



## Mayfern H. Barron

August 19, 2017

Mrs. Mayfern H. Barron, a retired registered nurse at Crawford H. Long/Emory University Hospital, died on August 19, 2017 due to respiratory complications and heart failure. She was 85 years old.

Mayfern Hendricks Barron was born on May 8th, 1932 in Calabash Bite, located on the island of Roatan, in the Bay Islands, 30 miles off the coast of Honduras. She was one of 7 children born to Sergesman and Olivia Hendricks. As a very young girl, she was tasked with the care and guidance of her younger siblings. Her care, compassion and natural skills as a caretaker made her a natural fit for a career in nursing.

After meeting her future husband; James E. Barron, Jr., she made Jacksonville, Florida her home and worked diligently to bring her siblings from Honduras to live with her. She worked as a LPN at Baptist Hospital (now know as Baptist Health of Northeast Florida) first in maternity, ICU and finally the ER. Emergency medicine became her passion. She loved the fast-paced environment and was masterful at quick thinking and triage. She wanted more responsibility and more education. She enrolled in the Florida Junior College Nursing RN degree program. She worked 50 hours per week, took care of a household and successfully completed the RN program without skipping a beat.

After moving to her husband's hometown of Atlanta, GA, she went to work for Crawford W. Long Hospital on August 29th, 1971 where she remained employed until January 31st, 2016. For 45 years, she was a trailblazer at CWL. She was the first non-white charge nurse of any department in the hospital and was tasked with running the emergency room. She owned the 11pm to 7am shift. Processes, procedures and protocol that she put in place are still used to this day. She was tough, uncompromising and rigid in the demands of her nurses and doctors. She did all of this with compassion and love for the staff and patients. They all appreciated her for her professionalism and kindness.

In addition to being a dedicated nurse, Mrs. Barron was a world traveler and dedicated Catholic woman. She enjoyed visiting new lands, eating different foods and meeting people from all over the world. She loved her parish of Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, where she was a member for 46 years. During this time, she facilitated and witnessed hundreds of baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, weddings and funerals. As an integral part of the RCIA program, she helped countless new Catholics enter the church as adults. Her passion of the church was extended to her longtime membership, and past presidency, of the Atlanta Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Mrs. Barron's love for her family was perfect and she was perfectly loved. Her beloved husband, James, her parents and two of her sisters precedes her in death. She is survived by her sons, Sidney (Myrna) and James III, her daughters Venetia (Monte Poole), Waleuska (Wesley O'Neal), Maria (William Batie); her eight grandchildren, her three sisters, her one brother and numerous other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers we ask that donations be given to Our Lady of Perpetual Help home and/or Villa International, both located in Atlanta, GA.

Funeral Wednesday, August 30, 2017, 11am at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 2560 Tilson Rd., Decatur, GA.,

Visitation, Tuesday, August 29, 2017 10am-8pm at Gregory B. Levett & Sons, Funeral Home, 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy, Decatur, GA., 30034

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **29**. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel  
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.  
Decatur, GA 30034  
(404) 241-5656  
info@levettfuneralhome.com

## Celebration of Life

AUG **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saints Peter and Paul Parish  
2560 Tilson Rd  
decatur, GA 30032

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ There is so much that can be said about May. She worked hard, has a wonderful caring family. Her skills on organizing events and dinners fantastic.

The most special things about her were her caring and loving nature now fully realized in her fullness of God's love.

If you went to May's she would feed you and if she thought you might be alone on a holiday you came to her home or where she was going.

This is the way her children and grandchildren are caring, giving, and loving,

Her family was extensive not just blood relatives.

I thank you May for involving me in you different groups and projects.

Your spirituality has strengthened all of us. You are not gone but in our hearts.

*Jo-Ann Butler*

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**Jo Butler** - October 31, 2017 at 12:02 PM

EF

“ On Behalf of the DeKalb County Board of Health, I would like to share my condolences for the loss of Ms. Barron. Ms. May was a volunteer at the Board of Health for over 30 years, participating in the layette program. The photo below is from this year's Volunteer Appreciation Day. Ms. Barron is pictured with me and former 11-Alive anchor Brenda Wood. Ms. Mae was lovely, lively and energetic! I loved chatting with her at our annual ceremony, and she always made sure we got a photo together. She was very proud of her work with the Board of Health, and even more proud of her family. My thoughts and prayers are with them at this difficult time. She will be greatly missed by our team.

Sincerely,  
S. Elizabeth Ford, MD  
District Health Director, DeKalb County

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**Elizabeth Ford** - August 29, 2017 at 12:01 PM

EF

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**Elizabeth Ford** - August 29, 2017 at 11:56 AM

TP

“ *What a sweet, loving and compassionate woman May was. Always willing to help and care for others. May was a true disciple of Christ and lived out her Christian values. She will be truly missed by all who knew her. We hope God is ready to receive May as she has much to contribute in heaven. We will certainly miss her friendship. ...Phyllis and Tom Piehl*

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**Tom Piehl** - August 22, 2017 at 09:52 AM

SW

“ *I extend my sincere condolences to you. Remember..."God sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we might gain life through him." ~1 John 4:9. He empowered Jesus to resurrect dead ones when he was on the earth, giving us a foregleam of what He will do in the future. Jesus assures us: "God's Word is truth." ~John 17:17. S. Whiting  
Atlanta, Ga*

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**Sharon whiting** - August 22, 2017 at 07:03 AM

BF

“ *I have so many wonderful memories of time spent at SS. Peter and Paul and time spent with May. I know she will be greatly missed by so many not just for the great lady she was but for all she did for others. Yesterday at church the choir sang a song "I Will Wear a Crown" all I could think of was May with her crown on. My prayers and thoughts are with her family and friends.*

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**Barbara French** - August 20, 2017 at 05:48 PM