CELEBRATING THE LIFE,
LEGACY, AND SERVICE OF



SEP 5
2026

Dr. BARBARA GILLESPIE WASHINGTON

I HOTEL AND ILLINOIS CONFERENCE CENTER
1900 SOUTH FIRST STREET | CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820

THE GILLESPIE FAMILY CELEBRATES

Happy Birthday, *Barbara*

To one of the greatest people to ever walk this earth



The family you built, celebrating the woman who built it

You represent everything amazing and integral. Fast walking, helpful, and encouraging. A Godly example who can whip up a meal in minutes, always including a salad. A prayer warrior. A gap filler. Pleasant to be around, gracious, hospitable, and incredibly creative. Productive and award winning. Most importantly, God fearing.

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The BG Factor · Family Hour · Prayer Warrior · Gap Filler · Fast Walking · Gracious · Hospitable · Incredibly Creative · Award Winning · God Fearing

Sister ✦ Friend ✦ Mother ✦ Grandmother

With all our love and gratitude

The Gillespie Family

GOD'S GEM

IN LOVING CELEBRATION OF

Dr. Barbara Gillespie Washington

EIGHTY-ONE YEARS OF GRACE, FAITH, AND SERVICE

Saturday, the Fifth of September • Two Thousand Twenty-Six

A Celebration Luncheon

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

THE GATHERING

Musical Prelude
The Celebratory Choir

Introduction of the Honoree
Evangelist Juan Chambers

Happy Birthday
The Celebratory Choir

Processional of the Honoree
Escorted by Her Brother and Grandchildren

THE INVOCATION

Prayer
Pastor Lee

Proclamation
The Honorable Mayor or Representative

WORDS OF EXPRESSION

Dorinda Clark Cole — Virtual
Dr. Barbara MacCoo Lewis — Virtual
Dr. Preston Williams — Virtual
Kim Gillespie

I Love You Jesus
LaQuisha Burries Finn

Lunch Served

Open Mic During Lunch

ILLINOIS CENTRAL JURISDICTION WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Grandchildren Special Video

First Assistant Supervisor Alice Medley
Second Assistant Supervisor Diane Day
Dr. Arnita Bright

The Sisters of Barbara Gillespie

My Girl
The Celebratory Choir

INTERNATIONAL COGIC WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Vanessa Gatlin
Second Assistant Supervisor

Darlene Stone
Supervisor, Region 5

Grace Harris
International Supervisor

THE BROTHERS OF BARBARA GILLESPIE

Praying Spirit
The Celebratory Choir

WORDS FROM AFFILIATIONS

Murial Jones
National Council of Negro Women

Bernice Harrington
ACT-SO

Shandra Summerville
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Darrell Gillespie

Center of My Joy
The Celebratory Choir

THE TRIBUTE

Video Presentation

Change
LaQuisha Burries Finn and the Choir

Presentation of Gifts and Love

Thank You Lord
LaQuisha Burries Finn and the Choir

THE RESPONSE

Words of Thanks
Dr. Barbara Gillespie Washington

Closing Remarks and Music
Joshua Y. Gillespie II

"They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing."
Psalm 92:14

LOVINGLY PRESENTED BY THE FAMILY

CITY OF CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Barbara Gillespie Washington was born on September 1, 1946, to Ulys and Edna Hoults. She grew up with her family in Madison, Illinois before moving to the Champaign Urbana area in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Barbara attended and graduated from Lincoln High School. At the University of Illinois, she earned her Bachelor's Degree from the College of Agriculture and her Master's Degree from the College of Education. Barbara attended the North Carolina College of Theology where she earned her Ph.D in Theology; and

WHEREAS, Barbara married Elder Joshua Gillespie in 1963 and together they had three children: Dr. Darrell Gillespie, Joshua Gillespie, and Kimberly Gillespie. She is the proud grandparent to 8 and great grandparent to one. After her husband's passing in 1977, Barbara married Norris Washington in 1990. They remained married until his passing in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Barbara has held numerous jobs in the community, including the Urbana and Champaign School Districts, University of Illinois, Regional Office of Education, and Country Side School. She dedicated more than 36 years of her life to ensuring young minds receive good education; and

