



## Mrs. Mamie S. (March) Barnes

September 9, 1926 - October 3, 2019

UTICA - Mrs. Mamie S. (March) Barnes, age 93, made her transition from earth to glory, to be with the Lord on Thursday, October 3, 2019. She passed away peacefully, with her loving family by her side at MVHS at St. Luke's Healthcare.

Born in Clayton, Alabama on September 9, 1926, Mamie was the daughter of the late Jerry and Alice (Ware) March. She was raised and educated in Clayton schools. In 1951 she married R.T. Barnes with whom she shared 12 years as perfect partners in a marvelous marriage. Sometime after their marriage, they made their way to Utica to be closer to family. Her husband passed away in 1963, and Mamie held his memory close to her heart to her last day.

Mamie's main interest in life was caring for her husband, her children, her grandchildren, and her home. How proud she was to be able to greet her children at the door when they arrived from school and have a meal on the table for them that was made with love. In respect of her motherly ways, she was a foster parent to numerous pre-school children at Head Start. As the matriarch of her family, she was a loving sister who looked over her siblings and was loved as a mother figure.

A strong woman of God, Mamie was loyal, honest, gentle, and kind. She was also strong-willed and determined to teach her children discipline, respect, and the ability to love themselves as well as others. Boy, did she love to cook! The table was filled with traditional soul food and her delectable desserts were

outstanding. She prepared everything in abundance that was only one of the ways that she showed her hospitality, her love, and the importance of having everyone at the table. She knew each of her children's favorite foods and she found the time to please all their palates. Until her last days, she never forgot a birthday or special day; she honored those she loved. Her children all found a way to show their Mom their love. Several examples of this include, her son Gene being her fish-fry supplier, and her son-in-law and Pastor preparing his special soup for her.

Mamie enjoyed shopping and seeking the best bargains. She made her own trips to the grocery store and was proud to remain independent. Traveling with her family was a delight, especially when the destination was to see her loved ones. She was a trusted woman, and younger women sought out her wisdom. She kept things to her heart as a wise teacher does. Mamie was a member of St. Matthew's Temple Church of God in Christ for over 50 years. She was supportive of her pastor and son-in-law, Reverend J.L. Griffin, who always took her to heart and thought the world of her. The church was paramount for Mamie, and she would serve her congregation in any way she could. She was a member of the Young Women's Christian Council (YWCC), ministering to women and dedicated to Christian Service in the church and community, the Mothers Board, and the First Aide Community. She engaged body and soul whenever listening to spiritual Christian music. It is not often that women of this caliber come into our midst and we are only blessed to have known her, loved her, and shared in her goodness.

Mamie is survived by her children and their loved ones: Will and Maureen Barnes, Harold Barnes, Missionary Eva and Rev. J.L. Griffin, Gene Barnes and Serena, Robert and Trunell Barnes, Mary Barnes, Gussie Curry, Norman Barnes, Betty Barnes, and Minnie Smith; 19 grandchildren, and always close to her heart was the memory of her grandson Dwight Maddox who preceded her; 37 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren. She also leaves

her sisters, Queen Williams, Ida Samuel, and Lena Johnson; brothers and sister-in-law, Jerry March, Charles March, and Joseph and Mae Frances March; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, goddaughter Danielle Brook and special nephew Travis Griffin; extended family, Ernest and Darlene Brown, and Jim and Dawn Winston; and the many friends who loved her and were cherished by her through her journey of life. She was predeceased by two sisters, Lula Belle Green, and Carrie McCloud; and one brother, Boysie March.

The family wishes to extend special thanks to Dr. Sultana Razia (and staff), Dr. Jonathan Blancaflor, and Dr. Porus J. Dhabhar (and staff), for providing Mamie with the best medical attention and compassionate care possible; the staff of St. Luke's Healthcare who were phenomenal in tending to Mamie and her family, especially the 6th floor personnel; and her beloved son-in-law, Pastor J.L. Griffin — they shared daily a common bond of love and spirituality.

