



## Raymond Claude Barmore

September 16, 1968 - May 27, 2018

Raymond Claude Barmore's life story began on September 16, 1968 in New York City. He was born to Deloris Peterkin Barmore and the late John Matthew Barmore, Sr. His life story did not end, it was only paused on May 27, 2018 in Norfolk, Virginia.

Raymond or Ray as he was called, was raised in the Bronx, New York. He received his early education in the New York City Public School System. He attended Pablo Casals School IS 181 . and graduated from Harry S Truman High School in 1986.

As a young child Ray attended Friendship Baptist in Harlem. In his teen years he was baptized in Community Protestant Church in the Bronx. Ray was a very active church member, he made his presence known and was loved by everyone.

When he was diagnosed with Diabetes at the age of 13, Ray began to show the strength, courage and determination that would remain with him all his life. He never let the disease stop him from doing the things that he loved. He played football at Truman, made lifelong friends and did all those things that teenagers do. His love of barbering began at Truman.

Ray furthered his education at Queens College in Queens, New York and at Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Virginia; he continued his educational

pursuits throughout his life.

While at Norfolk State he met and married Jacqueline Bonner. Three daughters were born to this union, Nyema, Imani and MeKayla. The "girls" as he called them were the loves of his life. He was a father, a mentor, a friend. He was their rock; they were his lifeline. Through illness, through good times and bad, they knew he was there for them and he knew they were there for him.

Ray enjoyed a long career as a Master Barber. He received his Barber License on June 8, 1992 from Kappatal Cuts in Portsmouth. He went on to work at Stylistic Cuts and Touch of Class. While he was a barber by trade, Ray was an entrepreneur at heart. He was a man of many talents; a natural salesman, never afraid to try new things and new ideas. At Norfolk State he sold candy, hair products and cut hair on the side. He had a thriving business in women's purses, He was "Mr. Ray the Bag Man". He created tee shirts "Mr. Ray's Team Touch" which he hoped would appeal to men and women of all nationalities that worked in the haircare business to come together and work to unify the city and to make changes for the betterment of the community while improving their own stations in life. His natural "gift of gab" afforded him the opportunity to work with The Toastmasters.

Ray loved life and he loved people, he loved his family. He was an entertainer, he created dishes and fancied himself a gourmet cook. Music was his passion and he was preparing for career as an OJ. Ray's clothes were statements; he did dress. He was a New York Giants fanatic. Ray had a warm, loving spirit; he saw good in every person. While he was a great talker, he was also a good listener. He had the capacity to forgive; wisdom to council and the heart to love. He was a spiritual man, He took religion seriously. He studied for the ministry, for a time he was known as "Rev. Ray."

By the end of his life, Ray had endured much; diabetes, dialysis; amputations; infections but through it all his faith in God never wavered. He always looked on the bright side, he had a positive approach to life. He always believed things would "work out". The strength, determination and courage he developed as a child saw him through.

Raymond Claude Barmore was a gift to those who knew him, a gift of love, warmth and kindness. Many will remember him fondly, but those who cherish his memory most of all are his children, Nyema Rae, Imani Leigh and MeKayla Jon; his mother, Deloris Peterkin Barmore; sisters, Desiree Barmore-Smith and Lee Kimball Outlaw Barmore (New York); brothers, Keith Barmore (Virginia) John M. Barmore, Jr. (Australia); stepmother, Barbara Outlaw Barmore (New York); aunt, Rose Ellen Flack (New York); uncle, Kalafia Saladin (New York); nieces, Ashlee R. K. Smith (New York); Tess Barmore (Australia); nephews, Braxton Barmore (Arizona); Nelson Smith (New York); Will Barmore (Australia); great-niece and great nephew, Brylen and Allyanah Barmore (Arizona); brother-in-law Jeffery Smith (New York); two who were like mothers; Dorothy Gordon (Virginia) and Martha Lee Jones (New Jersey) and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd  
Chesapeake, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com  
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

## Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grove Church  
5910 W Norfolk Rd  
Portsmouth, VA 23703  
(757) 484-4149

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond Claude Barmore



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - July 12, 2018 at 04:55 PM



“ I met you only a few times...but being a friend to your daughters growing up...they loved their father dearly...and in my eyes you were a great father...rip

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**Jay Tnb** - June 09, 2018 at 09:48 AM



“ Sending my deepest condolences to Barmores three beautiful daughters. I would like to say that I will always remember his contagious smile, much needed chivalry and how much he loved his daughters. I will always remember our nights sitting on the pier by the Wisconsin holding hands and the convos we had about life. We may not have been right for each other, but for the 7 months we knew each other, you showed me how a true man is supposed to care for a woman and I appreciate it. Through all your pain you still persevered and were an example of strength. Im sorry I didn't get a chance to say goodbye to you, my heart truly hurts. I know you are dancing and smiling now in heaven in no more pain and healed. Still nothing but love for you. Thank you.  
-Christy M.

