

ORDER OF SERVICE

- Processional**
Call to Worship Dr. Benjamin Hinton
Invocation Dr. Benjamin Hinton
Selection TBC Music Ministry
Scripture Reading
Old Testament Min. Robert Williams, II
TBC Youth Pastor
New Testament Rev. James Bullard, Jr.
Pastor of Moores Chapel Baptist Church, Lincolnton, NC
Prayer of Comfort Rev. James Bullard, Jr., MCBC
Reflections (2 Minutes, please)
Worshipful Master Darron Glenn
James Dunlap
Michael Barrett
Dr. Rodney Hood
Minister Augusta Sims - On behalf HOA / his neighbors
Roxy Robinson- On behalf of Middle C Jazz Club
Dawn Carter/Carolyn Jones
Resolution from TBC Mrs. Tawanda Walker
Selection Min. Ricky Collins
TBC Exec. Pastor & Min. of Music
Dr. Benjamin Hinton
Words of Comfort
Military Honors
Committal
Masonic Last Rights District Deputy James Bowden
Benediction Dr. Benjamin Hinton
Recessional "Jesus Promised Me A Home Over There"

INTERMENT

Connecticut State Veterans Cemetery
Middletown, Connecticut



I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Pall Bearers

Michael Barrett J'Ron Barrett
James Willingham, Jr. Ronald Glenn
Otis Brooks Deron Jones

Honorary Pall Bearers
TBC Veterans Ministry

Acknowledgement

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Benjamin Hinton for your compassion and unwavering support during this time. Thank you, Mrs. Bernetta Gregory, for the exceptional care, sensitivity, and dignity you showed our family. To the Bullard family, we are grateful for your love and acceptance of our dad's beloved Mylo into your loving home. We thank you all for your prayers, kindness, and thoughtful gestures, and for embodying a true reflection of Christ's love for our family.

Arrangements Were Entrusted to:

Gregory Funeral Service, Inc.
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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Mr. John Walter Barrett

SUNRISE: MAY 24, 1960 - SUNSET: MAY 10, 2026



SUNDAY; JUNE 14, 2026
VISITATION: 1:00 UNTIL 1:30 P.M.
CELEBRATION: 1:30 P.M.

TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH
519 WEST 19TH AVENUE
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

DR. BENJAMIN HINTON, SENIOR PASTOR
OFFICIATING

THE LASTING LEGACY



John Walter Barrett, born on May 24, 1960, in Boston, Massachusetts, was a man whose life was defined by service, protection, faith, and unwavering dedication to others. A true servant at heart, John spent his life on the front lines, whether serving his country, protecting his community, supporting his church, or standing in the gap for those he loved. His strength, courage, and commitment to helping others left an indelible mark on everyone blessed to know him.

He attended Lexington High School in Boston, Massachusetts, and later Bloomfield High School in Bloomfield, Connecticut.

In 1978, John answered the call to serve his nation by joining the United States Army. He proudly served in the military and attained the rank of Sergeant in the Army Reserve. His military service reflected the values that would guide his life: discipline, honor, integrity, and selfless service.

Following his military career, John continued his mission of public service through a distinguished career in corrections. He began working for the Department of Corrections in Boston, Massachusetts, and later continued his career in Connecticut, where he faithfully served for 25 years. Through hard work, leadership, and dedication, he rose through the ranks and retired as a Lieutenant from Enfield Correctional Institution.



John's commitment to service extended beyond his profession. He was a proud member of the Masonic Golden Rule Lodge #82 and remained active in his community and church. As an Armor Bearer at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Gastonia, North Carolina, he faithfully served God and his church family. He also dedicated his time to the Veterans Ministry, continuing his lifelong mission to support and uplift fellow servicemen and servicewomen. John found joy in fellowship and was a proud VIP member of the Middle C Jazz Club in Charlotte, where he enjoyed great music, friendship, and community.

Above all else, John was a devoted believer in Jesus Christ. His faith was the foundation upon which he built his life and relationships. He believed in serving others without hesitation, protecting those entrusted to his care, and living with purpose and conviction.

John will be remembered for his larger-than-life personality and the joy he brought into every room he entered. He was often the life of the party, known for his infectious laugh, warm smile, and unmistakable voice that many said belonged on the radio. His presence was always felt, his wisdom valued, and his love for his family, children, and friends was unwavering. Whether offering encouragement, sharing a laugh, or stepping forward to help someone in need, John embodied what it meant to be a protector and servant.

John was predeceased by his parents, Walter and Vivian King, and his mother, Marcia Brown. His aunts, Dorothy Lambert and Ruth Mansfield; his uncles, Kenneth Hester and Reggie Hood; JoAnn Davis, whom he affectionately called Mother-n-law; Sherri Carter, whom he affectionately called sis-n-law; and JoAnn Carter, aka Baby Jo.

He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved daughter, Tiffani Barrett; his son, J'Ron Barrett; brother and sister-in-law, Michael (Veronica) Barrett; his aunts, Dorothy Hood, Loretta Hood, and Evelyn Smith; his uncle, Rodney Hood; a host of cousins; former spouses, Dawn Carter and Carolyn Jones; and his cherished dog, Mylo Lee.

Though his earthly assignment has ended, John's legacy of faith, service, protection, and love will continue to remain in all the hearts that knew him. His life was a testament to what it means to serve God, country, family, children, and community with honor.

WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT. YOUR WATCH IS OVER, BUT YOUR LEGACY LIVES ON FOREVER.

MEMORIES

