



# Barbara Jones Omolade

October 29, 1942 - July 10, 2023

## BARBARA'S JOURNEY

Barbara Jones Omolade, daughter of the late Hugh Jones and Mamie Taylor Jones, passed away peacefully at her home in Princess Anne, MD on Monday, July 10, 2023. She is survived by her sister, Beatrice Jones and her four children: Kip Omolade, (married to Diana), Ngina Mandouma (married to Ghislain), Eskimo Omolade and Krishna Omolade and her eight grandchildren, Genese, James, Adison, Jonathan, Kent, Kace, Sky and Trevor. She is also survived by extended family members and friends whom she loved dearly.

Barbara J. Omolade was born on October 29, 1942, at St. John's Hospital in Brooklyn, NY. She grew up in Bedford Stuyvesant with her sister Beatrice, her father Hugh Jones, a veteran of World War II and her mother, Mamie Jones (née Taylor), a full-time homemaker. She attended Bridge Street AME Church as a young girl and remarked, "my parents surrounded me with unconditional love and attention, so I never knew a day of hunger or strife." She often took trips in the summer to her mother's hometown in Windsor, NC where she learned to appreciate her family history. During her junior high school years, she began to read novels and developed a love of learning; she read many books about other people's challenges and struggles. She often attributed her focus on education to her parents who insisted that she pursue

a higher education degree.

During the 1960's, Barbara was a member of The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). She worked at The Center for the Elimination of Violence in the Family and the Women's Action Alliance in New York City in the 1970's. In the 1980's, she was a founding member of The Center for Worker Education of the City University of New York and spent the next 20 years in academia. The Center for Worker Education provided higher education for working adults. Barbara was curious and courageous as exemplified by her adventures living on a kibbutz in Israel and touring China with an organization that was building US/Chinese relations. She was also a founder and co-director of the Consultation of African American Christian Scholars, a week-long seminar held annually at Calvin University in Grand Rapids, Michigan where she retired as a dean.

Barbara J. Omolade gave her life to Christ and was baptized in 1994 at the age of 51. She recalled making the decision to become a Christian with a prayer, "Lord have mercy on me, a sinner." She spent the next 30 years of her life intensely growing in her relationship with God, studying the Bible and attending various churches in New York and Michigan. She moved to Princess Anne, MD in 2009 and made Metropolitan United Methodist Church her home church in 2012 where she often walked to Sunday services and confidently replied when asked about walking: "If I can just walk, why should I drive?"

She described her home in Princess Anne as a sanctuary where she often quoted:

"I shall not die but live and shall declare the works and illustrious acts of the Lord. He has hastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death. I will confess, praise, and give thanks to You for You have heard and answered me

and You have become my Salvation and Deliverer. (Psalm 118:17)”

Lovingly Submitted ~ The Family

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Metropolitan UMC (Princess Anne)  
30522 Dr. WM Hytche Blvd  
Princess Anne, MD 21853

## Funeral Service

JUL 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

Metropolitan UMC (Princess Anne)  
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## Live Stream Broadcast on Facebook

JUL 22. 11:00 AM.

Bennie Smith Funeral Home MD / VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

**Bennie Smith Funeral Home** - July 21, 2023 at 01:25 PM



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Jones Omolade*



**Bennie Smith Funeral Home** - July 24, 2023 at 11:43 AM

SB

“ *I have wonderful memories of Barbara's sisterhood work in Brooklyn, NY, especially regarding the Center for Women's Development at Medgar Evers College, City University of New York.*

**safiya Bandele** - July 23, 2023 at 06:15 PM

TR

“ *On behalf of the Administration, Faculty and Staff of Queens College, we would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the entire family.*

*May she Rest in Peace,*

**Tiziana Rossini** - July 22, 2023 at 11:37 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara Jones Omolade.

July 21, 2023 at 03:33 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Jones Omolade.



July 21, 2023 at 03:33 PM



“ John Calagione planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Omolade.

John Calagione - July 21, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ John Calagione purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara Jones Omolade.



John Calagione - July 21, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ Arlene P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Omolade.

Arlene P. - July 19, 2023 at 08:47 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara Omolade.

July 18, 2023 at 03:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Barbara Jones Omolade.



July 18, 2023 at 03:48 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Barbara Jones Omolade.



July 18, 2023 at 02:36 PM



“ *Omar, Adriana and Kingston* purchased the *Serene Reflections Bouquet* for the family of Barbara Jones Omolade.



**Omar, Adriana and Kingston** - July 17, 2023 at 09:54 AM

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“ Omar, Adriana and Kingston planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Omolade.

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Omar, Adriana and Kingston - July 17, 2023 at 09:54 AM

LH

“ The first time we met Sister Barbara was not too long ago. It was Friday, June 30th (less than a month ago). As we approached her with joy and excitement I said “Oh My Lordie”, or is it “Oh My Lady”? Tell me about that name OMOLADE. She smiled and we hugged! Then she said let me tell you a story. She told us about the name Omolade, she talked about each one of her four children and called every one of her grandchildren by name and told us about their goals and aspirations. Her son, Krishna said she had been sitting by the window waiting since early morning for our visit as she said “Where are they? When are they coming”? He replied, “they will be here; it’s still a little early. It was about 5AM at that time. As Dr. Omolade told her story, we sat attentively and listened as though we were children again - in grade school. She had so much knowledge about so many things, but a deep knowledge about the things she cared about [Black Women and women’s rights in general, racial disparities in employment, housing, healthcare; discrimination; employment inequities, etc.). We were all excited in the presence of the Holy Spirit; SHE [the Holy Spirit] was there with us and the agape love was undeniable; an openness for the love among sisters and for Jesus Christ and His Church. Dr. Omolade kept saying “It’s the Holy Spirit throughout our time together. It was amazing! She was amazing! And we are so blessed to have known her . . . if even for a little while.

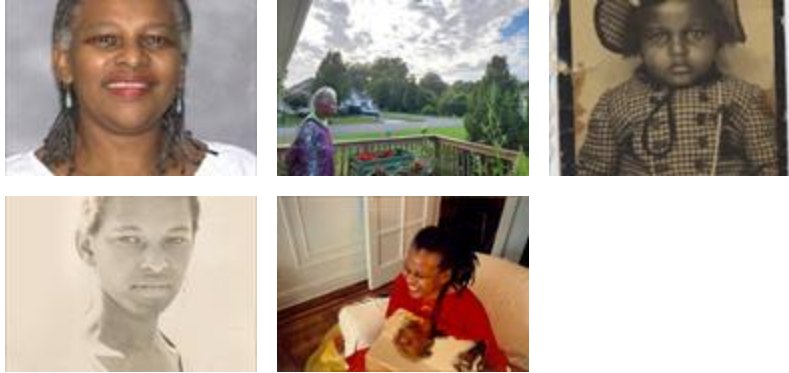
Sisters Lil Hill and Gloria (Bootsie) Jones  
Fair Havens A.M.E. Church  
Baltimore, Maryland

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Lil Hill - July 16, 2023 at 05:13 PM

KO

“ 9 files added to the album Mom



Kip Omolade - July 14, 2023 at 06:22 PM

CR

“ Carolyn R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Omolade.

Carolyn R. - July 14, 2023 at 12:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara Omolade.

July 14, 2023 at 12:11 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Barbara Jones Omolade.



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