



Mary Barnes

April 15, 1958 - March 15, 2020

ATLANTA, GA - Mary Barnes, age 61, transitioned to be with her Lord and reunited with loved ones who went before her, when she passed away on Sunday, March 15, 2020 in the comfort of her sister and brother-in-law's home with her family by her side.

Born in Utica on April 15, 1958, Mary was the 6th child of the late R.T. and Mamie S. (March) Barnes. Raised and educated locally, she was a graduate of Utica Free Academy. She was married to Herman "Dennis" Neale.

In 1994, Mary relocated her family to Georgia to provide a better life for her children. She trained as a Cosmetologist tending to many people's hair needs with great-detail. She worked in Utica Public Schools and held several positions in Atlanta. An outgoing, optimistic person, Mary lived life to the fullest. Her heart and home were always open... the perspective from which she lived her life. She welcomed family and friends, always thinking about their needs and honoring their special days with a unique text only Mary could send! She enjoyed the smiles on the faces of her loved ones, and although she was a playful person, as a mother, she played no games. She meant what she said and said what she meant. She held true to her values of self-respect and self-discipline. As a sister, she gave her siblings her time and good intentions. Every summer, she came back to Utica with her grandchildren to spend precious time with all. Many knew that Mary and Eva had a special bond, and boy did they love to shop and catch up on the daily details of their lives. Her grandchildren affectionately knew her as "Mema". She was the host

of many great times; she loved them to be in her surroundings, and as well as being a great protector, she was the most awesome teacher of life's lessons. She poured her heart and soul into her grandchildren and because of them, her life was more fulfilled. She taught them to dream big and believe that they could have whatever their hearts desired. She was a natural caretaker blessed with gentle concern and compassion. And that could be proclaimed by all of her family during their time of need.

Holidays were paramount. She implemented the Annual Christmas Eve family gatherings, her home was generally the meeting place and she was the head chef for the celebrations. Her banana pudding, cakes, and pies were the harvest of the meal; Mary often preferred to eat dessert and skip the main course. She loved the warm weather in the south and when she visited Utica, she thought the weather was rarely warm enough.

When she relocated her family to Georgia, her goal was to allow her children to expand their horizons and encourage them to live up to their God-given potential that she praised. She made it easy for them to succeed. She had a close bond with her children that she nurtured in a way only a mother could. Last year her son returned to Atlanta to spend some much-needed time with her, unbeknownst to him it would be his last happy moments with her. He got his strength and compassion from her and she was his number one cheerleader when no one else was. She encouraged him when he needed it, reminding him to trust God and to have absolute faith. She had a special bond with her daughter that spanned throughout the years through laughter, worry, smiles, and tears. A sense of trust that could not be broken and a depth of love sometimes unspoken.

As a member of Saint Matthew's Temple Church of God in Christ, she put her beliefs into action by her many good deeds. She gravitated to young people, and when she was called upon to help, she could be counted upon to act with compassion. She was a "leader-maker"... she made many dreams come true for the parish.

Mary is survived by her children, Millicent "Milly" Lamons; the memory of her

son-in-law, Terrance Lamons who passed away on October 28, 2018; her son, Alphonso D. Barnes; her husband, "Dennis"; beloved grandchildren, Damarius, Jaylah and Tiannah; Saniya, Dionna, Dion, Diondre, and Levi. She also leaves three sisters and five brothers, Missionary Eva (Rev. J.L.) Griffin, Gussie Curry, Betty Barnes, Minnie (Holloway) Smith; Will (Maureen) Barnes, Harold (Janie) Barnes, Eugene (Serena) Barnes, Robert (Trunell) Barnes, Norman Barnes; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and a multitude of wonderful friendships that blessed her life throughout the years. She was predeceased by her nephew, Dwight Maddox.

The family extends their appreciation to the medical staff of MVHS at St. Luke's Campus, Crouse Hospital, MVHS at Faxton Rehabilitation, Utica Rehabilitation and Nursing Center and Hospice and Palliative Care. The family remains grateful to the members of the community who prayed for her, especially the Intercession team at St. Matthew's Temple.

