

Ophelia Barnes

JANUARY 13, 1935 – OCTOBER 6, 2026

Thursday, October 22, 2026

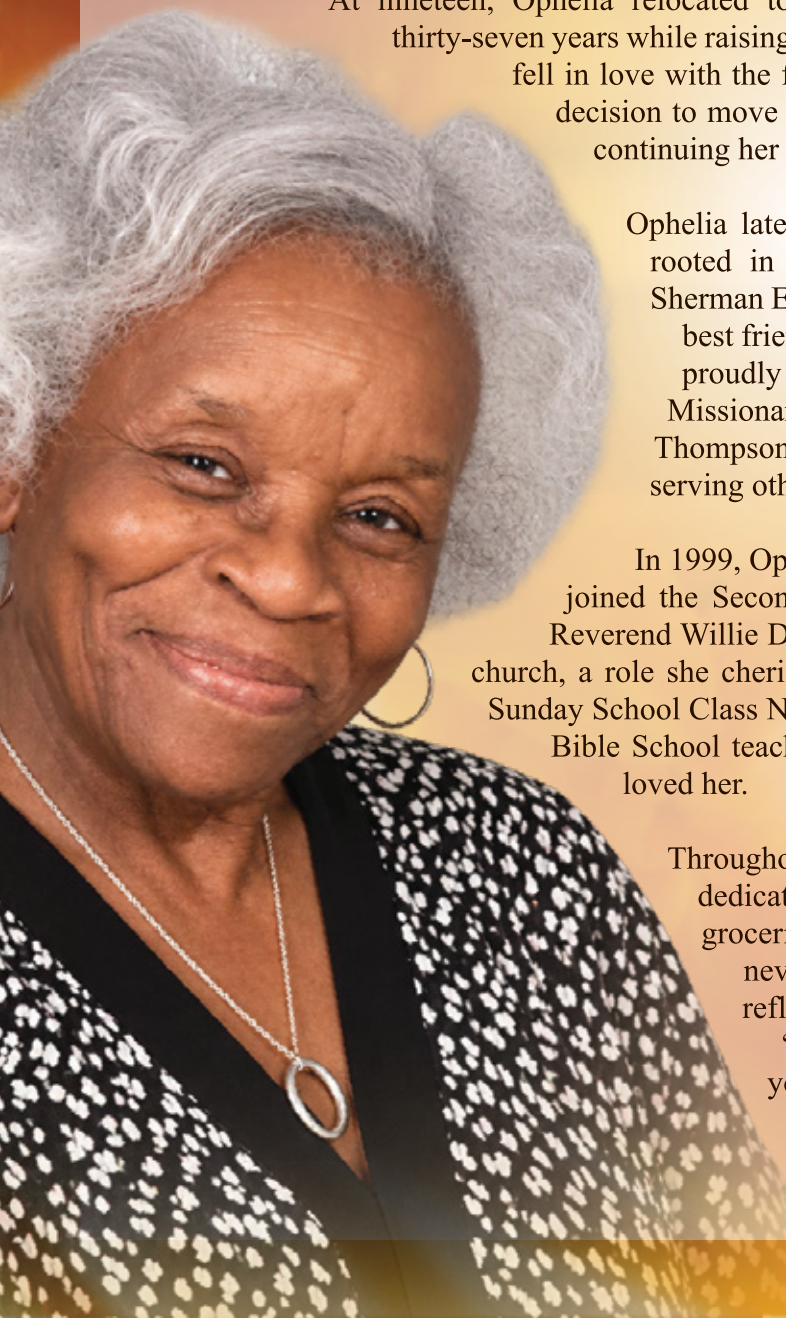
Wake 10:00 a.m.
Funeral 11:00 a.m.

Second Baptist Church

500 W Madison Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89106
Clayton D. Moore, Pastor

REMEMBERING
THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF
Ophelia BARNES

Ophelia Barnes was born January 13, 1935, in Marianna, Arkansas, to Lucille and Aaron Barnes. She was one of 16 children. She was named Ophelia after her grandmother and affectionately known as "Sweetie," a special name given to her by her father. Ophelia was a woman of faith who began serving in the church as an usher at just six years old. She grew up actively involved in Sunday School and Baptist Training Union, laying the foundation for a lifetime of faith and service.



At nineteen, Ophelia relocated to Chicago, Illinois, where she worked as a cashier for thirty-seven years while raising her family. During a family visit to New York City, Ophelia fell in love with the fast living and lights of Brooklyn, New York and made the decision to move there. She spent more than thirty years living in Brooklyn, continuing her work and building lasting memories.

