



Ms. Arnella B. Chance

May 18, 1940 - August 6, 2025

Arnella B. Chance “Nell” was born on May 18, 1940, in Martin County, North Carolina, to King Bruce Chance and Bessie Neal Chance. On August 6, 2025, she peacefully went home to be with the Lord.

Her faith journey began early. At a young age, Arnella gave her life to Christ and became a devoted member of Medley Chapel CME Church in Bethel, NC. Her relationship with the Lord shaped the way she loved people, worked hard, and celebrated life with joy.

Arnella’s early education began at Salisbury School in Hassell, NC. She went on to graduate from West Martin School in 1957. Education became one of the great loves of her life. She began her college education at Kittrell College in Kittrell, NC. She later transferred to Bennett College, proudly earning her Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics in 1973 and forever cherishing her identity as a “Bennett Belle”. She continued to interact with Bennett College and was a member of Bennett College Coastal Alumni Association. Arnella also earned her Master’s Degree from North Carolina A&T State University “Aggie Pride”. She became a proud member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Spring of 1974 Beta Nu Zeta Chapter, through which she built lifelong friendships and served her community with style and grace. Arnella became a Certified Home Economist through the American Home Economics Association.

Her professional career was marked by dedication and passion. Arnella taught at Salisbury School and Bennett College, where she inspired students with

her deep knowledge and personal warmth. She later joined South Carolina State College (now South Carolina State University) in Orangeburg, SC “Bulldog Nation”, where she served for many years as an Instructor of Home Institutional Management and Supervisor of the Home Management Residence. Beyond academia, Arnella also worked for Martin Community Action serving as the Head Food and Nutrition Coordinator for numerous years. Throughout all of her work, whether in the classroom, in the community, or in her career, Arnella was a mentor to many. She guided with patience, encouraged with kindness, and challenged with love. Her words and examples inspired countless people to dream bigger and work harder as she continued her lifelong mission to educate, uplift, and empower others. Arnella lived life fully and joyfully. She had a special love for cooking, whether it was Sunday dinner or a simple meal, she poured her heart into every dish. She loved sewing and she enjoyed doing hair and makeup. She also enjoyed the peace of fishing, the fun of camping trips and the laughter that came from joking around with family and friends. No matter the activity, her warmth, humor, and generous spirit made everyone feel special. Above all, Arnella loved her family, cherishing every moment spent together. Her life was a beautiful blend of faith, education, service, and joy, a legacy that will continue to inspire all who knew her.

Arnella was preceded in death by her parents, King Bruce Chance and Bessie Neal Chance, and her siblings, Dottie Bell, King Thomas Chance, and William Albritton.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory, her brother, Deacon Melvin Chance (Reverend Ernestine Chance) of Tarboro, NC; her sister and caretaker, Marjorie Chance Hill of the home in Bethel, NC; her sister-in-law, Nada Albritton of Brookfield, CT; her god-son, Vincent Best; her god-sisters, Carol Brothers and Angela Freeman, little ones who held a special place in her heart, Zayden Sapp and Cameron Ambrose; and close friend, Veronica Bell. Also, a special niece Richonda Hill who was also a caregiver and a host of nieces, nephews, special cousins, other relatives, and dear friends who will

forever hold her in their hearts.

Cemetery Details

Chance Family Cemetery

1356 NC Highway 42
Bethel, NC 27812

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church
14777 NC Hwy. 11
Bethel, NC 27812

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Congleton Memorial Mortuary - August 19, 2025 at 04:57 PM

CS

“ *Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Ms. Arnella B. Chance*



Cecily Sene - August 18, 2025 at 10:41 PM

RI

“ *Richonda lit a candle in memory of Ms. Arnella B. Chance*



Richonda - August 16, 2025 at 01:53 PM

SW

“ *To our Cousins and Family of Arnella,*

With heartfelt sympathy, our love and prayers are with you. May your love and memories keep you strong.



J.Ronald Cherry, LaVeda C. Ellis and Stephanie C. Walker

Stephanie Cherry Walker - August 16, 2025 at 11:52 AM

SW

“ Stephanie Cherry Walker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Arnella B. Chance



Stephanie Cherry Walker - August 16, 2025 at 11:41 AM

DC

“ Dear Cousins Melvin, Margie, Richonda, and family,

Our sincere condolences to you all on the passing of our dear cousin Nell from this earthly life. Although we are not present at Nell's homegoing service, we are there with you in thoughts, prayers, and the precious memories we have of Nell. The times we stopped at the house to see her and you, Margie. Each visit, she imparted a memory, words of wisdom, and a humorous comment. This is with us always.

May Nell's memory be a blessing!

