

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid, you
see.*

*I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life has been full, I savored much.
Good friend, good times, a loved one's
touch.*

*Perhaps my time seeded all too brief.
Don't lengthen it now with undo grief.
Lift up your heart, and peace to thee
God wanted me now. He has set me free*

Pallbearers

Greenhill Brotherhood

Floral Bearers

Greenhill Ushers and Missionaries

Acknowledgement

The family of Barbara Gibbs extends our deepest gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and kindness shown to us during this difficult time. To everyone who visited, prepared meals, sent cards, or offered words of comfort, please know how much we appreciate you. Although our hearts are heavy, we are comforted by the love you shared and by knowing how deeply our mother was cherished and how fondly she will be remembered.

We offer special thanks to the clergy who supported us and ministered to our mother with such compassion: Rev. Dr. Clarke McGriff, Rev. Dr. Vincent Collins, Rev. Dr. Johnny Gibbs, and Rev. Dr. Joe Albert Bush, Sr. Your presence, prayers, and comforting words brought peace to her and strength to our family. Your kindness has reminded us how truly blessed we are. Thank you for surrounding us with love.

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Celebration of Life In Loving Memory of

Mrs. Barbara Ann Boykin Gibbs



**Saturday, June 27, 2026
1:00 P.M.**

Green Hill Baptist Church
2215 Green Hill Road
Lugoff, South Carolina

Reverend Dr. Clarke L. McGriff
-Officiating-

Obituary
of
Mrs. Barbara Ann Boykin Gibbs

Mrs. Barbara Ann Boykin Gibbs was born October 8, 1951, in Columbia Hospital to the late Lowman Boykin and Juanita Bush Boykin Boyd. On Friday, June 20, 2026, Barbara was called to her heavenly home.

Barbara, the eldest of six children, was educated in the public schools of Richland County and graduated from C.A. Johnson High School in 1969. She later earned an associate’s degree in Secretarial Science from Wayne Community College in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

An avid reader throughout her life, Barbara nurtured her love of books by working in libraries at several of her husband’s duty stations, with her final position at Turbeville High School Library in Turbeville, South Carolina. She was also a member of the More Than Books Book Club at Agape Worship Center. Barbara concluded her career with the SC Department of Social Services in Adoptions, retiring in 2016. During her tenure, she built lasting friendships that she cherished deeply.

Barbara married her high school sweetheart, Thomas Gibbs, on December 23, 1969. Together, they shared 56 wonderful years of marriage and were blessed with three children—Tonya, Bryon, and Tiffany—along with ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Barbara had a deep love for her church and was an active member of Greenhill Baptist Church. She faithfully served as Finance Secretary, President of the Usher Board, a member of the Missionary Society, and a devoted Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher. She lived by the scripture, Proverbs 22:6: “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Her commitment to this belief was evident in her dedication to ensuring that not only her children, but also her grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends, were rooted in faith.

Barbara was a devoted wife, loving daughter, nurturing mother, caring sister, and loyal friend. She was known for her selflessness, always placing the needs of others before her own. She cherished time with her family and took great joy in hosting cherished traditions, including her annual Christmas breakfast, Christmas Dinner at her mom’s house, as well as Thanksgiving and Easter gatherings. Whenever her family needed comfort, she expressed her love through the meals she so thoughtfully prepared. Barbara will truly be missed. She was preceded in death by her father, the late Lowman Boykin.

She leaves to cherish her memory her loving mother, Juanita Boyd; her devoted husband, Thomas Gibbs; her sisters, Georgia Wilbon, Sharon Felder, Cynthia Irby, and Juanita Short; and her brother, Lowman (Tina) Boykin.

She also leaves her beloved children, Tonya Thompson, Bryon (Bridget) Gibbs, and Tiffany (Robbie) Cherry; her cherished grandchildren, Tatyana Gibbs, Ta’Nisha Gibbs, Giavanni Cherry, Ja’Quala (Shay) Fletcher, Chyna Thompson, Tearon Cherry, Brandon Gibbs, Phoenix Cherry, Brent Gibbs, and Walker Thompson; and her great-grandchildren, Gabrielle Cherry, Carson Lee Cherry, and Brycen Gibbs.

Barbara is also lovingly remembered by a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Solo.....Mrs. Erica Bailey
- Old Testaments.....Ms. Taylor Boykin
- New Testaments.....Mr. Brandon Gibbs
- Prayer.....Reverend Dr. Johnny Gibbs
- Musical Selection.....Greenhill Inspirational Choir
- Remarks.....Mrs. Carolyn Benson & Mrs. Betty Bowers, Church Family
(Three Minutes, Please) Mrs. Tara Williams, Co-worker
Ms. Georgia Wilbon, Sister
Mrs. Krystal McCray, Niece
Ms. Tatyana Gibbs, Granddaughter
Mr. Bryon Gibbs, Son
- Reading of the Obituary.....Ms. Peggy Hawkins
- Sermonic Selection.....Greenhill Inspirational Choir
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Clarke L. McGriff
- Recessional.....Greenhill Inspirational Choir
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

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