Ophelia later relocated to Oakland, California, where she built a life rooted in community, service, and faith. She served at Elisabeth Sherman Elementary School in East Oakland alongside one of her very best friends, Ruby Johnson, who preceded her in death. Ophelia also proudly became a member and Usher of Berkeley Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, under the late Reverend Dr. M.T. Thompson continuing her devotion to the Lord and her commitment to serving others.

In 1999, Ophelia made her final move to Las Vegas, Nevada, where she joined the Second Baptist Church family under the leadership of the late Reverend Willie Davis. A proud and dedicated usher, she faithfully served the church, a role she cherished throughout her life. She also served as a member of Sunday School Class No. 3, a Sunday School teacher for beginners, and a Vacation Bible School teacher. Ophelia loved Second Baptist Church, and the church loved her.

Throughout her life, Ophelia had a heart for serving others. She dedicated her time to feeding the homeless, packing and delivering groceries, caring for the sick, and volunteering at her church. She never turned away someone in need. Her life beautifully reflected the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:35–36:

> "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me."
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> — Matthew 25:35–36 (ESV)

Through her kindness and generosity, Ophelia lived out her faith in ways that touched countless lives.

Ophelia's heart had room for everyone. To those who knew and loved her, she was Grandma, Mother, Auntie, and so much more. She lovingly "adopted" people who crossed her path, welcoming them into her circle of love and making them feel like family. She was the life of the party, bringing smiles, laughter, dancing, and fun wherever she went. She had a nurturing spirit, always making sure people were fed, cared for, prayed for, and loved. A talented cook and baker, she was especially known for her sweet potato pies and chocolate cakes, sharing her love one delicious slice at a time.

Ophelia was the proud mother of seven children. She was preceded in death by her beloved children, Joy Barnes and Timothy Barnes. Siblings: George, Joseph, Liddy C., Mary, Geraldine, and Doris (Dimple). She leaves to cherish her memory her five surviving children: Bonnie Morris, Teddy Morris, Tammie Morris-Douglas, Toni Barnes, and Lacey T. Barnes and step-children Charlene and Renee, God-daughters Kenya, Felicia, and Renee M.

Her loving legacy continues through her grandchildren: Jamel, Tonya, Phoenicia, Nickolas, Terrence, Novonnie, Najae, Michelle (Monica), Monique, Monicia, Michael, Stefani, Tyquana, Teddy Jr., Alyssa, Keith, and Taylor; 20 great-grandchildren; and 6 great-great-grandchildren. She also leaves to cherish her memory her remaining siblings, Helen, Aaron, David, and Jack, nieces and nephews, cousins, a host of extended family members, Earl, Sandra, Rogierre, Matthew, Michael, E.J., Josiah, and Makaiah, very special friend Charles Dixon, church family, and very dear friends.

Ophelia's life was a beautiful testament to serving the Lord and loving others. She will forever be remembered as a devoted mother, a loving Grandmother, proud usher guided by her faith, and a light to all who knew her.

As Sis. Barnes would say:
"Whenever I go home, please bury me in my WHITE Usher Uniform."



CELEBRATING
THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF
Ophelia BARNES

PROCESSIONAL
Clergy & Family

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING
Ministerial Staff

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING
Ministerial Staff

PRAYER OF COMFORT
Ministerial Staff

MUSICAL SELECTION

OBITUARY READING
RESOLUTIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
Sis. Adleen Stidhum

EXPRESSIONS
(2 minutes Please)
The Hughes Family
Harry McDaniel
Michelle Paige
Family & Friends

USHER FAREWELL
Second Baptist Church Usher Board

MUSICAL SELECTION

EULOGY
Pastor Clayton D. Moore

RECESSIONAL
Clergy & Family

REPAST
Immediately Following the Service
















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Turning The Page











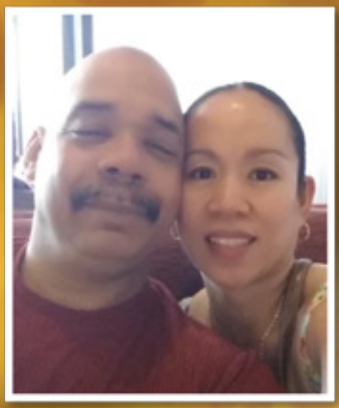






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Pallbearers

Harry McDaniel
James Alexander
Rufus Harrison
Michael Hughes
Matthew Hughes

Acknowledgements

The family of Ophelia Barnes would like to express their sincere appreciation, gratitude for all prayers and acts of kindness they received during this very difficult time.
-The Family

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



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