



## Mrs. Annie Ruth Adams Barnes

October 8, 1926 - April 27, 2019

“If I Can Help Somebody, Then My Living Will Not Be In Vain”

Annie Ruth Adams Barnes was born in Pitt County, North Carolina on October 8, 1926 to the late Issac William and Carrie Teel Adams. At an early age of thirteen, she joined the Sycamore Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

Annie Ruth was educated in the Pitt County Schools and graduated from the Bethel Union High School in May 1944. Upon high school graduation, she matriculated at the DeShazor’s Beauty School in Durham, NC and became a licensed cosmetologist in 1945. She was the owner and operator of Friendly Beauty Shop from 1959-2010.

Annie Ruth married the love of her life, the late Deacon Willie Edward Barnes on December 27, 1945 and was blessed with four beautiful children: James Earl (Jimmy), Donald Eugene (Donnie), Annette Demetria and Keisha Yvette.

At the age of twenty-two, Annie Ruth joined the St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church to be with her husband. Over the years, she served St. Mary faithfully on the Mother Board, Missionary Circle, sang in the Senior Choir for over fifty years, taught the Sunday School Primary Class and was an active participant in Bible Study and the Adult Sunday School Class. In 2001, Mother Barnes organized a Senior Fellowship Program at the St. Mary MB Church and served as President until her death.

Annie Ruth was also a faithful servant of the community, having joined the Ladies Delight Chapter #10 of the Order of Eastern Star PHA in 1961, the Cosmetologist Chapter #24 and the Greenfield Terrace Community Club. She enjoyed gardening, cooking for her family and friends, traveling to beaches and tourist attractions and attending area church and Senior Fellowship activities.

Her legacy will LIVE ON in the hearts of her children, Jimmy (Patricia) of Durham, NC, Donnie (Vonzella) of Greenville, NC, Annette of Jamestown, NC and Keisha of Chesterfield, VA; grandchildren, Jimmy Ako (Maki) of Greensboro, NC, Joey Dean of Greensboro, NC, Tenille of Charlotte, NC and Ashli Jaroscak (Joe) of Washington, DC; great-grandchildren, Anika and Sage of Greensboro, NC. She leaves to cherish her memory, two brothers and two sisters, James A. Adams of Hampton, VA, Leroy Adams of Baltimore, MD, Velma Bratton of Thomasville, NC and Linda Joyce Adams of Greensboro, NC; a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street  
Greenville, NC 27858

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 4. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church  
1251 Fleming School Road  
Greenville, NC 27834

## Celebration of Life Service

MAY 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church  
1251 Fleming School Road  
Greenville, NC 27834

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Annie Ruth Adams Barnes*

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October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Congleton Funeral Home And Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Adams Barnes*



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**Congleton Funeral Home and Staff** - May 06, 2019 at 01:33 PM



“ *Very sorry for your loss. The neighborhood won't be the same without her.*



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**WRM** - May 04, 2019 at 08:00 PM

PM

“ Mrs. Barnes will surely be missed in this neighborhood. She did my mom’s hair for most of her adult life .she did my hair when I was younger and she did my daughter’s hair when she was in grade school. She was always nice and kind to everyone. I was afraid of the hot comb, but I trusted her. She loved flowers and you would see her working outside in the flower bed or sometimes checking her mail. May she join God’ s beauty consultants in Heaven. The angels will love her !  
R. Patricia Lee Mair8



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**Patricia Mair** - May 04, 2019 at 04:19 PM

PP

“ Phyllis Taft Price lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Adams Barnes



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**Phyllis Taft Price** - May 03, 2019 at 11:06 PM

NC

“ Nettes Childcare sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Adams Barnes



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**Nettes Childcare** - May 03, 2019 at 09:45 PM

KP

“ Praying for the Barnes family during this difficult time.



