



Barbara Cox Parker

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Life Reflections

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Evangelist, Singer, Song Writer, Actress, Director, Comedian, Author, Producer, Recording Artist, Radio/TV Host, Publisher Company Owner, Educator, Wife, Mother, Sister, Daughter, Aunt, and Friend. Barbara Ann Cox Parker, the 13th child, as she often affectionately proclaimed, was born to Frank and Cozetta Cox in the small town of Marshall Harrison County Texas. Barbara entered the world on the cold winter of the 1st of February 1966 with a song which would warm the hearts of many. Barbara learned to sing before she learned to talk. Barbara was raised with her 15 siblings in the St. John Baptist Church community where she accepted Christ at an early age. Barbara faithfully served on the usher board and loved singing in the youth choir. As she grew, so did her voice, and she would go on to do amazing things, all in the name of Jesus. Her true devoted worship and the love of God was renowned and radiant in her daily praise. Barbara would bless all who would come to know her with song and praise. Some of her favorite quotes/scriptures: I am the head and not the tail. God did not give you a spirit of fear, but of power, love and of sound mind. To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the Heavens. A time to weep and a time to laugh, A time mourn and a time to dance...

Barbara attended and graduated from Marshall High School – class of 1984. She continued her studies initially at Panola Junior College Carthage Texas under the parental guidance of her Great Aunt Alversie Fletcher. Following which, she relocated to Tyler Texas to attend the University of Texas at Tyler – where she received her bachelor's degree. Under the advice of her mother, Barbara would return to UTT to obtain her certification in education. Barbara taught school for over 10 years, her true passion however was outside of the classroom. Her love of singing, acting, writing and traveling inspired her to become self-published. She created BC Publishing Company – where she authored and co-authored over a dozen children's books and autobiographies for people all around the country. Barbara received numerous accolades, which included being recognized by KETK, KLTV, CBS 19 and performed on the Bobby Jones show. Barbara wrote and produced 60 songs. Barbara said God would give her songs in her sleep. She would wake up to a new song in her heart and praise in her step. Barbara songs included Guardian Angel, Step by Step, Sins of My Father, TIME, Cry a River, Songs Momma Taught Me, My Fight Song, Just Because and of course, It's Gonna Be Alright. With the rise of social media, Barbara loves singing and dancing became more evident as she engaged passionately with her face book audience. Barbara brought laughter to others as she portrayed fictional characters, often making Galen join in on her silly pranks. Barbara greatest joy was spending time with her family. So much that in the summer of 1988, at the young age of 21, Barbara's mother entrusted her with the care of her 18-year-old baby sister who wanted to follow Barbara to Tyler. Barbara readily agreed, accepted, and fulfilled her role as big sister proudly until the day she departed.

Barbara was preceded in death by her mother: Cozetta Cox; father: Frank Cox, brother: Emmitt Cox and nephew, Kevin Frazier.

Barbara's memories will continue to live on in the heart of her devoted husband, Galen Parker; beloved daughter and son, Sharda Tucker Powell and Jerome Jones Jr. Sisters: Leuvenia (Raymond Sr) Coats of Cedar Hill, Texas. Shirl (Hayward) Truby of Houston, TX. Georgia Jones, Mary Johnson, Corena Williams, Doretha Frazier, Sonya (Vennis) Boyd and Hattie Cox, all of Marshall, Texas. Betty Clinton of Longview, Texas and Nicole Horn of Tyler, Texas. Brothers: John (Donna) Cox, Willie Cox of Marshall, TX. Franklin Cox of Dallas, TX. Billy Cox of Texarkana, TX. and Charles Cox of Longview, TX. Special niece and nephew aka her bonus daughter and son: Jonisha and John Wesley Horn III of Tyler TX. Honorary daughter: Errian Johnson of Dallas, TX. Mother-in-law: Helen Parker of Tyler TX. Sister-in-laws: Jacqueline and Ashanta Parker of Tyler, TX. Ayana Parker of Houston TX. Fur babies Princess and Ore Parker of Tyler, TX and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Family and friends, please take comfort in knowing Barbara is singing the songs that momma taught her in the Heavenly Choir. If you listen closely, you can still hear her sing.

Sing Barbara Sing!



Barbara



Her Song still Lingers

A Songbird's Goodbye

*If you hear a soft song in the quiet,
don't be surprised
that's just me.*

*Your songbird, still singing,
only now I'm finally free.*

*I lived my life with open hands,
giving my last without a thought.
Love was the only thing I ever hoped
you'd remember that I brought.*

*I was happy because of you
each smile, each laugh, each day.*

*Even when clouds gathered,
I found my sunshine in the words you'd say.*

*I've traveled many roads on earth,
but now I'm on a journey brand new.*

*And though I walk with God today,
I'm still holding the memories of you.*

*Don't cry for me too long, my loves,
for I am not truly gone.*

*I'm in every warm breeze,
every bright morning,
every hopeful song.*

*Keep loving each other kindly,
find the good in everyone you meet.
Carry joy like I carried music steady,
gentle, and sweet.*

*And when your heart feels heavy,
just look toward the sky.*

*I'll be there with wings unseen,
still singing
never saying goodbye.*

From love, Barbara Cox



A Tribute to My Wife



- B - Believed in making the most out of life*
- A - Always willing to have fun*
- R - Rode across the country side having fun*
- B - Believed in Jesus Chris as her Savior*
- A - Always smiled regardless of the situation*
- R - Righteous Woman*
- A - Always showed love for me*