Visitation will be held Saturday morning from 9:00-11:00 at St. Matthew's Temple Church of God in Christ, 110 Washington Street, Utica. Mamie's Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will commence at the church at 11:00, with her son-in-law, Pastor J.L. Griffin officiating the ceremony. Interment will follow in Forest Hill Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-2701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthew's Temple Church of God in Christ  
110 Washington Street  
utica, NY 13502

## Funeral Service

OCT 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthew's Temple Church of God in Christ  
110 Washington Street  
utica, NY 13502

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ *Deepest Condolences to the Barnes Family  
May you find Comfort and Peace in these trying Times.  
Peace and Love 🙏🙏🙏  
Jody Dorsey and Family*

Jody Dorsey - October 13, 2019 at 01:55 PM

YS

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Barnes and March family! May God continue to give you all strength and being the comforter during this time ,is our prayer. Yours in Christ, Sis. Shirley A Carter, Yvonne (Bonnie) Stubbs and Family. Palm Coast, Florida*

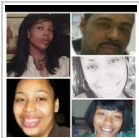
yvonne stubbs - October 12, 2019 at 09:22 AM

GR

“ *She will be deeply missed. Sincerely, Deacon  
Thomas and Marguerite Brooks.*



Glynnis Brown Reed - October 11, 2019 at 04:23 PM



“ *Mother Barnes will be missed deeply by so many. Beautiful lady of God. Deepest sympathy to the BARNES AND MARCH FAMILIES. So sorry for your loss.*



Dawn Winston - October 11, 2019 at 04:20 PM



*Yes you will be deeply missed God bless her and her family she will be missed by so many beautiful people in this world that she knows*

**Ben Walker** - October 12, 2019 at 11:38 AM

DF

“ *Extending our Deepest Condolences to the Family.  
Bobby and Deborah Freeman*

**Deborah Freeman** - October 11, 2019 at 06:34 AM

JJ

“ *MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO  
MOTHER BARNES FAMILY.... YOU ALL  
LOVED HER AND SHOWED HER  
LOVE....BUT GOD LOVED HER  
MORE...PLEASE CONTINUE TO STAND  
TOGETHER AS SHE TAUGHT ALL OF YOU TO DO...MOTHER  
BARNES WE WILL SEE YOU WHEN WE GET THERE....WELL  
DONE WOMAN OF GOD....REST IN PARADISE...HEAVEN  
REJOICES!!!*



**JUDY JOHNSON** - October 10, 2019 at 08:59 PM



*Mother BARNES, knew me all my entire life, I HAVE NOTHING BUT  
GOOD PRECIOUS MEMORIES OF THE MARCH SISTER'S, I'm also  
a product of being a HEADSTART CHILD, being taught by her  
SISTER, IDA MARCH SAMUEL, but everytime she and her sisters  
would see me with my MOTHER, SLL SISTERS APPAULDED, me on  
how well and good my mother and I look and how well I was taking  
care of my MOTHER, sometimes those women would talk and laugh,  
but now she's resting from her labor, she will be missed, MY PRAYERS  
ARE WITH THE FAMILY AND ST MATTHEW'S TEMPLE AND  
PASTOR GRIFFIN , who is her SON IN LAW, ETC*

**Robert Enoch** - October 11, 2019 at 12:15 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mamie S. (March) Barnes.*



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October 10, 2019 at 08:51 PM



“ *Hello family. I just hugged Harold to extend love to you, family. Like my mother, Mother Barnes gave the world the love of Jesus Christ. I will always live with that.*

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**steven taylor** - October 10, 2019 at 05:54 PM



“ *Ms. Mamie is a treasured soul, who will be missed by all who had the pleasure of being in her company. To be called friend by such a caring person, is a great blessing. Ms. Mamie was my substitute Grandma. I loved her like I loved my own. Fly high. Love and miss you.*

*Amanda*

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**amanda** - October 10, 2019 at 04:04 PM



“ *Your sister Minnie and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Mamie S. (March) Barnes.*



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**Your sister Minnie and family** - October 10, 2019 at 03:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mamie S. (March) Barnes.*



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October 09, 2019 at 08:52 PM



“ *I will never forget Mrs. Barnes, from my childhood days and any time you would see her she always had a pleasant smile on her face, heaven has gained another angel, my condolences to the Barnes family always*

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**Mary Blackshear** - October 09, 2019 at 03:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mamie S. (March) Barnes.*



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October 08, 2019 at 06:55 PM



“ *I cannot count the number of times that Mother Barnes extended words and gestures of loving encouragement during my season at St. Matthew's Temple. She left an impact on every life she touched. Condolences to her family and all who are experiencing this loss.*



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**Denice Jones-Seals** - October 08, 2019 at 06:30 PM

VI

“ Beautiful woman of God, kind and gentle, always had words of wisdom, will certainly be missed, My condolences to the entire family.



Vivian - October 08, 2019 at 06:18 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mamie S. (March) Barnes.



October 08, 2019 at 05:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mamie S. (March) Barnes.



