



Barbara Somerville

February 23, 1938 - February 12, 2020

Barbara Somerville, 81, of Sun River Terrace, IL passed away Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at Citadel Care Center. Visitation will be Friday, February 21, 2020 from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. at Lax Mortuary and again on Saturday, February 22, 2020 from 9:00 A.M. until time of funeral services at 9:30 A.M. at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Sun River Terrace, IL. Pastor Rickey Dixon will officiate. Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory.

Barbara Somerville was born February 23, 1938 in Chicago, IL to Esther Hardison and George Dunn.

She was baptized into the catholic faith at an early age and in 1986 she was baptized at Third Baptist Church of Chicago by Rev. Elmer Fowler. She was currently a member of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church where she served on the Mother's Board.

She graduated from DuSable High School in 1955 and received her associate's degree from Wright Junior College of Chicago in 1958. In 1962 she received her diploma of professional Nursing from the Cook County School of Nursing. She received a Certificate of Award for participation in Disciple Training IV from Third Baptist Church of Chicago on May 21, 2005.

She was united in holy matrimony to William Somerville Jr. in 1968 and to their union two children were born.

She worked as a registered nurse for various healthcare organizations around the world including Ministry of Health Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, Healthcare Experience in Nairobi, Kenya and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. She was affiliated with the Nurses and Midwives Council of Kenya and Foster Grandparents of Kankakee School District 111, Lafayette School.

She will be remembered for loving and caring for others. Her interests included reading, jazz and gospel music, art, Bible study and photography. She enjoyed the sports of tennis, swimming and ice skating.

She leaves to cherish her memory, two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Cynthia Somerville of Sun River Terrace, IL and Michael and Deidra Somerville of South Holland, IL; one brother and sister-in-law, Cornell and Dorothy Gillenwater of Dallas, TX; two sisters, Anita Gillenwater of Kankakee, IL and Stephanie Jefferson of Renton, WA; seven grandchildren; four great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. William Somerville Jr.; her parents, Esther and Rudolph Gillenwater; her father, George Dunn and a sister, Josephine Bryant.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Lax Mortuary
187 S. Greenwood Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 935-0090
laxmortuary@laxmortuary.com
<http://laxmortuary.com/>

Visitation

FEB **22**. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

Mt. Calvary
7376 E Illinois St
Sun River Terrace, IL

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mattie Boyden lit a candle in memory of Barbara Somerville*



Mattie Boyden - February 22, 2020 at 12:18 PM



“ *Our Condolence to Mr. Donald Somerville and family for your loss.*

Pembroke P T A

Pembroke P T A - February 22, 2020 at 08:48 AM



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



February 21, 2020 at 02:17 AM



“ *Catherine Jackson lit a candle in memory of Barbara Somerville*



Catherine Jackson - February 19, 2020 at 03:56 PM

PJ

“ *My prayers and condolences to the family.*



Patricia Jamison - February 19, 2020 at 11:08 AM

JS

“ *Joyce Shoemaker lit a candle in memory of
Barbara Somerville*



Joyce Shoemaker - February 19, 2020 at 09:55 AM