Due to current health concerns and in keeping with federal and state regulations, services will be held privately. A Memorial celebration of Mary's life will be held at a future date and time to be announced. Because there are no public services at this time, the family asks that you please consider donations to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., 4277 Middle Settlement Rd., New Hartford, NY 13413 or online at <https://hospicecareinc.org>.

During this time of social distancing that we are all experiencing, please take a moment to connect with Mary's family through the "Memories" section of her obituary on this website. Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Derek Bell lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes*



Derek Bell - August 29, 2021 at 04:48 AM

MB

“ *Michael Billins lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes*



Michael Billins - June 29, 2020 at 02:18 PM

EA

“ *Milli,Deon and Family our thoughts and prayers go out to y'all. Your Mother has memories with everyone she cross paths with, she was funny,gave good advice and was down to earth with love. With every ounce of the greatness Ms Mary instilled in y'all pass it on to her beautiful grandchildren. We miss you all.We Pray For God To Keep and Hold Y'all together and Close. Your Friends Erica,Dion and Family*



Erica Allen - April 13, 2020 at 12:42 AM

MS

“ *Maureen Saunders-Barnes lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes*



Maureen Saunders-Barnes - April 06, 2020 at 11:14 AM

FL

“ *Flossie Bell Lomax lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes*



Flossie Bell Lomax - March 25, 2020 at 05:36 PM

FL

“ *To the family, I was saddened by the loss of my dear cousin Mary (affectionately called Sister). I have such fond memories of her while growing up that I'll always remember. I thank God my daughter and I had the chance to Sister before God called her home. Sister's contagious laugh and broad, comforting smile will be sorely missed. Prayers to the family and may God grant you peace during this time of loss.*

Flossie Bell Lomax - March 25, 2020 at 05:36 PM

WS

“ Our prayers and sympathy to our dear friend Mary Barnes children and family, Proverbs 18:24 A man that hath friends must show himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Mary has always show herself to be a close and trustworthy friend ever sense we met her , back in the hallways of UFA. A lovely, affectionately person who truly cares with relentless passion. Mary possesses such a awesome smile that would brighten up your day, we will never forget...Those we have held in our arms for a little while, we hold in our hearts forever, wherever a beautiful soul has been, left there is a trail of beautiful memories...Our prayers and condolences to her love one, love forever Walter and Lillie Savage
❤️

Walter & Lillie Savage - March 24, 2020 at 10:51 PM

MB

“ I will never forget Mary, we grew up in the projects together and ran track together at Kernan school, Mary was fast! Our hair was flying all over the place because it was so long. Mary's smile will be missed and I will always remember not too long ago , I ran into Mary,Eva and their aunt in Faxton hospital and we hugged each other not knowing that would be the last time I would see her. May you Rest In Peace and You will never be forgotten

Mary Blackshear - March 24, 2020 at 04:35 PM

JF

“ Praying For The Family U Guys Are In Our Hearts Cuz RIP 💕 Jackson Prince & Workman Family



Jackson Prince & Workman Family - March 24, 2020 at 04:11 PM

CS

“ *My deepest condolences to Milly and the family. I never met Ms. Barnes, but I know Milly and you are such a beautiful person - a direct reflection of your mother's love and devotion to you. May God Bless and Comfort you during this difficult time.*

Collette Singleton - March 24, 2020 at 02:25 PM

CP

“ *I was saddened to hear news of Mary's passing. My sincere condolences to her family. She was such a special lady.*

Cheryl (Carter) Pollard

Cheryl Pollard - March 24, 2020 at 10:11 AM

TM

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Barnes family. May God give you all peace and comfort during your time of bereavement. Mary was my sister Phyllis Mann childhood friend. Mary always wore a smile that could light up a room and she was always kind and pleasant....May you sleep on in peace*

Tomasina Mann-Degree - March 24, 2020 at 08:28 AM

VM

“ My heart goes out to the family, It was last June after work in Ross Store when I saw Mary shopping with a co worker...we stop and talk for a while and we asked about each other families. We have a granddaughter Saniya that we both love dearly who's away in College. When Saniya was younger I remember dropping her off to spend time with her mema. Saniya was truly blessed to have her as a grandmother and Aunt Eva .We was just looking at pictures of Mary, Aunt Eva and Family at Saniya Graduation. Mary will truly be missed with all our Love Veronica (grandma nana) My God give you strength at this time. My your Angel's watch over each and every one of you.



