



Viola H. Barnes

May 22, 1931 - January 10, 2016

Viola H. Barnes “Sis” was born on May 22, 1931 in Bridgeville, Delaware to Virginia C. Edelin-White and Titus M. Henry. Viola attended Phyllis Wheatley Elementary School, Frederick Douglass High School in Seaford, Delaware. She graduated from Delaware State College and graduated from Berean Business College in Philadelphia, PA.

Viola began employment at the Veterans Hospital, Elsmere, DE and later transferred to Dover Air Force Base and retired after 32 years of service.

Viola was preceded in death by her mother, Virginia White; father, Titus Henry; husband, William C. (Billy) Barnes, Sr. of 21 years and her brother, Donald Henry. Sr. and step-father, Morris White.

She leaves to cherish her memory one brother, William Edelin, Sr. of Wilmington, DE; six sisters, Joanne Maddox, Joyce Gibbs, Becky Gibbs, Lovella Wells, Frozine Wells, and Rhoda Williams.

Viola (Sis) was blessed with four children. Gregory Henry, Sr. (Zandra) of Wilmington, DE, Jennifer Banks-Dexter (Bryan) of Rockton, IL, Bruce Banks of Bridgeville, DE and Larry Banks (Robyn) of Middletown, DE, along with Jackie Banks, Carlton Banks, Jr., Prentice Banks, Linda Banks and Henry (Pudden) Palmer (Deceased). Seven Grand-Children, Terrance (T-Byrd) Banks, Gregory (Little Greg) Henry, Jr., Brandon Henry, Amber (Am) Banks, Jabrea (Brea) Banks, Larry (Lj) Banks, Jr. and Raven (Rae-Rae) Dexter. Seven Great-Grand-children Jakeen (Keenie) Banks, Jaziah Banks, ViZaya Banks, Giavonni Henry, Kaydan Henry, Jayceon Monroe and Janiyah Bracey.

Ten Step-Children Lucille Harmon, Vanessa Allen, Renee Kilgore, Joan Burton, April Barnes, Cherelle Beulah, Claudette Bulach, Eric Barnes, Billy Barnes, Anthony Barnes and Denzie Barnes (Deceased); a godson, Jerome "Bird" Houston, Jr.; and host of nieces, nephews, cousin and other family and friends.

As a child, Viola attended Mount Calvary Methodist Church. At the age of the 13, she was the assistant pianist for the Ways of Trump Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Lydia Neal and for the choir at Mount Calvary Methodist Church under the direction of Mrs. Mary P. Cannon. Viola also organized a Young Adult Choir at Mount Calvary Methodist Church.

On May 1959, the Lord Jesus Christ came into her heart and life and she was led to unite with Williams Chapel Church. Her favorite scripture was Psalms 34 and verse 22, which reads, "The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate."

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. Please take comfort in the bible during your time of grief. Acts 24:15 gives us hope of being reunited with our loved ones again during the resurrection of the dead. Until that time may your entire family be comforted and blessed.

Doretha Sampson - January 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Greg, Jen, Larry and Bruce -May God's love be a source of comfort to you in the days ahead. There is no love like a mother's love, except it be the love of God. Miss Sis was a vital part of the Bridgeville community that I grew up in. Although I have not seen her for a couple of years, nothing can erase the memories of my childhood - and she was a part of that. Be encouraged, your Mom will continue to watch over you until you are reunited again.

Ginger Speight - January 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ On behalf of the Broadmeadow staff we would like to express our condolences over the loss of Miss VI. Keeping you in prayer,
Broadmeadow Staff and Residents

Tina Edmunds - January 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of your dear love one. It as though I have lost a very close family member since I either played sports with many of the young men in the family or visited their mother and grandmother houses on several occasions to eat or try and learn how to carry a tune. I never learn to carry a tune, but the food was always GOOD.
God Bless all of you and this too shall pass with prayer and time.
Always remember the great times you shared as a family.

Howard E. Smack Sr. - January 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ To Gregory and the rest of the family, my sincere condolences to you on the loss of your dear mother. In time I pray the pain will lessen and your memories of the love you shared will make your hearts smile again. Take comfort in the thought that you will see her again someday. Gregory we love you and share your pain. We will always be a part of each other's families.
In sympathy and love,
Doris and Rickey Terrell, & Family

Doris Russell-Terrell - January 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope you will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. May GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.

M Jones - January 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM