



Special Poem

In sorrow, fear, and feeling astray lost or battered we'd look your way for love or kindness or even support from the first sign, to the last resort you'd solve it, you'd fix it, you'd handle it all from the darkest of struggles, to the smallest of falls from the earliest call, to the very last minute no matter challenge you put your all in it your stride, your voice, a beacon or hope your strength and tenderness allow us to cope now we forge onward with all that we've learned knowing your free and your position is earned your rest is a comfort, a signal of grace from your sternest gaze, to the smile on your face you'll be in every memory, etched into every heart both in this world and the next one apart for anyone you've loved, and worked to help grow can look to the sky any moment and know your love is eternal, the mark of your power a sign a resilience in the midnight hour I can think of no better way but to raise my voice and say In brightest day, in blackest night the tribulations will not dull my might Though sadness may take hold tonight, nothing could ever dim your light.

Active Pallbearers

Sam Hobbs
Michael Johnson
Khiry Cromatrie

Jimmy Clay
Isaiah Goodwin
Tommy Hudson

Flower Attendants

Class of 1984

Interment

Douglas City Cemetery
1623 North Gaskin Avenue
Douglas, Georgia 31533

Repast

Gaines Chapel AME Church Social Hall
1008 S. Coffee Avenue
Douglas, Georgia 31533

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Annie Barnett wishes to express their sincere thanks and expressions of gratitude during this time of bereavement. Words cannot express the love we have for each of you. Perhaps you sent cards, food, calls or a floral piece, and all other acts and expressions of kindness to comfort our hearts, we thank you so very much. May you be bountiful blessed is the family prayer!

~The Family

Celebration

OF LIFE FOR



Annie Barnett

Sunrise: June 17, 1943 - Sunset: April 6, 2025

Saturday, April 19, 2025 - 2:30PM
Presider, Pastor Stephanie Walton
Eulogist, Pastor Erskin Slacks

Gaines Chapel AME Church
1008 S. Coffee Avenue
Douglas, Georgia 31533

Obituary

Mrs. Annie Dance Barnett, beloved mother, grandmother, and friend, peacefully closed her eyes for the last time on April 6, 2025. Born on June 17, 1943, in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, she was the daughter of the late George Ed and Florence Whebee Dance.

A proud graduate of P.W. Moore Senior High School, Class of 1961, Annie married the love of her life, Hugh Vernon Barnett, that same year. She worked for many years as a housekeeper before relocating with her family to Douglas, Georgia in 1977. There, she worked as a seamstress in a coat factory and later at the Douglas Golf and Country Club, where she faithfully served in various roles until her retirement in 2013. She was also a member of the Red Hat Society Club in Douglas, Georgia.

Annie accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of Mt. Lebanon AME Church in Elizabeth City, where she served on the Usher Board and eventually became its president. After moving to Douglas, she joined Gaines Chapel AME Church in April 1977 and remained a dedicated and faithful member until her health no longer allowed her to serve.

Mrs. Annie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Hugh Vernon Barnett, and two brothers, Phillip Dance and Royal Dance.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: two children, Verndolyn (Freddie) Hudson of Douglas, Georgia, and Melvin (Ilene) Parker of Rocky Mount, North Carolina; three grandsons, Saivaris D'vernon Burch and Demarcus Burch, both of Douglas, Georgia, and Xavion Parker of Rocky Mount, North Carolina; two great-grandchildren, Demarcus "DJ" Burch and Alina Pfoutz, both of Douglas, Georgia; two special daughters, Devery Davis and Loise (Gordan) Lewis; three special friends, Larry McRae, Diane Gaskin, Robbie Ingram; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Precious Memories



Order of Service

Presiding, Pastor Sephanie Walton

- The Processional.....Ministers & Family
- The Final Glimpse
- The Invocation.....Pastor Stephanie Walton
- The Scripture Readings
 - Old Testament.....Sister Cheryl Evans
 - New Testament.....Sister Cheryl Evans
- The Selection.....Gaines Chapel Church
- Reflections.....Please Limit To Two Minutes
 - As a Cousin.....Lilian Johnson
 - Anyone Desiring to Speak
- The Resolution
- The Selection.....Gaines Chapel Church
- The Eulogy.....Pastor Erskin Slacks
- The Acknowledgments.....Harrell's Funeral Home
- The Recessional