



Mary Lee Barber Timpton

January 31, 2021

Mary Lee Barber Timpton's life began on May 8, 1921 in Tchula, Mississippi. She was the youngest child of Willie Mae Grace Barber and Nelson Charles Barber. Following her family's move to Maywood, Illinois, Mary continued upon the almost 100 year journey of a life full of love, grace, beauty, and dedication that we now celebrate.

As a young woman, Mary studied fashion and prided herself on her many original designs she created and wore in her social endeavors. She also enjoyed designing and sewing clothing for her family and friends. She had an immense appreciation of traveling and the arts and enjoyed creating her own pieces as well as purchasing prized pieces from around the world with her husband for their extensive collection. She loved dancing and when she was not dancing, she took pleasure in watching people dance. As a voracious reader she enjoyed fiction and nonfiction literature. In addition to her love of reading she enjoyed and produced a vast array of ceramic pieces, macramé, crochet and knitting of clothing and wall hangings. She also loved her plants and flowers and always

had dogs as companions.

While managing a household of six children, she was also instrumental in helping her husband Dr.

Richard Tipton run a successful medical practice. She had a keen eye for detail and a sharp business sense with a no-nonsense approach.

She was also active in and helped charter many organizations geared toward providing an outlet for fellowship, service and education in the community. As a den mother for the Boy Scouts and a member of Jack and Jill of America, she helped to provide an outlet for her children and herself to establish lifelong connections, skills and in many cases, friends. Determined to give her children many experiences and opportunities, she was instrumental in sponsoring tennis camps, swimming lessons and small theatrical productions for the youth in the Pontchartrain Park community. Mary was a charter member of the New Orleans Chapters of Smart Set, The Girlfriends, Tufts, The Pontchartrain Chapter of the Links, Inc. and the Circlets. She was also a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the National Medical Association and the Archousa, spouse of a member of the Alpha Alpha Boule' social club.

On a beautiful Sunday morning, January 31, 2021, Mary was called home to join her beloved husband

Richard H. Tipton, Sr., M.D. She was also preceded in death by her son, Richard H. Tipton, Jr., her

daughter Barbara Tipton Ware, her brother, John Barber, Sr., sister, Linner

Barber Davis, and
son-in-law, Irvin A. Jones.

Left to carry on her legacy are her remaining five children: Rhoda Eileen Tipton, Marilyn Tipton Jones, Richard H. (Paulette) Tipton, III, Wanda Gail Tipton, M.D., Don G. (Bridgitte) Tipton, D.D.S. and Son-in-law, John R. Ware. Her grandchildren: Maurice (Kim) Ware, Anthony (Dalaina) Ware, and Major Tselane P. Ware, Nyeemah Jones Wright, Imani Jones, Ashi (Jessica) Jones, Charlotte Holt, Temara Holt, Robrielle Jemison, Rhaina Jemison, India Tipton and Saadia Tipton. Also including great grandchildren: Luxury Kemp, Chayse-Richard Lajoie, Trevor Spivey, Addison Spivey, Nina Ware, SophiaWare, Aurora Ware and Riley Gresham. Nieces: Jeanel Acklin, Gloria Barber Williams, Mabelline Barber, Marsha Ann Barber, Glenda Tipton, Suzanne Tipton, nephew, John Barber, Jr., and a bonus child Kevin Middleton, Sr. She also is survived by a host of great nephews, nieces, close friends and extended family who also hold a special place in her story.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a Drive- Through for Mrs. Mary Lee Barber Tipton from 2:00 pm through 4:00 pm on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave, New Orleans, LA 70125. The family will host a funeral at 11:00 am on Saturday, February 13, 2021 Franklin Ave Baptist Church, 2515 Franklin Ave on Saturday, February 13, 2021. Visitation will begin at 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Please join us by Livestream at www.facebook.com/D.W.RhodesFuneralHome/live. As mandated by the State of Louisiana due to the COVID-19 pandemic, attendance is limited. Everyone is required to adhere to all restrictions. You must

wear a face mask at all times and practice social distancing. Interment: St. Patrick Cemetery. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, New Orleans, LA 70125. In lieu of flowers please send all donations to the Dr. Richard and Mrs. Mary Tipton Scholarship Fund at Dillard University. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guestbook, share memories, and condolences for the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Franklin Ave. Baptist Church
2515 Franklin Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70117

Service

FEB 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ *A Life Well Lived*

*Now that we look back, what is it that we see
A Life where you said, this is what will be
You walked in the hue of your ancestors, with pride and with grace
And you made it your business to walk it out, at your own pace.
When you spoke, your words formed a picture of pride.
And your love for Hercules you never did hide.
He was your man of strength and of comfort; for in his arms you
could lay your fears.
It was in his strong hands, that he held all your tears.
When he left you kept on walking
It's great to know you both are now talking.
So we rejoice because now you both are with each other
And we are left to smile because we know like you; there will never
be another.*

Rest in Joy

Stevie and Juan Burke - February 19, 2021 at 11:26 AM

RS

“ *My deepest sympathy as I remember Mrs. Mary Tipton mentor
the Boy Scouts i Ponchatrain Park, coordinate movie nights at
Bethany Church and host activities for many of us in the
neighborhood. We admire your spirit.
Ronald Stevens*

Ronald T Stevens - February 16, 2021 at 02:26 AM

DD

“ .Sending my condolences to the Tipton Family. Also sending up prayers for strength during your time of loss for to be absent from the body is to be present with the LORD

Dianna Davis - February 13, 2021 at 09:38 AM

BM

“ The Murray family wishes to send condolences to the homegoing of a mother, grandmother friend. May God keep this family wrapped in prayers. Bertha and The Late Willie Lester Murray & Family. Rest in peace.

Bertha Murray - February 13, 2021 at 08:31 AM



“ Don, Bridgitte and Family,

We pray that your loving memories of your Mother's life of service to you and many others will remain in your hearts forever. Our deepest sympathy.

Mike and Pat Williams

Pat Dorn Williams - February 13, 2021 at 04:12 AM

LL

“ Lynda R Louis lit a candle in memory of Mary Lee Barber Tipton



Lynda R Louis - February 11, 2021 at 10:51 PM

JK

“ Our deepest sympathy to you and your family on the lost of your dear love one.

May God bless and keep you all.

With love always Janice' and Bernard Kimble

Janice Kimble - February 11, 2021 at 01:27 PM

BN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Beverly Norwood-Matheney - February 10, 2021 at 05:19 PM

DJ

“ Deepest sympathy.



Dolores Johnson - February 09, 2021 at 07:50 PM