



Ms. Olivia Barrett Hemby

May 15, 1937 - April 17, 2021

Inside the beautiful gates, where my blessed Savior awaits. I'll tell the blessed story of how I come from earth to glory, just inside the beautiful gates.

Olivia Barrett Hemby was born on May 15, 1937 to the late Simon Barrett, Sr. and the late Blanche Scarborough Barrett in Pitt County, NC. She departed this life on Saturday, April 17, 2021.

Olivia was reared and attended school around the Ballard Cross Community of Bell Arthur in Pitt County, NC.

Olivia met and married the love of her life Mr. Prince Edward Hemby on August 17, 1973. To this union three daughters were born Carrie, Annette, and Erica.

Olivia was employed with the Riggs House Café for several years. She later became employed with Field Crest Mills Company now known as Mohawk Company. Olivia was a dedicated employee with thirty-two years of service prior to retirement and the closure of Mohawk Company.

After retirement Olivia enjoyed life to the fullest attending church functions and serving the Lord. She loved cooking and caring for family members, church

members, friends, and even people she did not know. Olivia always had a positive word and scripture. Olivia always attended church as a child growing up in the Bell Arthur Community, she and her family frequently attended Warren Chapel UAFWB Church. As an adult she relocated to Greenville and joined Mount Calvary FWB Church. Olivia moved her membership as a charter member of Progressive Free Will Baptist Church under the leadership of Bishop Tommie L. Davis.

Olivia served on the Usher Board and later concentrated as a Mother under the leadership of her pastor Bishop T.L. Davis. She worked and served faithfully as long as her health permitted.

Olivia was preceded in death by the love of her life, her husband, Prince Edward Hemby; sons, Kenneth Crandall, Johnny Crandall, Bobby Lee Shepard; sisters, Gladys Barrett Thomas, Myrahnice Barrett Carmon; son-n-law, William Bennett.

Olivia leaves to cherish her loving memory, three daughters, Carrie Atkinson (Stephen), Annette Bennett both of Greenville, NC, Erica Hemby of Grifton, NC; sons, Micheal Crandall of Baltimore, MD; Melvin Brown (Evon) of Harlem, NY; daughter-n-law, Helena Shepard of Greenville, NC; brother, Simon Barrett (Catherine); sister, Alice Barrett Hawkins both of Cincinnati, OH; five granddaughters, Nykizza Hemby, Chambria Lowe, Christin Hemby and Bridgett Vines all of Greenville, NC; five grandsons, Joshua Hemby, Adam Shepard both of Greenville, NC, Russell Vines of Durham, NC, Zack Brown, Deion Vines both of Harlem, NY; two great granddaughters, Nyja Hemby and Faith Lowe both of Greenville, NC; two great grandson, Jashawn Lowe and Tyleek Hemby both of Greenville, NC; five God-daughters, Barbara Taft, Peggy Taft, Tekor Daniels all of Greenville, NC and Greta Cherry of Washington, DC, Charlene King of Raleigh, NC; three God-sons, James

Tyson (Doris) of Winterville, NC, Thomas Daniels (Patty) and Bobby “Bob Wayne” Wiggins both of Greenville, NC; special cousin, Zeddie Hardy Wilkins; special nephew, Roy Barrett (Jacquelyn) both of Greenville, NC; five special nieces, Angela Carmon of Durham, NC, Clarice Hampton (LaMont) of Southfield, MI, Barbara Barrett of Greenville, NC, Michelle Renee Norflee (Victor) and Pamela Hawkins both of Cincinnati, OH; four nephews, Dana Hawkins, Curtis Hawkins (Karen), LaMonte Holt (Nicole) all of Cincinnati, OH; special and devoted friends, Mr. & Mrs. Willie Barnes, Andranette Waller, Carolyn Pridgen, Cynthia Williams, Ms. Laura Gibbs, Mother Carrie Moore, Mother Ruby Taylor and Robin Dozer; a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Brown Hill Cemetery

Howell Street
811 Howell Street
Greenville, NC

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 24. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Progressive Free Will Baptist Church
1503 Hooker Road
Greenville, NC

Celebration of Life Service

APR 24. 1:00 PM (ET)

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1503 Hooker Road
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Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Olivia Barrett Hemby*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Johnny And LaVette Ford lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olivia Barrett Hemby*



Johnny and LaVette Ford - April 25, 2021 at 06:53 AM



“ *May it comfort you to know others are praying with and for you. It is unfortunate that I am unable to be with you as you celebrate Mother Hemby's promotion. She has fought her fight and finished her course. Now she is at blessed rest with the Lord.*

Love and Sympathy,

Montrose A. Streeter

Montrose A Streeter - April 24, 2021 at 12:21 AM



“ *Fond memories of Ms. Olivia and her "pretty little girls.". Rest peacefully.*



Sarah Gardner Pritchard - April 23, 2021 at 05:20 PM

DT

“ Praying for the entire family 🙏🙏

Dee and Doug Tyson

Delores and Douglas Tyson - April 23, 2021 at 03:25 PM

DT

“ Mother Hemby was a truly annointed woman of God. There was not a Sunday at Progressive that she wasn't shouting and praising the Lord. Rest in heaven mother Hemby. You were loved!

Deliires and Douglas Tyson - April 23, 2021 at 03:23 PM

DP

“ Diana Parker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olivia Barrett Hemby



Diana Parker - April 23, 2021 at 11:42 AM

VE

“ Vivian Edwards lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olivia Barrett Hemby



Vivian Edwards - April 22, 2021 at 10:56 AM

CH

“ My most beautiful memories of my Aunt Olivia are of her either in the kitchen cooking up her fish stew or her at church give praise to our Heavenly Father and her beautiful smile. You will be missed Aunt Olivia.

Clarice Hampton - April 22, 2021 at 12:12 AM

JU

“ We are praying for the entire Barrett and Hemby family during the loss of Ms. Olivia.

With deepest sympathy,
The Payton Family



Juanita - April 21, 2021 at 09:11 PM

CF

“ Sincere Condolences to the Barrett & Hemby family during this time of transition of Mrs. Olivia Hemby!! Prayers are with yall...



Coston Family - April 21, 2021 at 11:19 AM

VR

“ My heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult time. RIH Mrs. Olivia 🙏



Vicki Roberts - April 21, 2021 at 10:42 AM

BF

“ *Condolences to the family... Mother Hemby you will be missed...*



Belinda Newton and family - April 20, 2021 at 02:12 PM

SJ

“ *My prayers and sincerest condolences to the family. May the Holy Spirit give you peace during this difficult time.*



Sylvia Taylor Johnson - April 20, 2021 at 09:41 AM

SM

“ *Mother Hemby I can only imagine the dance you are doing now . Rest well mother*



Sherrie D moore - April 19, 2021 at 04:47 PM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their.*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - April 19, 2021 at 12:44 PM