

My Last Request

Please don't say that I gave up
just say that I gave in.
Don't say I lost the battle,
For it was God's war to lose or win.

Please don't say how good I was,
but that I did my best.
Just say I tried to do what's right,
to give the most I could,
not less.

Please don't give me wings or halos,
That's for God to do.
I want no more than I deserve.
No extras, just my due.

Please don't give flowers,
or talk in hushed tones.
Don't be concerned about me now,
I'm well with God, I have made it home.
Don't talk about what could have been,
It's over and done.
Just see to all my family needs.
The battle has been won!

When you draw a picture of me,
don't draw me as a saint.
I've done some good, I've done some wrong...
So, use all of your paint.

Not just the bright and light tones.
Use some gray and dark.
In fact, don't put me down on canvas,
just paint me in your heart.

Don't just remember all the good times,
but remember all the bad,
For life is full of many things.
Some happy and some sad.

But if you must do something,
then I have one last request:
Forgive me for the wrongs I've done
and with the love that's left,
Thank God for my soul's resting.
Thank God for all who loved me,
and praise God who loves me the best

Pallbearers

United States Air Force Honor Guard

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We, the family of MSgt. (Ret) Phillip Barber, Jr., would like to thank each of you for the many acts of kindness and love shown to us, during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that God blesses each of you in a very special way.

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	Leevy's FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	Lower Richland Chapel 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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Celebration of Life
for
MSGT (RET) PHILLIP BARBER, JR.

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022
11:00 A.M.

ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH
230 JW NEAL CIRCLE
HOPKINS, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND SAMMY WADE
-PASTOR-

Obituary of MSgt. (Ret) Phillip Barber, Jr.

MSgt. (Ret) Phillip Barber, Jr. was born January 5, 1946, in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the oldest child and only son of the late Phillip Barber, Sr. and Lillie Mae Barber. He departed this life on Wednesday, May 11, 2022. Mr. Barber was educated in the public schools of Richland County, and was a 1964 graduate of Hopkins High School.

He loved the Lord, and was a dedicated member of St. John Baptist Church, in Hopkins, SC where he resided.

He honorably served 35 years in the Air Force, and SC Air National Guard. During his service, he achieved the rank of Master Sergeant. He was awarded the following: Air Force Reserve Medal, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Award Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, AF Training Ribbons, AF Outstanding Unit, and Small Arms Marksmanship Ribbon. MSgt. (Ret) Barber served in both Dessert Storm and Desert Shield operations.

He was united in holy matrimony to the love of his life, Janice E Barber in November 2003.

He enjoyed fishing, football, traveling, spending time with family, working on vehicles, and teaching young people in the neighborhood about car maintenance. Doing these things brought him joy, but his children and grandchildren bought him the most joy.

Phillip was preceded in death by his father, Phillip Barber, Sr.; his mother, Lillie Mae Barber; and his sister, Mary A. Gerald.

MSgt. (Ret) Phillip Barber, Jr. leaves to mourn in his passing: his wife, Janice E. Barber; sons, Phillip (Margaret) Barber III, of Charlotte, NC, Dr. Jason (Geonice) Barber, of Columbia, SC, Antonio (Samantha) Barber, of Oak Harbor, WA, Brandon Barber and Jarvis Barber, both of Columbia, SC. Shaval (Kizzy) Thomas, of Irmo, SC, Ira (Ameca) Thomas, of Greenville, SC, and Jamond (Michelle) Tillet, of Charleston, WV; daughters, Alethia Barber, of Denver, CO, Sanovia Jones (the late Kwame) and Kamesha Barber, both of Columbia, SC, Latasha (Roddrick) Whitaker, of West Columbia, SC, Kara Tillet, of Columbia, SC, and Nicole (Dovovan) Rhodes, of Summerville, SC. sisters, Annie Mae Barber, of Hopkins, SC and Clara Barber Cooper, of Columbia, SC; 16 grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, many other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Prelude	
Processional	
Viewing.....	Funeral Directors
Hymn of Praise.....	“Amazing Grace”
Old Testament.....	Minister Eugene Burden
New Testament.....	Minister Eugene Burden
Prayer.....	Deacon Benjamin Brown
Musical Selection.....	St. John Baptist Church Choir
Reflections.....	Mr. Titus Gray Mr. Carl Taylor Dr. Jason Barber
Solo.....	Mr. Michael Robinson
Words of Comfort.....	Reverend Sammy Wade
Recessional	
Postlude	



Committal, Benediction and Interment

1:00 P.M.
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4900 Farrow Road
Columbia, South Carolina