

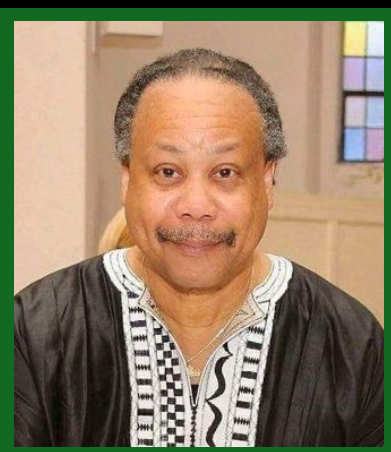
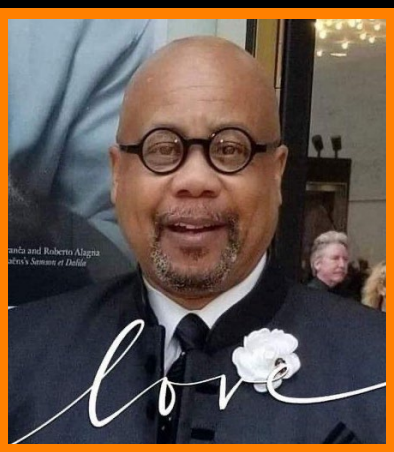
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Clyde lived a life full of joy and grace. As a teen he had a love of swimming and was a member of the Springfield College swim team. Music was a passion and he had a particular soft spot for the divas: Nancy Wilson, Dionne Warwick, and Barbara Streisand. He was a fashion icon, which was reflected in everything he wore. He was so devoted to interior design that he even redecorated the homes of his family and friends. He also loved traveling to Jamaica, Ghana, France, and around the US, but nothing could beat a relaxing day on Martha's Vineyard.

He befriended and inspired hundreds of people from all walks of life and often said "Since I cannot add more time to my life, I'm adding more life to my time".

Clyde is survived by his son Darryl, granddaughter Saroya, brother Steven, sister Lisa, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends that are family!

Walter was truly beloved by all. We will miss him dearly.



MEMORIAL SERVICE
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
REV. WALTER CLYDE BARTON, JR.
DECEMBER 22, 1949 — FEBRUARY 19, 2023



Union United Methodist Church

485 Columbus Avenue (Boston, MA)

Rev. Dr. Jay Williams, officiating

Rev. Joseph Washington, eulogizing

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Homegoing Celebration – 11:00 am

Interment following service

Oak Lawn Cemetery (427 Cummins Hwy, Roslindale)

unionboston.org/walter

ORDER OF SERVICE OF DEATH & RESURRECTION

MUSICAL INTROIT *Plamen Karadonev, Fabio Pirozzolo, & David Buda*

PROCESSIONAL *Sidy Maiga + West African Drummers*

WELCOME, WORDS OF GRACE, & OCCASION

OPENING HYMN “Lift Every Voice & Sing” (UMH 519)

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23

MUSICAL SELECTION “Here I Am, Lord” (UMH 593)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 4:1-15
Rev. John Charles Van Epps

A VIDEO TRIBUTE TO REV. WALTER CLYDE BARTON, JR.

REMEMBRANCES AND WITNESSES *Rev. Michelle Barton Wheeler
Minister Jessie Washington*

MUSICAL SELECTION “In My Dreams”
Mr. Eddie Mallory, Union Church Boston

EULOGY Rev. Joseph Washington

MUSICAL SELECTION “Angels”
Ms. Lori Harper

COMMENDATION AND BLESSINGS

CLOSING MUSIC “When We All Get to Heaven” (UMH 701)
“Hallelujah Chorus”

RECESSIONAL *Sidy Maiga + West African Drummers*

SENDING FORTH AND POSTLUDE

REMEMBERING WALTER

Walter (or Clyde as he was known by our family) was born on December 22, 1949 in Lynn, Massachusetts. He was the oldest of four children born to Walter Clyde Barton Sr. and Amy Lee (Cook) Barton. He was raised in both Lynn and Boston. Walter graduated from Boston English High School 1967. He attended Springfield College and graduated with a degree in psychology. Walter decided to attend Colgate Rochester Divinity School after he was called to ministry. He graduated with a Master of Divinity in 1973.

Walter was ordained a Deacon in 1973 and a Full Elder in July 1976 in the former Western New York Conference of The United Methodist Church. His pastoral appointments in that conference included Lincoln United Methodist Church, Buffalo, NY.

Walter moved to the New York Conference in July 1995. His pastoral appointments in New York City were: Grace United Methodist Church, St. Albans; St Mark’s United Methodist Church, Harlem; and Newman Memorial United Methodist Church, Brooklyn. His last appointment was Golden Hill United Methodist Church, Bridgeport, CT. Walter retired from active ministry in 2015.

Walter served both the church and the community for over 40 years. He was the chairperson of the Commission on Religion and Race in the Western New York Annual Conference and a board member of many groups, including the Board of Ordained Ministry Conference Relations Committee, the New York City Society, the Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement (HCCI), Organization for a New Equality (ONE) in Boston, MA, and the Council of Churches in Bridgeport, CT. Walter was a College Tour member, VIM team member to Ghana and a plenary leader of Mission U: United Methodist Women’s Study. Walter held a Lifetime Membership in Black Methodists for Church Renewal (BMCR).

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