*Love,
Your cousins, Denise and family
Danbury, CT*

Denise Chance - August 15, 2025 at 08:50 PM

SJ

“ Shelton And Helen Council James lit a candle in memory of Ms. Arnella B. Chance



Shelton and Helen Council James - August 14, 2025 at 06:04 PM

BC

“ *Barbara Jean Council lit a candle in memory of Ms. Arnella B. Chance*



Barbara Jean Council - August 14, 2025 at 05:53 PM

KL

“ *Karen Lane lit a candle in memory of Ms. Arnella B. Chance*



Karen Lane - August 14, 2025 at 02:50 PM

CJ

“ *Aunt Nell as I called her will be missed. My deepest condolences to the family during this difficult time.*



Carisa "Candy" Johnson - August 14, 2025 at 01:43 PM

DC

“ *Donte Crowell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Arnella B. Chance*



Donte Crowell - August 13, 2025 at 11:36 PM

VF

“ Valerie H Joyner & Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Arnella B. Chance



Valerie H Joyner & Family - August 13, 2025 at 11:10 PM

CW

“ 🕊️ We have lost another precious petal from our family. I fondly remember the times spent at Aunt Nell's home, sharing meals and enjoying each other's company. Rest peacefully, Aunt Nell, until we meet again. With love, Carol White “Chug Wife”.



Carol White - August 13, 2025 at 02:31 PM

PG

“ Miss Chance was one of my favorite professors at South Carolina State University. She had such a sense of humor. There were many times that she would have the entire class cracking up hoping that the dean wouldn't walk by and catch us goofing off! I will always remember. Rest in power, Queen.

Pansy G - August 12, 2025 at 09:33 PM

AS

“ Special condolences to the family of my formal teacher and friend. 🙏❤️🙏



Andrea Bradley-Brown, SCSU - August 12, 2025 at 09:30 PM

NA

“ *Arnella, who was known as Nell, was a caring person who loved her family deeply. She was a superb cook during the early days of her life. I can recall the many stops by her home early in the mornings, after traveling from Connecticut to North Carolina, with her late brother William Albritton. We couldn't wait to eat the delicious breakfast that she would prepare for us. The food and fellowship with Nell and other members of the family will always be a cherished memory. Nell kept a strong faith during the latter days of her life. My last visit a few weeks ago with her was a pleasant experience. She had a beautiful smile on her face. I am sorry that I can't be in attendance for the funeral service, but please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Sincerely,
Nada L Albritton, sister-in-law

Nada L Albritton - August 12, 2025 at 08:47 PM

CC

“ *CHANNEL CHANCE lit a candle in memory of Ms. Arnella B. Chance*



CHANNEL CHANCE - August 12, 2025 at 07:43 PM

EJ

“ *Family, you have my condolences. As a former student, she will definitely be missed. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers*



Ethel Jones - August 11, 2025 at 07:53 PM

CS

“ Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Ms. Arnella B. Chance



Cecily Sene - August 11, 2025 at 06:41 PM

AC

“ Annie Charles lit a candle in memory of Ms. Arnella B. Chance



Annie Charles - August 11, 2025 at 06:02 PM

TP

“ Marge so sorry to hear of your Sister demise my sincere condolences to you and your family God's blessings be with you all during this difficult time. 🙏💖 Terry Peele Pastor Sneed Brother.

Terry Peele - August 11, 2025 at 03:12 PM

MJ

“ To my beloved Aunt Nell ~ lulled into eternity and resting with the Master. I will always cherish how you took me on the back road of the farm giving me my first driving lessons; showing off your culinary skills with different recipes and showing me how to make potato salad. I know we both enjoyed shopping at Green Acres mall and giving you sky is the limit treatment in Lane Bryant. Those are just a few precious memories among the multitude of memorable moments that will forever be etched in my heart. Rest in Peace & Power. ❤️

MICHELLE A CHANCE JONES - August 11, 2025 at 03:04 PM

CW

“ Sincere condolences to the family at this time
May your precious memories sustain you.
Keeping you all lifted in prayer. 🙏🙏🙏



Carl & Karen Williams - August 11, 2025 at 01:20 AM

BH

“ Barbara Hollis-Carr lit a candle in memory of
Ms. Arnella B. Chance



Barbara Hollis-Carr - August 10, 2025 at 08:09 PM

HD

“ Hazel Brown Davis lit a candle in memory of
Ms. Arnella B. Chance



Hazel Brown Davis - August 10, 2025 at 01:22 PM

MH

“ A DEAR COUSIN “Nell” I WILL ALWAYS REMEBER THAT SMILE
SHE ALWAYS GREET YOU WITH..MAY THE LORD CONTINUE
TO LIFT UP OUR FAMILY❤️

minnie hollis - August 10, 2025 at 08:56 AM

HD

“ Hazel Brown Davis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Arnella B. Chance



Hazel Brown Davis - August 10, 2025 at 08:38 AM

EH

“ May Jesus Christ Continue To Comfort And Strengthen The Family 🙏



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - August 08, 2025 at 11:17 AM