



Elder Barbara Maxine Kennedy

September 22, 1954 - June 22, 2018

Barbara Maxine Kennedy was born on September 22, 1954 in Garrard County, Kentucky, the daughter of Mary Helen and the late Edward "Sonny" Brown. She went home to be with the Lord on Friday, June 22, 2018 at the age of 63.

Barbara accepted Christ on November 13, 1966 under the pastorate of the late Rev. J.T. Ballew, uniting with St. Paul Predestinarian Baptist Church in Lancaster, Kentucky.

Barbara began her formal education from the historic Mason Colored High School and graduated from Garrard County High School in May of 1972. She was a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, December 2008 with a Bachelor of Science in Social Work.

Barbara was a former employee of Fayette County Public Schools, serving several years as a Resource Center Coordinator.

In late 1991, being led of the Holy Spirit, Barbara and Isaiah founded Gethsemane Baptist Church, from which many sons and daughters of the Gospel were birthed. She was called into the ministry and ordained Elder in July of 2001, eventually becoming co-pastor.

Having sown a spirit of excellence into many, her work was an inspiration to all. Among her ministry accomplishments were Sunday school teacher, bible study teacher, choir director, praise leader, youth and young adult ministry to name a few.

Dedicating herself to "Kingdom Building," she was an asset in the community,

motivating and inspiring many lives. She mothered all she encountered, making them a part of her family.

On June 19, 1977, Barbara was united in marriage to Bishop Isaiah Kennedy. This union was blessed with three children. She was also honored to be named God-mother of Arianne Ward.

Barbara was preceded in death by one grandson, Josiah.

Besides her mother, Mary Brown, she is survived by her devoted husband of 41 years, Bishop Isaiah Kennedy; three children, Cory G. (Cherilyn), Terea D. and Lesyle D. Kennedy; nine grandchildren, Gabriel, Sereniti, Joshua, Ariaiah, Yalayna, Amodeus, Niyah, Jakyiah and Cheryiah; sister, Alma "Neicey" Broadus; brother, Don D. Brown; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and numerous friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **30**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Greater New Hope Christian Center
1719 Jennifer Rd
Lexington, KY 40505

Service

JUN **30**. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

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