

Together Again



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

Pallbearers

Mark Morris Roger Glasscock Floyd Tyree
John Addison Alechi Crespo Brian Silvey

Honorary Pallbearers

Surhaver Matthews Demetrus Davis Robert Reid
Denver Bradley Deon Berry James Smith

Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

Interment

Forest Lawn Cemetery
3210 South Washington Avenue
Saginaw, Michigan 48601

Acknowledgement

Your kindness and the comfort it brings to us means a lot.
In fact, more than this simple "Thanks" can ever hope to show!
We extend special thanks to the
Staff at My-Michigan Medical Center NICU. Thank you so much!
The Family of Mae K Barnett



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Celebrating the Life of

Mrs. Mae K. Barnett



God's Gift to the World: November 28, 1946
Returned to His Care: July 15, 2025

Mama

*Her heartbeat was my very first sound,
Her kiss my first affection,
Her loving arms bought security,
Her instruction, clear direction.
I owe the person I've become to her unselfish love.
There's comfort knowing she's not gone.
She lives with God above.*



Obituary

Mrs. Mae K. Barnett, a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, passed away on July 15, 2025, at the age of 78. Mrs. Barnett was born November 28, 1946, in Osceola, Arkansas, to Mary Alice Canada and John Moore.

Mae moved to Saginaw, Michigan, at a young age. She was educated in the Saginaw Public Schools. After leaving high school, Mae started a career with Sun Valley Nursing Home as a Dietary Cook. After 25 years of service, she retired. Mae became a member of The Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses and served faithfully with her Bridgeport Congregation. One of Mae's passions was attending Kingdom Halls meetings and conventions and assisting others in their faith. Mae was a kind, loving, meek, and humble person. She was a virtuous woman. Mae's sweet spirit is reflected in her decorating and remodeling, as well as her love for her family and friends.

Mae leaves to cherish her memories two daughters, Mary Ann Matthews (Surhaver) and Patricia Ann Davis, Saginaw, Michigan; one son, Demeatrice Davis (Shawnta), Grand Rapids, Michigan; grandchildren, Eshara, Je'wel, Jabreel, and De'asia Davis, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Surhaver Matthews II, Cameron Matthews, and Jasmine Davis, Saginaw, Michigan; great-grandchild, DJ Davis, Grand Rapids, Michigan; and a host of many other relatives and friends.

Mae was preceded in death by her husband, Leon Barnett; parents, John Moore and Mary Alice Canada; bonus dad, Loudis Canada; sisters, Ethel Fayson, Rosie Pittman, and Lula Pearl Canada; brother, Richard Lee Jr; great-grandparents, Ruffus and Beneva Canada; brother-in-law, Jessie Jones.

11:00 AM - Thursday, July 24, 2025

Paradise Funeral Chapel
3100 South Washington Avenue
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Brother Oscar Lowery, Officiating

Order of Service

- Prelude Musician Johnnie Simmons
- Processional Family
- Scripture Reading Old & New Testament Pastor Charles Coleman
New Faith Temple COGIC
- Prayer Pastor Carolyn Wilkins
Resurrecton Life Ministries
- Selection Never Would Have Made It Mary Ann Matthews
- Acknowledgements & Obituary Brother Gentry
- Expressions (Please Limit to 2 Minutes) Family & Friends
- Special Remarks Pastor Carolyn Wilkins
- Selection Veronica Simmons
- Eulogy Brother Oscar Lowery
- Committal
- Benediction
- Recessional