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Heather Dawn
SMALL

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
WORLD HEADQUARTERS, SILVER SPRING, MD
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Heather-Dawn Kamille Ernie Barker was born on September 29, 1957, to Keston Ernest Barker Sr. and Agather Eileen Barker in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. She was the last of three children. She gave her heart to her Lord and Savior in baptism at the age of 11.

Growing up, Heather-Dawn always seemed more mature than her chronological age. In fact, people often thought she was the eldest of her siblings because of her confident manner and approach to life. She would often be found debating with her older sister's friends. She felt very comfortable in groups of individuals four to five years her senior.

Heather-Dawn attended Bishop Anstey High School, a very prestigious institution in Trinidad, and excelled in her studies. She later attended Caribbean Union College, now the University of Southern

Caribbean, for her first two years of college. She had big dreams and goals for her life, and her great potential to fulfill them was noted by her early employers.

She married Joseph Leyland Alexander Small, the love of her life, on July 29, 1979. This union produced three children: Joseph Jr. (who died at age 4), Dalonne, and Jerard.

During her working years at the Caribbean Union Conference in Trinidad Heather-Dawn made significant and creative changes to both the Children's Ministries and Women's Ministries Departments as their director. Heather's approach to leadership was always one of high standards, yet servant led.

She held a BA in English from Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan USA; an MA in Leadership with a minor in Pastoral Care to Women from Western Seminary, Portland, Oregon; and was a candidate for a doctorate in Inter-Cultural Studies at Western Seminary. She died before completing her dissertation.

Heather-Dawn worked for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in different capacities: as the administrative assistant to the president of Caribbean Union College (now University of the Southern Caribbean) from September 1995 to 1996; as Children's Ministries director for the Caribbean Union Conference in Trinidad and Tobago from October 1996 and Women's Ministries director for this Union from 1998 to 2001; as the associate director for the Women's Ministries department at the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 2001-2005, and as its director since 2005. She served the Church in this position for over 18 years.

Upon relocation to the MD area, Heather-Dawn joined the Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church, where she served as a first elder and quickly became an integral part of the church family. As a passionate communicator she joined an expert team that founded the Metropolitan Media Ministries, a testament to her visionary spirit and commitment to leveraging technology for the advancement of our faith. With her collaboration, the team also developed the church's pioneering website, marking a milestone in the Metropolitan community.

Heather-Dawn enjoyed ministry to women. The Women's Ministries mission statement emphasizes three areas—to nurture women, empower them, and involve them in outreach. She kept this focus in mind in everything she did, including her presentations and resource development.

She often spoke about the need for good mental health and helped develop a women's mental health training manual. She spoke out against domestic and physical abuse and chaired the Church's initiative for its abuse awareness program, enditnow® Adventists Say No to Violence—violence of all kinds against all kinds of people, especially those with no voice. The abuse awareness program enditnow®, also known as Breaking the Silence, became globally recognized. Several country and union Women's Ministries leaders work with their local and federal governments in providing awareness to schools and communities.

Heather-Dawn strongly supported education for women and fostered leadership development through the Women's Ministries Leadership Certification curriculum. She was always delighted to present certificates of completion during graduation ceremonies held for women who completed the four levels of training. She enthusiastically supported the annual women's devotional books with the royalty sales providing seed money for college and university scholarship recipients who are committed women with monetary needs.

As she traveled the world speaking at different events and conferences, she dreamed of seeing more women, especially young women, educated and trained for evangelism and ministry to others. Her desire to equip Adventist women for ministering to women of other cultures and religions is evidenced by the training manual she commissioned for building bridges woman to woman.

Despite life's many challenges, Heather-Dawn kept sharing the joy that God had given her everywhere she went. Her favorite word was "JOY," and her favorite saying was "Don't let anyone steal your joy." She loved air travel—disembarking from the airplane in a new country, eagerly waiting to meet new friends, and ministering to their needs. Her hobbies included reading, embroidery, scrapbooking, making greeting cards and stamp collecting. Her personal devotional life was filled with Bible art journaling which became an often-requested seminar worldwide.

After a short illness, Heather-Dawn learned she had terminal cancer. Her peace of mind during the last couple of weeks helped her to continue ministering to her family, colleagues, and friends. She looked forward to seeing Jesus come back for her on the great resurrection morning and receiving a new body free of pain.

Heather-Dawn was predeceased by her beloved son Joey and her parents Keston and Agather Barker. She is survived by her husband Joseph Small, her children Dalonne and Jerard. Her siblings Kathleen Barker and her family, Lisa Kestana McGinnis and her family, Keston Barker, Jr. and his family; Cheryl Philbert and her family; her adopted grand-daughter Chloe; her only living Aunt Gloria Barker and family; and many other loving family and dear friends.



