

# *Marzelorraine Barnes*

**M**arze attended Johnson C, Smith University in Charlotte, NC, earning a BA degree in English. She earned a Masters in Education, with a concentration in Guidance and Counselling, at Howard University. In 1970, Marze was introduced to the Oracle Set Book Club by Claudette F., Ford. Over the years, Marze served as president and secretary of the Book Club. For a number of years, she also was secretary of the Oracle Set Foundation. Her family includes husband, Dr. Robert Barnes, a son, a daughter, and two grandchildren. Her affiliations include: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The Kilbourne Estates Civics Association, Chancel Choir of Ebenezer AME Church, and Washington Teachers Union (Retirees Division). "I have always enjoyed discussing and sharing ideas with others, and the Book Club and many luncheons have afforded me the opportunity to experience such. Among my memorable experiences associated with the Club is the fact that two of my sister friends (who once lived in Maryland but now live in Texas and North Carolina) return each year for the luncheon. During their visit we exchange Christmas gifts, attend plays, treat ourselves to lunch/dinner and just enjoy one another's company. Thanks to the Oracle Set Book Club family for the many, many wonderful experiences you have made possible."