- P - Praised God in song and dance*
- A - A breath of fresh air to those that met her*
- R - Repeated her lyrics till she got it right*
- K - Kind-hearted and willing to help*
- E - Echoed sweet melodies throughout the house*
- R - Reside in my heart forever*

Composed by Author G. L. Parker



*From the moment we opened our eyes
each morning,
it was always me and you side by side,
ready for anything,
because that's what partners in crime do.
You were always willing, always there,
no hesitation, no second guess.
With you beside me, Ma, we could take
on the world and nothing less.
Up early before the sun woke, just me
and you in our secret time
laughing and plotting our little adven-
tures the rhythm of our perfect crime.*



*You showed me strength, love,
and laughter, how to turn every
day into a brand-new start.
And together, Ma,
we could take on anything.
No one could ever take your place, no
matter how the years may climb.
Because in my heart, forever, you are
my partner in crime.*

Love your Son



*My mommy, my best friend,
my therapist,
my doctor, my protector,
my caretaker, my confidante
and so much more.*

*The role you played
was never just one.*

*You were my best friend,
the one who knew my laughter
and my silence.*

*You were my therapist,
guiding me through storms,
holding my worries
as gently as you held me.*

Partner in Crime



*You were my protector,
standing between me and the
world,
making life feel safe
even when it wasn't.*

*You were all of this
and somehow, even more.*

*A love like yours
doesn't fade, doesn't end,
doesn't disappear.*

*It lives in me,
every day, every breath.*

Love your daughter

The Role You Played

A Song for Barbara

Barbara lived her life like a song
soft in some places, bright in others,
always full of heart.

If there was a chance to sing, she took it,
lifting her voice the way some people lift a prayer.

Her laughter carried like music,
her kindness settling quietly
into the corners of every room she entered.
She had a way of making moments lighter,
reminding us that joy can be simple
a smile, a hymn, a tune you hum just because.

She loved my brother Galen deeply,
and it showed in the way she cared for him,
stood by him,
and shared her days with him.
Their love was a steady melody
one you could feel even when no words were spoken.

And whenever life felt heavy,
Barbara would return to the song she loved,
letting her voice rise with those simple words
she sang so often
"It's gonna be alright."
And when she sang it,
you could feel the truth in it.

She gave love freely,
held family gently,
and walked through her days
with a sweetness we were blessed to know.

Today, though our hearts ache,
we honor her the way she lived
with gratitude,
with tenderness,
with a song that doesn't end,
even when the singer must rest.

Barbara, your voice stays with us.
You will be truly missed.
Your melody carries on
in every memory,
every story,
every quiet moment
when we can almost hear you humming,
"It's gonna be alright."

And in that music,
you are still here.
You always will be.

Love, Jacqueline Parker



Her Song Still Lingers

She walked into each room
with a smile that warmed the cold,
a gentle light that wrapped around
every heart she came to hold.

An encourager by nature,
she lifted spirits when they sank;
her kindness flowed like quiet streams
that blessed all those she thanked.

She believed in prayer completely
in whispered hopes, in heaven's ear;
she carried faith like steady flame
that chased away our fear.

And oh, how she loved to sing
each note a gift she freely gave,
a melody that painted joy
on the darkest days we'd face.

Though she's gone from earthly days,
her music has not died;
it lingers in our memories,
it echoes deep inside.

For every song she ever sang,
for every prayer she prayed,
for every smile that lit our lives
her love has gently stayed.

So we hold her close in gratitude,
in stories soft and true;
a daughter-in-law, a shining soul,
whose light will see us through.

-Sister Helen Parker

Family Reflections



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Order of Service

Officiating Minister | Rev. Frederick D. Berry, Sr., Senior Pastor, New Days Community Church

Processional..... Ministers, Pallbearers, Family

Song..... Stop By The Church by Artist Barbara Cox

Scriptures:

Old Testament..... Rev. Tracy Williams, God's Way Baptist Church

New Testament Rev. Tracy Williams, God's Way Baptist Church

Prayer of Comfort Deacon Veon Hawkins, Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Song Step By Step by Artist Barbara Cox

Expressions of Love:..... Ayana and Ashanta Parker

Nicole Cox-Horn

Jerome Jones, Jr. and Sharda Tucker-Powell

Galen Parker

Acknowledgement..... Sis. Catherine Hawkins

Special Remarks..... Kyle Collins, East Texas Gospel Music Professionals

Class of 1984

Rev. Jerry Phelps, Senior Pastor, Tyler Metro Church

Rev. Frederick D. Berry, Sr., Senior Pastor, New Days Community Church

Obituary..... (Read Silently) Song: Time by Artist Barbara Cox

Remarks Family and Friends

Presentation..... Glimpse into the Life of Barbara Cox-Parker

Song..... Two Wings by Artist Barbara Cox

Eulogy

Rev. Derry Hinton, Sr.

Pastor of God's Way Baptist Church

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Crown Presentation

Final Viewing..... Funeral Directors

Recessional

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The family of Barbara Cox Parker.

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The Cox Family.

Active Pallbearers

Michael Cox	Travion Sanders
Jerry Cox	Joshua Truby
Jerome Jones Jr.	Roger Henderson III
Joshua Parker	John Wesley Horn III

Honorary Pallbearers

John Cox	Raymond Coats Sr
Franklin Cox	Hayward Truby
Willie Dell Cox	John Horn Jr.
Billy Cox	Vennis Boyd

Flower Bearers

Friends & Family

Service

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Officiant

Rev. Frederick D. Berry, Sr.

Eulogist

Rev. Derry Hinton, Sr.

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