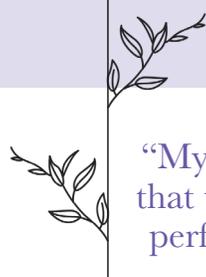
PROGRAM

Prelude	Colville Heskey, family friend, pianist Anwar Ottley, family friend, organist	
Welcome	Willie & Elaine Oliver Directors, Family Ministries, General Conference	
Invocation	Novella D. Smith, mentee and friend Pastor, Beacon Light Seventh-day Adventist Church, Annapolis, MD	
Congregational Hymn	Theo Milford, family friend	“Joy By and By”, #430
Old Testament & New Testament Readings	Hazel Thorpe Graham, close friend	Jeremiah 29:11, James 1:2-4
Musical Selection	Wintley Phipps, Pastor Palm Bay Church, Palm Bay, FL	“It Is Well With My Soul”
Words of Comfort and Reflection	Ted N. C. Wilson President, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists	
Musical Selection	Musical Group CLAY	“It Takes Everything to Serve the Lord”
Tributes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Edith Ruiz, Women’s Ministries Director, Inter-American Division• Omobonike Adeola Sessou, WM Director, West-Central Africa Division• Leslie Moses, President So. Caribbean Conference• Premila Pedapudi, Administrative Assistant, WM, General Conference• Rebecca Turner, Editorial Assistant, WM, General Conference	

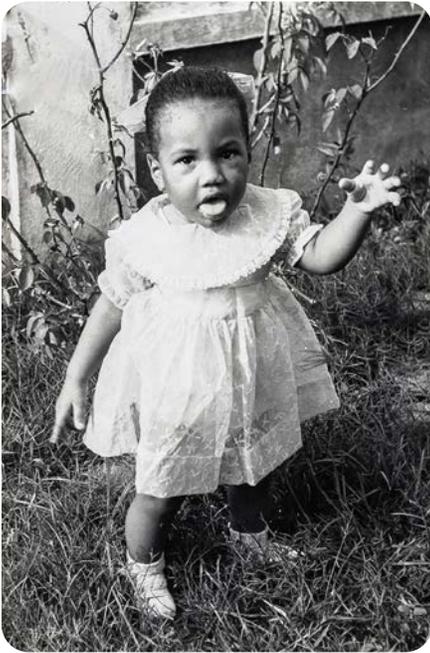


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<https://youtube.com/live/fcYdi1HUPIQ>

Women's Ministries Presentation	Galina Stele Associate Director, Women's Ministries, General Conference	
Tributes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raquel Arrais, Women's Ministries Director, Northern-Asia Pacific Division • DeeAnn Bragaw, Women's Ministries Director, North American Division • Ella Simmons, Retired Vice President, General Conference • Audrey Andersson, Vice President, General Conference • Ardis Stenbakken, Retired Women's Ministries Director, General Conference 	
Musical Selection	Musical Group CLAY	"Take My Life and Let it Be"
Family Life Sketch	Family Video Tribute	
Special Presentation	Magdiel E. Pérez Schulz Assistant to the President, General Conference	
Musical Selection	Wintley Phipps, Pastor, Palm Bay Church, Palm Bay, FL	"How Great Thou Art"
Eulogy	Clyde P. Dottin Field Secretary, Caribbean Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists	
Hymn of Hope	Timothy Anderson, nephew	"How Cheering Is the Christian Hope", #440
Words of Thanks	Joseph Small, Dalonne Small, and Jerard Small	
Benediction	Kern Tobias President, Caribbean Union Conference	
Closing Remarks	Erton C. Köhler Executive Secretary, General Conference	
Postlude	Timothy Anderson, nephew	"I've Got My Mind Made Up" <i>Special request by Heather-Dawn</i>

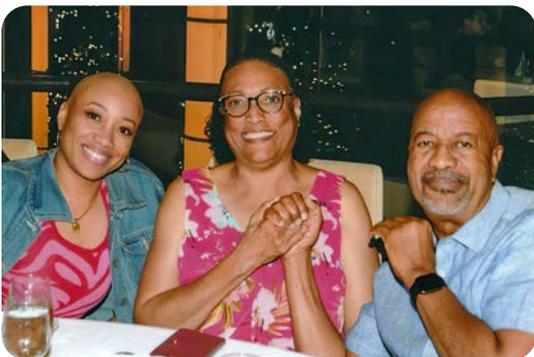


"My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing."



With gratitude, we express our deep and heartfelt appreciation to each of you for your prayers, visits, calls, cards, flowers, and other expressions of sympathy. We will forever treasure your thoughtfulness and love. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we process our grief with hope and anticipation of the Lord's soon return. May God abundantly bless each of you.

The Family of Heather-Dawn Small



“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11



JOY BY AND BY

SDA HYMNAL #430

Verse 1

O there'll be joy when the work is done,
Joy when the reapers gather home,
Bringing the sheaves at set of sun
To the New Jerusalem.

Refrain

Joy, joy, joy, there'll be joy by and by,
Joy, joy, joy, where the joys never die;
Joy, joy, joy, for the day draweth nigh
When the workers gather home.

Verse 2

Sweet are the songs that we hope to sing,
Grateful the thanks our hearts shall bring,
Praising forever Christ our King
In the New Jerusalem.

Verse 3

Pure are the joys that await us there,
Many the golden mansions fair;
Jesus Himself doth them prepare,
In the New Jerusalem.



In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the
Women's Scholarship Fund: women.adventist.org

If you would like to share your favorite memory about Heather-Dawn,
please write to the family at emailforheathermemories@gmail.com