WHEREAS, Barbara worked under Noble Prize winner Dr. Paul Lauterbur and Dr. Joan Dawson to write and implement PROJECT S.E.A.R.C.H., a program designed to connect University science programs with local schools and programs, focusing on elementary students to expand and encourage interest in sciences. Barbara is also a published author of three books; and

WHEREAS, Barbara is affiliated with the Church of God in Christ, and holds several high level leadership roles, including Supervisor of the Illinois Central Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction (Department of Women), International General Advisory Board member, and Region #5 area representative. She delights in telling people she has “been in jail for over 30 years,” waiting for shocked reactions, before gleefully explaining her dedicated service to the local jail ministry; and

WHEREAS, Barbara the “unstoppable volunteer” is well known for her engagement. Her family jokes that it is easier to find a board Barbara has not been on than to list the ones she has. Between the boards over the years, her family teases that she must hold the record for the most meetings attended in Champaign County history; and

WHEREAS, Barbara's personal quote and guiding life philosophy truly speaks to her character: “If I can help somebody in this life to know who Jesus is, then I know my living has not been in vain; Jesus is the center of my job.” It is with love and joy that Barbara has spent many of her 81 years sharing her message.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deborah Frank Feinen, Mayor of the City of Champaign, Illinois, do hereby announce this proclamation in honor of

Dr. Barbara Gillespie Washington’s 81st Birthday

IN THE CITY OF CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal Of the City of Champaign to be affixed this 5th day of September, 2026.



HAPPY 81ST Birthday!

SUPERVISOR Gillespie-Washington

Your unwavering faith, servant leadership, and enduring legacy have been a blessing to so many. Thank you for the love, wisdom, and example you have shared throughout the years. May God continue to strengthen you, grant you good health, and richly bless you as you continue to impact lives for His glory.

"The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree... They shall still bring forth fruit in old age."
Psalm 92:12, 14



From your church family

Liberty Temple Global Ministries COGIC

Supt. Albert Lee, Pastor



Join us in celebrating
a remarkable woman

Happy 81ST Birthday

MOTHER GILLESPIE-WASHINGTON

To a woman of unwavering faith, boundless compassion, and extraordinary strength—your life is a shining example of God's love in action. For years, we have had the honor of knowing you, and we continue to be inspired by your tenacity, your wisdom, and your heart for people, especially children.

A True Educator

Your dedication to education has shaped minds, built confidence, and opened doors of opportunity for countless young lives.

A Woman of Tenacity

You face every challenge with grace and determination. Your strength and resilience continue to motivate all who know you.

A Heart of Gold

Your kindness, generosity, and genuine love for others have left a lasting impact on our hearts and in our community.

Today, we celebrate not only your 81 years of life, but the legacy of love, faith, and purpose you continue to leave behind.

We love you, we appreciate you, and we thank God for you!

With Love and Gratitude,

Deacon and Missionary Smith

Happy 81st Birthday



Supervisor Barbara Gillespie-Washington

On this very special day, we celebrate you—an *amazing leader, a woman of faith, and a true blessing to so many.*

Your wisdom, strength, and unwavering dedication continue to inspire and uplift all those around you.

May this milestone year bring you joy, peace, good health, and countless blessings from above.

We love you and appreciate you!

Enjoy your day to the fullest!

You are fearfully, wonderfully, and intentionally made. Thank you for being a powerful example of God's love in action!

So many lives have been impacted by your kindness, leadership, and servant's heart. Your legacy is a gift!

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

PROVERBS 31:25

With love and appreciation,

Supt. Greg & First Lady Estelle Tyus

HONORING A LIFE OF FAITH, LEADERSHIP & LEGACY

Congratulations

DR. BARBARA GILLESPIE-WASHINGTON



CELEBRATING

81

YEARS OF LIFE

AND YEARS OF FAITHFUL MINISTRY SERVICE

We salute your leadership, honor your legacy, and celebrate this gathering of faith, fellowship, and spiritual empowerment.