Veronica Myles - March 24, 2020 at 07:38 AM

SP

“ Stacy Porter lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes



Stacy Porter - March 24, 2020 at 12:45 AM

RM

“ Rosie March lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes



Rosie March - March 23, 2020 at 09:51 PM

SP

“*Mary, one of my closest childhood friends, you have a special place in my heart and you will be missed by me as well as many others, RIP my friend. Stacy Porter*

Stacy Porter - March 23, 2020 at 09:12 PM



“*Cynthia Slade lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes*



Cynthia Slade - March 23, 2020 at 07:21 PM

OC

“*You played a major role in my childhood, I will always love you Aunt Mary* ❤️

Ontezia Coney - March 23, 2020 at 06:45 PM

OC

“*Ontezia Coney lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes*



Ontezia Coney - March 23, 2020 at 06:43 PM

VJ

“ Vanessa Rucker Jones lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes

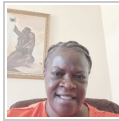


Vanessa Rucker Jones - March 23, 2020 at 06:07 PM

VJ

RIP....Such a beautiful lady...

Vanessa Rucker Jones - March 23, 2020 at 06:09 PM



BLESSING'S TO EVERYONE. MARY WILL BE MISSED.

Cynthia Slade - March 23, 2020 at 07:19 PM

KF

“ Kendra Frazier lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes



Kendra Frazier - March 23, 2020 at 02:44 PM

MK

“ Mary, you will always be in my heart. I will always cherish the memories. Rest in Paradise my dear friend...❤️❤️❤️

Michael Kendrick - March 23, 2020 at 12:27 PM

MD

Mary rest in peace. You were always so nice to me growing up. The Lord has called you home, you'll always be in my heart.

Michelle Doles - March 23, 2020 at 01:31 PM

WO

To my Barnes Cousins, I was saddened to hear of Mary's passing. I pray that in time you will find comfort in all the good and fun times you and Mary spent together.

William & Amanda Oliver

William Oliver - March 28, 2020 at 01:26 PM

HJ

“ *Mary youll never be forgotten
Gods has another angle to sing in the angles choir...your a beautiful
flower that god couldnt resist.picking..sleep in peace sweetie...*

Helen jackson - March 23, 2020 at 09:08 AM

IJ

“ *To a very dear friend who brought Laughter and Sunshine each and every time we met. To one of the most Beautiful persons I've had the Pleasure of knowing and will always Cherish our Wonderful Childhood Memories. You maybe gone, but Never Forgotten. God has Blessed so many through your presence and I give him Praise for allowing me to be one of those people that you have touched and made my years bright. Rest my dear sister. God Loves you and we do too. Forever. Isaac Moody*

Isaac Moody Jr. - March 23, 2020 at 08:50 AM

BF

“ *Brenda Fudge lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes*



brenda fudge - March 23, 2020 at 08:19 AM

JB

“ *Jamie Moore Burke lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes*



Jamie Moore Burke - March 23, 2020 at 08:17 AM

LD

“ *You were a beautiful soul inside and out rest in peace my prayers goes out to the family from Linda Dennis and family*

Linda mike Dennis - March 23, 2020 at 04:15 AM



“ *I can't believe my aunt is gone I will always remember the times we shared and how much I love her words can't even express how I feel I will always talk about and keep her name alive*



Bigg Blue - March 23, 2020 at 03:52 AM

LC

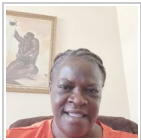
“ *My condolences goes out to the family and my prayers for the family grew up wit her she was a lovely person.*

Luewanda Watkins Clark - March 23, 2020 at 01:03 AM

RS

“ Definitely my prayers an blessings goes out to the family and friends of hrr she was a gud friend fasho the last seeing her was at the same hospital where my dad an her mother was there not seeing her for over thirty years being reconnected was a gift from above not knowing that would been my last time we exchanged numbers had a few laughs rest n the heaven's my friend till we meet again you'll always be in my heart lv u my sista.

