

*Remembering the Life of*

# **Barbara Frances Nixon**

November 3, 1942 – April 17, 2020



**May 9, 2020**

*at 4:00 p.m.*

Spencerville Adventist Church  
16325 New Hampshire Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20905

# Life Sketch

Barbara Frances Nixon, of Celebration, Florida, and Silver Spring, Maryland, passed from this life on Friday, April 17, 2020, at Howard County General Hospital in Columbia, Maryland.

Born on November 3, 1942, in Cape May Court House, New Jersey, Barbara was the daughter of the late Francis Kline and Lola Mae (Ryder) Benson and is survived by step-father Richard Benson.

She was the loving wife of Walter Jay Nixon, her husband of 51 years. Barbara is also survived by two children, Matthew Nixon (Kimberly), Cara Stenfors (Mika), and six grandchildren: Liam, Beck, Lilyana, Layla, Lola, and Zachary.

She graduated from Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg, Pennsylvania, in 1961 and earned a B.S. in Home Economics at Columbia Union College (now Washington Adventist University), in Takoma Park, Maryland, in 1967.

During her college years, Barbara worked part-time in the U.S. Capitol Building, selling books from a lobby kiosk where she met many prominent Senators and Representatives of that era.

Her first full-time job was as a dental assistant to Dr. Walter Dorn, in Takoma Park. She worked as a Social Service Representative for the District of Columbia from 1970 to 1976 at Freedman's Hospital (now Howard University Hospital), Providence Hospital, and St. Elizabeth's Hospital. In February of 1976, she became a full-time mother and homemaker.

Later in life, Barbara studied to be an electrologist and obtained her State of Maryland license in 1992. She set up a salon in the lower level of her home and practiced until 2006. She was a member of the American Electrologist Association and the Maryland Association of Professional Electrologists. Barbara and Jay have attended the Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church in Silver Spring, Maryland since 1977.

Memorial donations in Barbara's name can be made by mail to Spencerville Adventist Academy, 2502 Spencerville Road, Spencerville, Maryland 20868 or online at [spencervilleacademy.org/donate](https://spencervilleacademy.org/donate).

# Memorial Service

Organ Prelude	My Faith Looks Up to Thee Lowell Mason (arr. D. Wood)	Mark Willey
Welcome		Jay Nixon
Life Sketch		Lerone Carson
Thoughts from the family		Cara Stenfors
Thoughts from the grandchildren	Lilyana and Layla Basinger Lola and Zachary Nixon Liam and Beck Stenfors	
Meditation	That's Why I Love Him acc. Michael Patterson	Priscilla Porton
Eulogy		Pastor Chad Stuart
Meditation	Amazing Grace	Wintley Phipps
Final Thoughts from Jay Nixon		Pastor Stuart
Organ Postlude	Trumpet Tune	Mark Willey

**Expressions of sympathy may be offered to the family  
on the Stauffer Funeral Home website at:**

[www.staufferfuneralhome.com/obituary/Barbara-Nixon](http://www.staufferfuneralhome.com/obituary/Barbara-Nixon)



## **An Expression of Gratitude**

*from the family of Barbara Nixon*

The family would like to thank everyone for the cards, emails, phone calls, text messages, notes on Facebook, flowers, donations, and other acts of kindness offered to us during our time of grieving. We deeply appreciate your expression of sympathy, and are grateful for friends like you.

## **Do Not Ask Me to Remember**

*by Owen Darnell*

Do not ask me to remember,  
Don't try to make me understand,  
Let me rest and know you're with me,  
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.  
I'm confused beyond your concept,  
I am sad and sick and lost  
All I know is that I need you  
To be with me at all cost.  
Do not lose your patience with me,  
Do not scold or scour or cry  
I can't help the way I'm acting,  
Can't be different though I try.  
Just remember that I need you,  
That the best of me is gone,  
Please don't fail to stand beside me,  
Love me 'til my life is done.