> *Be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.*
> 1 Corinthians 15:58



WORD OF LIFE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

1801 Singleton Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46203

Superintendent Barry Dillion, Pastor
Supervisor Dorothy Dillion, First Lady

SUNDAY WORSHIP
12:00 NOON

FACE DOWN PRAYER
FIRST SATURDAYS
AT 10:00 AM

WEDNESDAY
BIBLE STUDY
7:00 PM

WHERE THE WORD GIVES LIFE

Happy Birthday Mother Gillespie-Washington



May the Lord bless and protect you, smile upon you and be gracious to you, show you His favor, and give you His peace. We wish you continued happiness, good health, and success in all that you do.

Superintendent Albert Lee
First Lady Deloris Lee & Family



Congratulations

DR. BARBARA GILLESPIE WASHINGTON



Celebrating Legacy

SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

From

Mother Kimberly Hagler Goldsby

Supervisor Of Women, Australia Jurisdiction

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Bishop Paul E. Jones, Prelate



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Supervisor Dr. Barbara Gillespie Washington,

IThank God for the opportunity to know you and to work alongside of you in our work for our Lord.

Ipray that this birthday brings you all you desire and every blessing the Lord has for you.

God Bless you.

- Supervisor Regina Cook/Region 5

With agape love, Dr. Maritza Knight and the Senior Love Committee of WIC COGIC joyfully congratulate Supervisor Dr. Barbara Gillespie Washington on this memorable celebration honoring her hard work, faithful service, and dedication on September 5, 2026.



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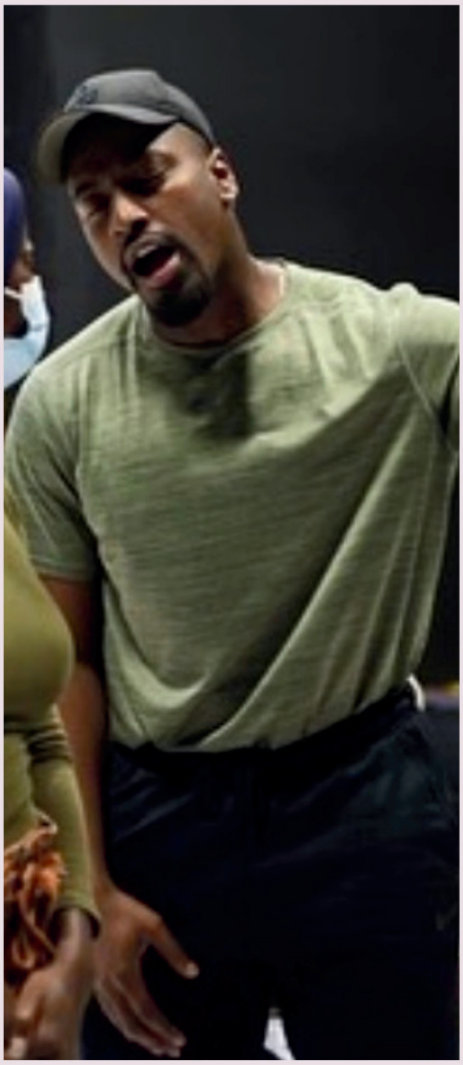
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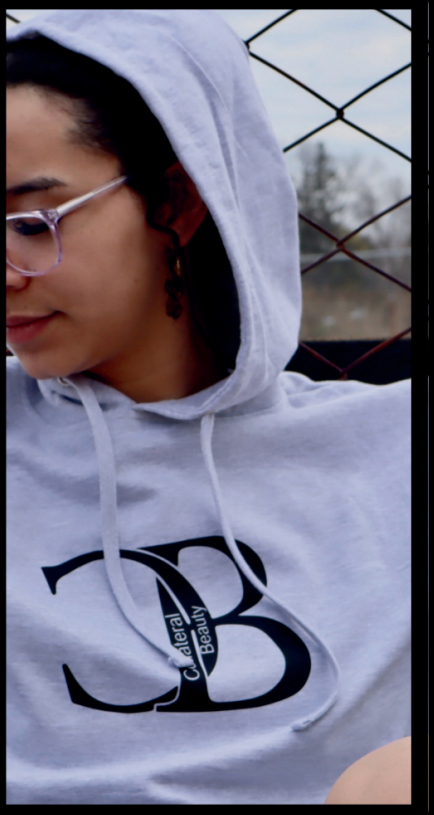
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JeJu International Ministries

