Iowa; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and dear friends.

On Friday; December 15, 2017 at Johns Hopkins University Hospital surrounded by her loving daughters, our dearly beloved Barbara passed away.

Cemetery Details

National Harmony Memorial Park

7101 Sheriff Road
Landover, MD 20785
(301) 772-0900
http://www.nationalharmony.com/home/contact_us.html

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ebenezer AME Church
7706 Allentown Rd
Ft. Washington, MD 20744
(301) 248-8833

Service

DEC **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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“ I am not sure if you can help but it is worth a try. I went to East High in Waterloo,Iowa and graduated in 1962. One of my classmates at East High was a girl named Charlotte Coney and graduated the same year. In this notice I see that Barbara had a sister named Charlotte and I wonder if this is the same person I went to school with. If it is I wonder if you would contact me at 860-563-5581 to fill me in on a little bit of Charlotte's life. I always admired her so much and I never told her that. She was a friend of Doris Triplett that lived on Quincy Street. She was also friends with Dorothy Simpson. If you can help I would very much like to contact Charlotte's family and if any of you know Doris and Dorothy whereabouts I would like to find them. My maiden name was Emily Engleman and I lived at 227 Quincy Street until I moved to California in 1963. My parents were John and Freda Engleman. Thank you for any help you can give me. I want to let them all know I wish I had spent more time with them. Thank you. Emily Engleman Lourigan 3204 Hilltop Rd. Apt.224 Whiting, NJ 08759

Emily Engleman Lourigan - May 10, 2020 at 05:26 PM