Ronald I Collins sr - March 22, 2020 at 11:01 PM



“ MAY..... YOU ARE IN THE BLOSSOM OF THE LORD NOW. NO MORE SADNESS IN YOUR EYES. YOU WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED BY ME. TO MAYS FAMILY, TO MILLY, AL AND GRAND CHILDREN, BE STRONG AN BE ENCOURAGED IN ALL THAT YOU DO. MY FAMILY AND I ARE SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF MAY. HER SPIRIT WILL BE WITH US ALL..... THE SLADE AND CONEY FAMILIES.

Cynthia Slade - March 22, 2020 at 10:59 PM

CC

“ Mary will be missed by so many. She was a beautiful person inside and out. She was always there to help anyone. I will truly miss her! God Bless her family.



Cheryl Crosby - March 22, 2020 at 10:53 PM

RN

“ My deepest condolences..mary was a sweet person..may God bless you all.

Rochelle Nichols - March 22, 2020 at 10:44 PM

DH

“ *Mary was a good friend. Her Mom babysat me when I was younger. I spent a lot of time at the Barnes house. My mom married into the family later in life and we were forever cousins. She will be truly missed. RIP dear friend.* ”

Dorothy Holloway - March 22, 2020 at 10:36 PM

JJ

“ *ALL GODS BLESSINGS TO EACH OF YOU AS YOU MAKE THIS JOURNEY. MARY BARNES IS SO BEAUTIFUL. SUCH A KIND, LOVING, AND FRIENDLY PERSON. I THANK GOD HE IS IN THE BLESSING BUSINESS.* ”



JUDY MINOR JOHNSON - March 22, 2020 at 10:13 PM

AJ

“ *Our hearts go out to you and your family! We're keeping you all in prayer! From Aja and Sequoya! 🌸* ”

Aja - March 22, 2020 at 09:30 PM

ES

“ *My sincere condolences and prayers for family on the lost of Baby Sister. Eleanor(Lois) Steele-McDonald* ”



Eleanor(Lois Steele)McDonald - March 22, 2020 at 08:57 PM

MA

“ *Mona Jackson Avery lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes*



Mona Jackson Avery - March 22, 2020 at 08:57 PM

MA

I am sending condolences to the entire family. Mary always made me smile. I truly enjoyed her company. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time and the coming weeks. May God give you comfort as needed.

Mona Jackson Avery - March 22, 2020 at 09:02 PM

DH

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Barnes family. May God give you strength at a time like this. Our prayers are with you.
Rev. Leonard and sister Diane Himes*

Diane Himes - March 22, 2020 at 08:46 PM



“ *My prayers are with the family, Mary Was a true friend to me I will miss her dearly God bless Annie Brooks Smith*

Annie Brooks - March 22, 2020 at 08:45 PM

DH

“ *Diane Himes lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes*



Diane Himes - March 22, 2020 at 08:38 PM

DE

“ *My sincere condolence to the family and close friends. I remember her growing up and the birth of her first child. As a grandmother I know she cherished her grand children. I pray they will always have her in their hearts. Rest in Peace Mary.*

Dee Dee (Maddox) Etheridge - March 22, 2020 at 08:34 PM

MR

“ *Will always remember Ms Mary! She was strong , practical yet gentle to all the lives she touched! Like a mother figure to many! Xoxo rest easy me Mary !*



melanie rookwood - March 22, 2020 at 07:52 PM

D&

“ *Sending Our Condolences to the Barnes Family*



Donald & Chinarene - March 22, 2020 at 07:49 PM

VH

“ *Velesa L. Henton lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes*



Velesa L. Henton - March 22, 2020 at 07:29 PM

LJ

“ *Lisa Jones lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes*



Lisa Jones - March 22, 2020 at 07:14 PM

CB

“ *I will miss her dearly. There's no amount of words to express my feelings. I will miss our daily conversation and her calling Leat what are doing or our visits. God has a wonderful Angel in his present. I will love you always and cherish our memories*



Carletha Baker - March 22, 2020 at 06:21 PM



“ *Classie Boyd lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes*



Classie Boyd - March 22, 2020 at 06:11 PM

TM

“ *Love you miss you until we meet again Tee Tee..*



Tonya Mallard - March 22, 2020 at 06:05 PM

TA

“ I’m going to miss my daily and random texts from aunt Mary love you always 🥺🥺🥺🥺
She made the best banana pudding and always made sure she had some whenever I came to visit because she knew it was my favorite!!!!