Happy Birthday Mother Washington



Warmest Congratulations and all the best. May God continue to smile on you!

JeJu International Ministries LLC

"In loving memory of Pastor Jerome Chambers"
Evangelist Juan Chambers & Family

CELEBRATINGTHE81stBIRTHDAYOF

Dr. Barbara Gillespie-Washington



Venice Lincoln High — kindred spirits since the second grade

Dearest Mz Barb, we are still walking this journey together, thanks to the grace and loving kindness of our Heavenly Father!

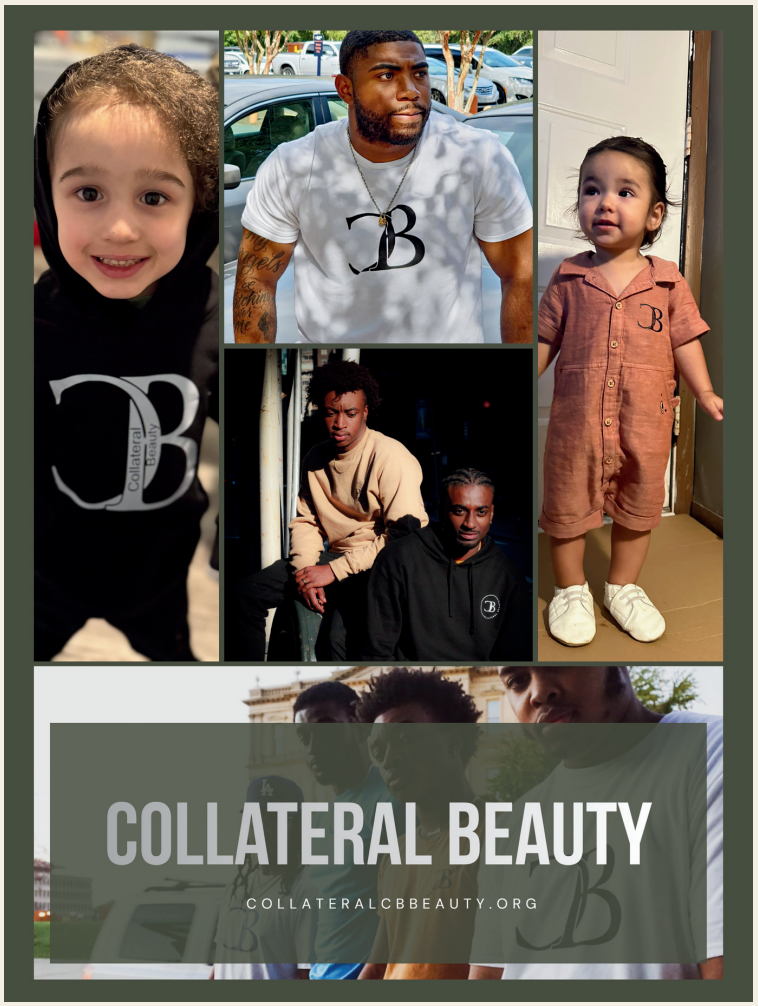
Since Second Grade at dear ol' Venice Lincoln, we've celebrated kindred birthdays!

Eighty-one (81) is a year to 'turn it out,'

Bobbie Gail!! — with praises and thanksgiving!