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Ken Pierce - May 03, 2019 at 06:59 PM

AW

“ To the Barnes Family,

*We were deeply sadden by the loss of your mother Mrs. Annie Barnes. We know that you loved her as she loved you. Proverbs 17:6 reminds us that the grandchildren are the crown of the aged and the glory of the children are their parents. We know that she loved her off springs and her off springs loved and respected her. She lived it and commanded it.*

*Our prayers are with you during this time and may heaven smile on you as your parents are reunited.*

*Andre L.Winstead and Family of Wilson, NC*

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andre winstead - May 03, 2019 at 04:35 PM

SP

“ Rest in peace, dear friend, mentor, lady of wisdom, and former stylist. You are sorely missed. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.  
Sarah Pritchard

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Sarah pritchard - May 03, 2019 at 03:08 PM

TH

“ *Tamika Hillman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Adams Barnes*



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**Tamika Hillman** - May 03, 2019 at 10:43 AM

DH

“ *Praying for the peace of God to sustain the family during this time.*

*Death leaves a heartache No one can heal -  
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.*

*Treasure the memories.*



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**David and Judy Hughes-Greensboro** - May 03, 2019 at 10:20 AM

CW

“ *Carol Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Adams Barnes*



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**Carol Williams** - May 03, 2019 at 10:18 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Annie Ruth Adams Barnes.*



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May 02, 2019 at 10:03 PM

PS

“*Mrs. Barnes family, we will surely miss her at our Senior Fellowship Programs. You added just the right spark to each one you shared in.*

*Phillippi Missionary Baptist Church, Simpson, NC*

*Rev. Dr. B. K. Berryhill, Pastor*



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**Phillippi M.B. Church Simpson** - May 02, 2019 at 09:36 PM

JK

“*Joyce A. King lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Adams Barnes*



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**Joyce A. King** - May 02, 2019 at 06:11 PM

JK

“*Family: It is with a heavy heart that I accept the will of God. Mother Barnes was a great inspiration to me. She was always positive no matter how she felt, but would encourage others to be positive as well and trust in God. I thank God for putting her in my life and being a living example of what a Christian woman should be like. I looked up to her as one of my senior role models as well as one of my "Girls". I will dearly miss her and our telephone calls during the week. Family, look to God to give you peace and strength at this most difficult hour. You will be in my prayers not just for now, but in the days to come.*

*Joyce A. King*

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**Joyce A. King** - May 02, 2019 at 06:10 PM



“ 98 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Congleton Memorial Mortuary - May 02, 2019 at 01:02 PM**

AN

“ *Mama Ann was my other mother, as she was to many. My favorite memories will always be sitting in her chair as she did my hair listening to her laughter and great conversation. She always had a warm smile and big hug each and every time I saw her. The special treat was something scrumptious she had cooked! Her pantry and fridge was always filled to nourish not only her family but to share with those of us she adopted. Her family was my family and my family hers. My life and my mother's were enriched by this lady's true spirit of generosity and care. She was one of the best.! An awesome daughter, sister, relative, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend.*

*To the family, particularly her children, I feel your loss but I also know because Mama Ann had strong faith that she has a heavenly home now, well earned and well deserved. We never imagine a world without our mother in it. This I know for sure, she left love in her footprints.*

*Holding you in the front of my/our heart,  
Angela Barnes Nottingham  
(Mother Helen Barnes)*

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**Angela Barnes Nottingham** - May 02, 2019 at 11:59 AM

AN

“ *Angela Barnes Nottingham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Adams Barnes*



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**Angela Barnes Nottingham** - May 02, 2019 at 11:39 AM

MW

“ I remember Mrs. Barnes as a kind, compassionate, neatly dressed lady. I will never forget her smile and her soft voice!!!