Taneshia - March 22, 2020 at 05:59 PM

RW

“ Rosie Wynder lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes



Rosie Wynder - March 22, 2020 at 05:46 PM

RW

I am praying for the family! I love you Millicent and Little Al and to the rest of the family my God continue to give you all strength

Rosie Wynder - March 22, 2020 at 05:47 PM

SB

“ Susan Greene Bynum lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes



Susan Greene Bynum - March 22, 2020 at 05:41 PM

MW

“ *Mary was much more than a friend, she was sister to me. My condolences to the family. She will TRULY be missed. RIH.* 🙏🙏

Madelyn Wilson - March 22, 2020 at 05:41 PM

SL

“ *Shere Lovett lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes*



Shere Lovett - March 22, 2020 at 05:35 PM

JL

“ *Jill-Denise Livingston lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes*



Jill-Denise Livingston - March 22, 2020 at 12:56 PM

TR

“ *Trenai lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes*



Trenai - March 21, 2020 at 10:54 PM

AJ

“ Antonio Jones lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes



Antonio Jones - March 21, 2020 at 10:51 PM

JB

“ There is no words that I can say to ease the loss you bear. I just want the family to know you are close in my thoughts and prayers. I will truly miss my sister.

Janie Barnes - March 21, 2020 at 10:33 PM

JB

“ Janie Barnes lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes



Janie Barnes - March 21, 2020 at 10:14 PM

JB

There is no words that I can say to ease the loss you bear. I just want the family to know you are close in my thoughts and prayers. I will truly miss my sister.

Janie Barnes - March 21, 2020 at 10:28 PM

JD

“ Deepest Condolences to the Barnes Family
Peace Comfort and Blessings to you all , in these Troubling Times.
Jody Dorsey and Family

Jody Dorsey - March 21, 2020 at 07:08 PM

RJ

“ *Our Prayers go out to the Family and also her church families. She will be missed. Absent from the body... Present with the LORD!*

*With Godly Love,
Reverends Cornelia and Gregory Brown*



Rev. Cornelia Jackson-Brown - March 21, 2020 at 05:04 PM

PF

“ *Philly French lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes*



Philly French - March 21, 2020 at 04:53 PM

DW

“ *May God bless you keep you strong in your time of need my condolence David Williams*



David Williams - March 21, 2020 at 04:51 PM

DG

“ *The Barnes family is forever in my prayers Love, Diana C. Greene and family*

Diana C Greene - March 21, 2020 at 03:52 PM

VT

“ *Vivian Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes*



Vivian Tucker - March 21, 2020 at 02:38 PM

RP

“ *Rose Pearson-Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mary Barnes*



Rose Pearson-Simmons - March 21, 2020 at 12:17 AM

LJ

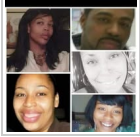
“ *My Deepest And Sincerest Condolences Goes Out To The Family Of Mary Barnes May God Comfort Y'all During This Difficult Time I'll Continue To Y'all In My Thoughts And Prayers May She R.I.P*

Lisa Jenkins - March 20, 2020 at 09:23 PM

KT

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Barnes family. We pray Gods comfort and strength for the family. You all are in our thoughts and prayers 🙏*

Keith & Angela Webb, Memphis Tn - March 20, 2020 at 07:49 PM



“ *Condolences to Mary's family and friends.
Especially her children and grandchildren .
Prayers of comfort. Jim and Dawn. A beautiful
young lady inside and out.*



Dawn Winston - March 20, 2020 at 07:44 PM

DT

Prayers of Comfort and Strength to the Family

Diane Tanner - March 20, 2020 at 10:10 PM

LS

“ *Linda Spratt lit a candle in memory of Mary
Barnes*



Linda Spratt - March 20, 2020 at 06:29 PM