

ORDER OF SERVICE Presiding \sim Minister Susie Tatum

Processional

led by Minister Susie Tatum and Clerical Guests

Last Glance | Final Closure

Scripture Pastor Glenn Bryant, Sr.

Countyline, Jehovah and Greater New Lebanon Baptist Churches

Hymn Pastor Glenn Bryant, Sr.

Prayer Minister Susie Tatum

Scripture Minister Susie Tatum

Reflections limit 2 minutes

Open to Family and Friends

Selection Minister Brandi Mitchell

Harvest Time Ministries

Words of Comfort Minister Emmanuel Robinson

Reach Out and Touch Ministries

Committal Prayer Minister Susie Tatum

Acknowledgements and

Presentation of the

Heirloom Family Bible Barnum Staff

Benediction Minister Susie Tatum

Recessional

Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off or to silent mode during the service. Thank you.

We Thought of You

We thought of you today, but that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday and days before that, too. We think of you in silence. We often speak your name. All we have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part. God has you in His keeping; we have you in our hearts.

Until We Meet Again... FOREVER in our Hearts

Barbara Denson Tatum

Earthly Place of Rest Eastview Cemetery

802 Ashby Street | Americus, GA 31709

For Special Gratitude

We are most compassionate to you for your sincerity, your encouraging gestures, prayers, and kindness you have rendered to us during our most difficult times of bereavement.

THE FAMILY

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:

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Remembering Barbara Denson Tatum OBITUARY

Barbara Denson Tatum was born in Americus, Georgia on November 27, 1960, to the parentage of the late Mr. Claude Deriso and Mrs. Gradene Deriso, who survives.

Barbara was a small-time country girl with big time city dreams. She accomplished—through a multifaceted journey— graduating from Americus High School, furthering her education at South Georgia Technical College, where she received an associate degree, and continuing her education later in life at Branell College, where she earned a bachelor's degree.

Barbara had an entrepreneurial spirit and was incredibly talented. Barbara was known for her impeccable skills as a seamstress, a home interior decorator, a wedding planner, and a housekeeper. She also enjoyed landscaping.

Barbara's most admirable gift was to cook you a wonderful meal; however, her true passion was baking. For many years, she was employed with Food Lion as a cake decorator. Barbara made the most delightful baked goods you would taste in this lifetime. That was her most coveted gift that this earth will remember her for besides her beautiful smile, her beautiful heart, and her witty sense of humor.

Barbara was a loving housewife, mother, friend, sister, aunt, and grandmother. She had a knack for always putting others before her. She was an exceptional woman who had been around the world twice and spoke to everybody once and if you encountered her, she changed your life forever.

In addition to her husband, the late Deacon Daniel Tatum, Sr. and her father, she is preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Gloria Tatum and a very dear friend, Patricia Battle.

Left to cherish her loving memories are her mother, Gradene Deriso of Americus, GA; her children: Albert (Serita Harkness) Cooper III of Stone Mountain, GA; Consuela Cooper, Justin (Latasha) Tatum, all of Covington, GA and Anderson Bouvier (Gabrielle) Cooper of Riverdale, GA; a nephew who she loved as a son, Taurus Deriso of Atlanta, GA; her stepchildren: Dorothy Tatum Gardner, Lisa Tatum, McKeithia Billups (Sam) Hurley, all of Americus, GA; Daniel (Brenda) Tatum II of Lancaster, CA; Anthony (Saundra) Tatum, Sr. of Wake Forest, NC; Danette (Darnell) Hall, Susie (Henry) Tatum, all of Tuskegee, AL and Christopher Tatum of Riverdale, GA; her brothers: Claude (Regina) Deriso, Jr. of Americus, GA; Roscoe (Helen Paul) Deriso, Shawn (Tina) Deriso, all of Cordele, GA and Tony (Wanda) Deriso of Plains, GA; her sisters: Jackie Barnes, Alicia Deriso and Brenda (Derrick) Wafford, all of Americus, GA; thirteen grandchildren: Quiana Cooper, Andrielle Cooper, Aubree Cooper, Amani Cooper, Justin Tatum II, Jessika Tatum, Sanchez Tatum, Jaylen D. Cooper, Aiden C. Cooper, Adonis C. Cooper, Tahkeydrah Cooper, TyQuwance Cooper and Kijuan Cooper; a host stepgrandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including devoted friends, Sharmi Pinkston and Juanita Minter also survive.



She is Sone

You can shed tears that she is gone, or you can smile because she has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back, or you can open your eyes and see all she's left behind.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her, or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember her and only that she's gone, or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back, or you can do what she'd want:

smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

Barbara
DENSON TATUM
November 27, 1960 February 8, 2021