*I will keep her Family in my prayers!*

*Minister Geraldine Vines Wright*

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**Minister Geraldine Vines Wright** - May 02, 2019 at 10:57 AM



CW

“ Chanelle Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Adams Barnes

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**Chanelle Williams** - May 01, 2019 at 11:39 PM



SE

“ Sis. Early lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Adams Barnes

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**Sis. Early** - May 01, 2019 at 07:10 PM



PW

“ Pat Worsley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Adams Barnes

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**Pat Worsley** - May 01, 2019 at 05:05 PM



SP

“ Sarah Pritchard sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Adams Barnes



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**Sarah pritchard** - May 01, 2019 at 09:17 AM

MB

“ God of grace, we remember Mrs. Barnes with thanksgiving. For all of the love and light, the good times, the laughter, the many acts of kindness, her caring for our mom's hair, and her gentle soul, we praise you. Remind us of your presence with us and so bring comfort and hope through the days ahead for her family and friends.  
Our sincerest condolences, The Beatrice C. Jones Maye and Mamie Maye Bryan Families



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**Mamie Bryan** - April 30, 2019 at 06:00 PM

KT

“ Katie Taft lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Adams Barnes



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**katie taft** - April 30, 2019 at 04:50 PM

PW

*Our prayers are with the family of Mrs. Ann, she will be highly missed , she was a loving person , who showed love and care during the times she was our family beautician our family loved and appreciated her and we will never forget her much love to her family, God blessed all of us with a beautiful angel, lovingly the family of Annie Little .*

Pat Worsley - May 01, 2019 at 05:01 PM

TT

“ *Sorry for your loss. Very sweet lady. Will miss her at the Crandall/Teel Family Reunion.*

Tuwana Taft - April 30, 2019 at 02:12 PM

FT

“ *Sincere Condolences To The Barnes Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. May, "the God of all comfort," be with you and your family during this difficult time. 2 Corinthians 1:3,4. With Hope, Peace & Kindness,*



F. Taylor - April 30, 2019 at 11:06 AM

LA

“ *A gem of a big sister!*

Linda Joyce Adams - April 30, 2019 at 09:57 AM

JT

*My prayers and condolences to my cousin James Arthur, Lee Roy and Joyce. Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning. 🙏🙏🙏. Cousin Jean Teel & family*

Jean Teel - April 30, 2019 at 04:24 PM

MH

“ I was so sorry to hear of Ms. Ann’s passing. A very sweet lady. Will miss her presence at the senior citizen fellowship. Sleep on Ms. Ann, you deserve your rest.



Muriel Hines - April 30, 2019 at 08:11 AM

JC

I was sorry to hear about our cousin passing. We love you but God loves you best. You will be truly missed

Jacqueline crandol - April 30, 2019 at 12:35 PM

EH

“ May God Continue To Comfort And Strengthen The Family

Evangelist Gwen Hudson - April 30, 2019 at 03:02 AM

MC

“ Minister Dora Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Adams Barnes



minister dora cox - April 30, 2019 at 12:52 AM

DP

“ Donna Pierce lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Adams Barnes



Donna Pierce - April 29, 2019 at 09:49 PM

CG

“ My job as a Community Impact Deputy for the Pitt County Sheriff’s Office blesses and afforded me to meet Mrs. Barnes, she reminded me of my grandmother, she was very sweet, may God comfort the family, you are in my prayers.



Clemmie J. German - April 29, 2019 at 09:22 PM

TS

“ Hi I remember Ms. Barnes a very nice person who use to do hair. She was the same every time you met her. My parents & I lived the third house from Ms. Barnes in Greenfield Terrance since 1976 until there death. She will truly be missed. Such a GREAT Person. RIH Ms. Barnes. Love Ya Tarshia Sutton & Family.



Tarshia Sutton - April 29, 2019 at 06:05 PM

TS

“ Tarshia Sutton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Adams Barnes



Tarshia Sutton - April 29, 2019 at 05:58 PM

KT

Cousin Annie will be greatly missed, especially by her presence at the Crandall and Teel Family Reunion 🙏❤️

Katie Taft - April 30, 2019 at 04:23 PM

LD

“ *I remember Mrs. Barnes as a kind and gentle lady. She was always happy to see my son and I. May she rest in peace.* ”



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**Lois Dupree** - April 29, 2019 at 10:53 AM