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**Christy M.** - June 08, 2018 at 06:03 PM



“ *Andrea & Alden Grant purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Raymond Claude Barmore.*



Andrea & Alden Grant - June 07, 2018 at 04:19 PM



“ *33 files added to the album Life Tributes*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - June 06, 2018 at 05:15 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Claude Barmore.*



June 06, 2018 at 04:48 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**WIGGINS, debra** - June 06, 2018 at 12:53 AM

LE

“ *“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. “  
Matthew 5:4*

*You will be missed. My deepest condolences to your beautiful  
daughters and your mother. Love never dies. Rest well.*

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**letty** - June 04, 2018 at 04:20 AM

FC

“ *Praying for the family.  
Allen and Frieda Cason*



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**Frieda Cason** - June 03, 2018 at 09:44 PM

“ I THOUGHT WE HAD TIME!

*I thought we had time when those calls kept dropping on April 19th. The night you had your radio debut. I streamed in on my phone just to hear you for a few.*

*I thought we had time when as much as we tried to talk, the calls kept dropping we had no luck.*

*I didn't know that would be the last time we talked. I didn't know I didn't know.*

*I thought we had time when when you started doing FB live posts. I listened, I heard you but didn't realize they were farewells to most.*

*I thought we had time. Time for me to get more Buddha wisdom.*

*Time to hear more stories about your quest for love. Time for you to make me smile when I didn't want to. I thought we had time.*

*But time ran out. I didn't know why I could not sleep a wink on*

*Sunday night as I tossed and turned. I woke to a text from you early Monday morning. At 3:18am it came through BUT it said*

*nothing..that wasn't like you. My response at 7:13am was "Hey Buddha" and I pressed send. I didn't know our time had come to an*

*end. I received a missed call, the number was you but the voice was your daughter with the sweetest message from you. She informed*

*me that she had good news. Daddy was all better. He's got all his fingers and toes back. He is up walking around and all is well.*

*Silence, could it be? The question came slowly from my lips. Your*

*dad's gone home hasn't he? Yes the voice quivered and we both*

*shed tears. She said he knew we all loved him but there's no more suffering here. I thanked his beautiful daughter for the call. I sat*

*frozen in my car. We had run out of time afterall.*

*But there's a bright side. He taught me to live life to the fullest when we had the time. He taught me to forgive to free myself when others*

*hurt me. He taught me that even in the hardest time anything was*

*possible. How did he know? Because that's how Ray C.Barmore*

*lived each day reaping what he sewed. He loved big, worked hard,*

*gave his all in everything he did. And it came back to him constantly*

*so when he closed his eyes and took that final breathe I can only*

*imagine the smirk on his face knowing that God's now got him,*

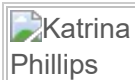
*there was no need to fret. Time ran out but the story continues without a doubt. Your legacy will carry on through Nyema, Imani and Mekayla too. Those 3 beautiful girls that meant the world to you. I love you for life dear friend. I thought we had more time but the very best times always have an end!*

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**Poppy Elliott** - June 01, 2018 at 06:24 PM



*Beautiful words of admiration.*

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**Ronda Hall** - June 03, 2018 at 03:34 PM



“ *To the man who so expertly introduced me to sushi & sushima, I am eternally grateful lol. I can't believe you are no longer here. Your loyalty, kindness, and unique sense of humor will be missed. In fact, already so.*

*To the family, I offer my sincere condolences for your loss. I pray you receive the peace that surpasses all understanding at this time... Finally my dear friend, Soar high with the eagles! You have finally been set free! Rest in Heaven Ray!*

*"Job well done thy good & faithful servant"* 🙏🙏🙏

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**Katrina Phillips** - June 01, 2018 at 12:38 PM

SR

“ *May God give your family strength during this time RIP Rev. Ray*



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**Shina Richardson** - May 31, 2018 at 05:30 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



DEBRA WIGGINS - May 30, 2018 at 07:56 PM

DW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



DEBRA WIGGINS - May 30, 2018 at 07:46 PM

MI

“ Miko lit a candle in memory of Raymond Claude Barmore



Miko - May 30, 2018 at 01:02 PM

BW

“ Byron Wright lit a candle in memory of Raymond Claude Barmore



Byron Wright - May 29, 2018 at 10:59 PM