



Ms. Alma Little Barnes

November 22, 1927 - December 31, 2013

A loved one has departed from this earth for “a city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God.”

- Hebrews 11:10

Yes, Mom, you have gone before us and we sorrow, but not as those who have no hope. We sorrow because we will miss your encouraging directions and the love you gave to your family, friends, and community.

Mrs. Alma Ree Little Barnes, daughter of the late Arthur and Suzie Little, was born November 22, 1927 into the Stokes community.

As a young girl, she attended Post Stokes Grammar School and Bethel Union High School; she continued her educational pursuits at Elizabeth City Teachers College, known today as Elizabeth City State University.

Upon graduating from college in April 1951, Alma entered into a long, robust career as an educator in the Pitt County School System. She invested decades in teaching early childhood education, serving also for a short time as a supervisor of Pitt County Schools. The administrative role of school supervisor, however, left her yearning for the “one-on-one” personal relationship with children. Recognizing that her gifts and heartfelt passions for “her students” were best utilized in the classroom setting, she resigned her supervisory position and returned to the class environment.

Alma taught at Stokes Elementary School from 1951-1980. After a long satisfying career, she retired from teaching, but continued to invest in

students, teaching and tutoring from the comforts of her living room. She received multiple service awards acknowledging her endless endeavors toward student development. Her motto was “ You can’t learn if you don’t listen.”

Alma surrendered her life to Christ as a young girl and started singing in the choir at age 14. She continued to be a servant in the body of Christ until the Lord called her home December 31, 2013. She was a longtime choir member, church secretary/treasurer, Eastern Star chapter 590 member, and an ordained mother of St. John’s MBC. She served as a mentor, counselor, and friend to principals, teachers, community leaders, pastors, students and even strangers... she met the “needs”.

On May 2, 1952, she married Marion Davis Barnes and to this union, a son Marion and a daughter Cynthia were born.

Surviving ones left to cherish her memories are: One son, Marion (Elisse) of Silver Spring , MD.; one daughter, Cynthia of Cary, NC; one adopted daughter, Mary J. Frye of Winston Salem, NC; three grandchildren; three brothers, Willis Reed Little of Calhoun Falls, SC, Otis Little of Greenville, NC, Kenneth Little of Danbury, CT; six sisters, Agnes Peoples of Baltimore, MD, Annie Mae Wallace of Everetts, NC, Darlene Mizelle (Roger) of Robersonville, NC, Shelby Jean Weaver of Greenville, NC, Amma Lois Scott of Danbury, CT, Peggy Chance (Ben)of Greenville, NC; adopted families and friends, Isaac Pope of Kinston, NC, Larry Phair (Marian Ann) of Baltimore, MD, Grover Everette (Daisy) of Greenville, NC, Eddie Godley (Carolyn) and all of the St. John’s Missionary Baptist Church family.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

2900 E. 2nd Street
Greenville, NC 27858

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. John Missionary Baptist Church Soul-Saving Center
2921 Briery Swamp Road
Stokes, NC 27884

Service

JAN 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Alma Little Barnes*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Marion Fleetwood Gatling lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alma Little Barnes*



Marion Fleetwood Gatling - January 05, 2014 at 04:27 PM



“ *Michelle Newkirk And Joshua Newkirk lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alma Little Barnes*



Michelle Newkirk and Joshua Newkirk - January 03, 2014 at 08:35 AM



Losing a love one can be heartbreaking, but comfort can be found in the Bible. John:28 and 29 helps us to appreciate that Jesus talks about a wonderful time when there will be a resurrection. I look forward to that time and you can too. also Luke:23: 43

carrie Goss - April 28, 2014 at 03:52 PM

PR

Aunt Alma Rea was a woman who loved the Lord Jesus Christ and spoke her mind. Her stories about growing up (and life) were always fresh and laced with laughter, seriousness, love, and insight. I'll never forget my Aunt Alma Rea. The aunt who looked like my dad, William Little. The aunt who loved flowers. The aunt who compelled you to do your best, and the aunt whom I loved. I know her memories will live on and on and on.

Patricia Little Ryan - September 18, 2015 at 08:59 PM

MN

“Michelle Newkirk lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alma Little Barnes



Michelle Newkirk - January 03, 2014 at 08:34 AM

EL

“my prayers for comfort are for the family; I was blessed to know and care for Mr. & Mrs. Barnes & will always cherish my memories of them both. EC Land, MD

E. C. Land - January 02, 2014 at 09:07 PM

LP

“To my classmate Marion; I was sorry to hear of the lost of your Mother. May the love of God who promised to never leave us nor forsake us bring you comfort and peace.

*Gods Blessings
Linnie Brown Perkins*

L B PERKINS - January 02, 2014 at 08:54 PM

LG

“ While we're sending condolences to Cynthia, Marion, friends & family, know the well wishes come with a smile for Aunt Alma who lived her life to the fullest. Linda Peoples Garrett & Family

Linda Garrett - January 02, 2014 at 03:38 PM

CB

“ May the peace and comfort of God be with you during this season.

*Love Always,
Mr. & Mrs. Curtis J. Black*

Curtis Black - January 02, 2014 at 09:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Alma Little Barnes.*



January 02, 2014 at 09:48 AM