Love you,

Mz Gerri



Celebrating 81 Wonderful Years



Birthday Blessings & Well Wishes

Pat Brown
Mary Ann Keith
Mason & Connie Minnes

81 Years of Life, Legacy & Love









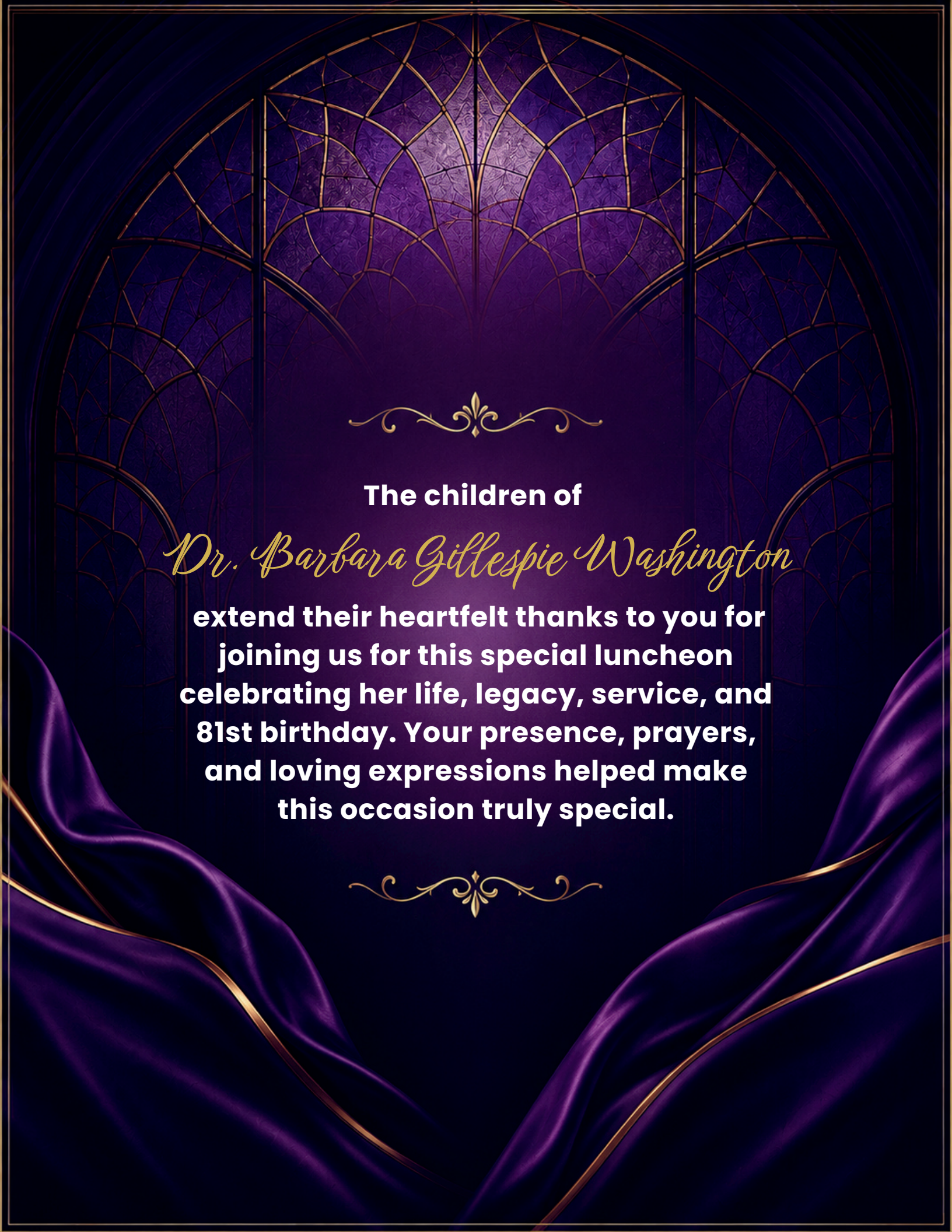











The children of
Dr. Barbara Gillespie Washington
extend their heartfelt thanks to you for joining us for this special luncheon celebrating her life, legacy, service, and 81st birthday. Your presence, prayers, and loving expressions helped make this occasion truly special.