October 08, 2019 at 01:41 AM

GB

“ Gail Banks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mamie S. (March) Barnes



Gail Banks - October 07, 2019 at 08:30 PM

GR

“ *Glynnis Brown Reed lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mamie S. (March) Barnes*



**Glynnis Brown Reed** - October 07, 2019 at 03:24 PM

AP

“ *Angeal Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mamie S. (March) Barnes*



**angeal patterson** - October 07, 2019 at 03:04 PM

AP

*prayers goes out to the family*

**angeal patterson** - October 07, 2019 at 03:05 PM

JE

*My condolences to all of her loved ones.*

**joyce enoch** - October 10, 2019 at 07:46 PM

RJ

“ *Rev. Cornelia Jackson-Bbrown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mamie S. (March) Barnes*



**Rev. Cornelia Jackson-Bbrown** - October 07, 2019 at 02:13 PM

SN

“ Our condolences to your family. You all are in our prayers. Love you Melaine. The Cook Family



Sylvia Nance - October 07, 2019 at 12:46 PM

R.

“ Rose Pearson Simmons ..family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mamie S. (March) Barnes



Rose Pearson Simmons ..family - October 07, 2019 at 12:04 PM

LI

“ Lindaspratt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mamie S. (March) Barnes



Lindaspratt - October 07, 2019 at 09:01 AM

SH

“ Steve Hunt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mamie S. (March) Barnes



Steve Hunt - October 07, 2019 at 08:38 AM

BF

“ *Brenda Fudge lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mamie S. (March) Barnes*



**brenda fudge** - October 07, 2019 at 07:17 AM

GD

“ *She was and will always hold a special place in my heart...My deepest sympathy to the family...*



**Grace Susie Jones Decastro** - October 06, 2019 at 11:45 PM

MP

“ *Marcia Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mamie S. (March) Barnes*



**Marcia Perkins** - October 06, 2019 at 11:38 PM

CL

“ *Chris Lockwood lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mamie S. (March) Barnes*



**Chris Lockwood** - October 06, 2019 at 09:56 PM

CL

*Praying for strength and comfort for the family. Love you all!*

**Chris Lockwood** - October 06, 2019 at 09:58 PM

ML

*Praying for my family ,I will miss my Sunday school mother ,always a smile ,words of encouragement, and a motivational spirit of faith, dedication and unconditional love for family and the community at large ,she always would let this Georgia Peach, she would miss me when I went home to spend months with my mom ,She will always hold a special place in my heart and her words of wisdom and life style will be one I will always remember and do my best to live ,TRUSTING GOD.. TO MY MISTRESS I LOVE YOU AND PRAYING FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY.*

**Marcella Lee** - October 07, 2019 at 07:33 AM



“ *My prayers are with the family, she was such a beautiful woman and some of the talks me and mother Barnes share I always took up time with her my heart is sad ,but I know she is with God no doubt about it love always mother Annie Mae Brooks*

**Annie Brooks** - October 06, 2019 at 09:26 PM

FG

“ *Felicia Greene lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mamie S. (March) Barnes*



**Felicia Greene** - October 06, 2019 at 03:53 PM

MS

“ I have many memories of conversations we've had about life, love and happiness. I will miss you dearly! Rest In Heaven



Maureen Saunders-Barnes - October 06, 2019 at 01:47 PM

TG

“ Travis Griffin..Mother Barnes treated my like her grandson. She was always so nice and kind to me. She was a true woman of God and such a classy woman



Travis Griffin - October 06, 2019 at 08:13 AM

BE

From the Elmer and cotto family and jens family our deepest condolences!

brittanie elmer - October 13, 2019 at 07:56 PM

LC

“ What a beautiful blessing Mrs Barnes was to so many.... she was humble ,loving, compassionate and funny....Always a kind word she would share ... she will truely be missed... My Prayers to the family during this very difficult time 🙏🙏🙏🙏 The Cabbage's

liam cabbage - October 06, 2019 at 01:29 AM

JB

“ There is no words that I can come up with to describe my mother-in-law. Mrs Barnes was a gift from God that has touched so many lives. She is one that will be truly missed. Lot's of love to everyone.  
From Janie

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**Janie Barnes** - October 05, 2019 at 11:22 PM

KT

Our deepest condolences. 🙏❤️✝️

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**keith & angela webb, Memphis Tn** - October 05, 2019 at 11:28 PM

ML

“ My heartfelt condolences to the family. Mother Barnes was a blessing, a Godly women, an example to all younger women. Rest In Peace Mother Barnes. Love you

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**mary landry** - October 05, 2019 at 10:30 PM

RG

“ Mrs. Mamie Barnes was the best mother- in- law a man could ever hope for. May God rest her precious soul!  
Rev. J.L. Griffin

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**Rev. J.L. Griffin** - October 05, 2019 at 07:20 PM