

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.

– Revelation 21:4

OUR FAMILY  
CHAIN IS  
BROKEN

Each morning when we awake  
We know that you are gone,  
And no one knows the heartaches  
As we try to carry on.

Our thoughts are always with you,  
Your place no one can fill.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we love you still.

Our hearts still ache with sadness,  
And many tears still flow.  
What it meant to lose you,  
No one will ever know.

There will always be a heartache,  
And often a silent tear,  
But always a precious memory  
Of the days when you were here.

If tears could make a staircase, And heartaches make a lane,  
We'd walk the path to heaven, And bring you home again.

We hold you close within our hearts,  
And there you will remain,  
To walk with us throughout our lives  
Until we meet again.

Our family chain is broken now, And nothing will be the same,  
But as God calls us one by one, The chain will link again.



### In Appreciation from the Family

We have shared a lot of happiness and seen some dreams come true,  
And every now and then we've had our share of worries, too.  
But every day our love has grown still richer than before,  
And with each passing year we know we will only love you more.

The family of Barbara Ann Fitzgerald would like to express the deepest and most sincere appreciation for all of the love, support, and thoughtful acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers, and may God richly bless each and every one of you! We take comfort in 1 Corinthians 2:9....

*"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man,  
the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."*



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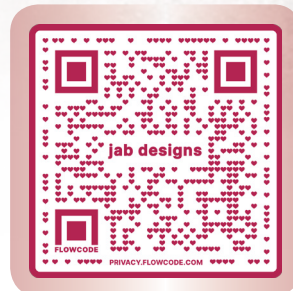
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# A HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

FOR

*Barbara  
Ann  
Fitzgerald*

JANUARY 25, 1938 – JULY 21, 2024



*"She was an excellent mother who loved her family immensely, loved teaching, and was the best southern cook EVER!"*

**Friday  
August 2, 2024  
10:00 A.M.**

IN THE CHAPEL OF  
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**Pastor Dr. Demetrius Davis**

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*“For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with Him... wherefore comfort one another with these words.”*

*– 1 Thess. 4:14,18*



# Barbara Ann Fitzgerald

**Barbara Ann** was born on January 25, 1938 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to her parents, Rosetta Paton and Ulysses Bell, and raised by her paternal grandmother “Mama Bell.” She was the oldest of four children born to this union.

Her early education was obtained at Southern Laboratory School where she excelled in her studies and was known as a natural beauty queen. At home with Mama Bell and her paternal Great Aunt, Leora Bell, there to guide her into becoming all she could be, she studied and mastered all things domestic to include sewing, cooking, and so much more.

Barbara Ann later relocated to the “Big City” of New Orleans and attended Xavier University, where she majored in Early Childhood Education. While at Xavier, Barbara Ann met the man of her dreams, Daniel G. Fitzgerald, Sr. who was from the big city of Chicago. Daniel was also an education major, married the love of his life, and accepted work with the Gary, Indiana School District. While there he ran a pharmaceutical business with Barbara Ann’s father, who was a Pharmacist.

Barbara Ann earned a M.A. degree from Roosevelt University, and worked full time as an Early Childhood Educator while raising a young family to include Kelly, Marie, and Daniel Jr. She was an excellent mother who loved her family immensely, loved teaching, and was the best southern cook EVER! She and Daniel relocated to Florida in 2003 after their retirement and continued to enjoy traveling, having embarked on over **50** cruises, trailblazing this form of travel and introducing it to others. And, until her health no longer permitted her to physically thrive, Barbara also enjoyed personal self-care practices to include walking and yoga.

She was preceded in death by her **parents**, her **grandmother** and **great aunt** mentioned above, her **husband of 50 years**, Daniel Gardner Fitzgerald, Sr., **sisters** – Julia and Gwen, and **son-in-law** Lazane Clark.

Barbara Ann leaves behind many precious memories to be cherished by her: **daughter** – Kelly Fitzgerald-Clark of Chicago, Illinois; **son** – Daniel (Victoria) Fitzgerald of Apopka, Florida; **grandson** – Colin Clark, a sophomore at LSU, Baton Rouge, LA; **sister** – Sandra Bell of California; the world’s **best caretaker** – Judith Champagne, sharing unconditional love for Barbara Ann; and a host of **in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins**, other relatives and sorrowing friends.



## Order of Service

*Pastor Dr. Demetrius Davis, Officiating  
 Music provided by – Alvin Giles, Jr.*

**Processional**

**Invocation** .....Dr. Demetrius Davis

**Lessons from the Scripture** .....Dr. Demetrius Davis  
 Old Testament  
 New Testament

**Special Music** .....Deacon Lynwood Carter

**Reflections** (*please limit your remarks to no more than 2 minutes each*)  
 Open to Family and Friends

**Precious Memories Slideshow** .....The Family

**Reading of the Legacy** (*silently, with soft music – Amazing Grace*)

**Words of Comfort [Eulogy]**.....Dr. Demetrius Davis

**Recessional**

**Interment**

Washington Park Cemetery  
 2700 Bruton Blvd., Orlando FL 32805

Immediately following the interment, the Family of Barbara Ann Fitzgerald will host a Repast at their Family Home.

*Yet we have this assurance: Those who belong to God will live; their bodies WILL rise again! Those who sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy!*

*– Isaiah 26:19 NLT*

