



## Annette G. Barnes

February 6, 1955 - November 3, 2016

Annette Gwendolyn Barnes descended peacefully to her heavenly home on Thursday, November 3, 2016.

Gwen (as she was known by family) was born in Elizabeth City, North Carolina on February 6, 1955 to the union of the late Floyd W. Sutton, Sr. and Geneva Sutton. She was the oldest of four children.

Gwen attended Elizabeth City State University where she received a degree in Early Childhood Education. She went on to teach in various school systems and taught for over 40 years until her health no longer allowed her to. In her professional life she was known as Annette and she left a remarkable imprint on the hearts of her students and colleagues. Gwen was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Gwen married her high school sweetheart, Darnell Barnes, on March 5, 1977 and to this union two sons were born.

Gwen was reared in a Christian home. As a child, she joined St. James A.M.E. Zion Church. There she was able to display her love for singing. She served as choir director for many years. She had a no nonsense attitude when it came to choir rehearsal, so you needed to be on time and ready to sing!! Later in life she became a member of Grove Baptist Church and served faithfully on the Mass Choir.

Gwen had a great sense of humor and an infectious laugh. She loved her family more than anything. Talking to her mom, sisters, aunts or cousins several times a day was her greatest joy. She fought a good fight during her

illness and she will be missed immensely.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her husband, Darnell; two sons, William Barnes of Charlotte, NC and Sean Barnes of Jacksonville, FL; mother, Geneva Sutton of Elizabeth City, NC; two sisters, Julie Turner of Elizabeth City and Anita Hairston (Jerry) of Virginia Beach, VA; one brother, Floyd Sutton, Jr. of Colorado Springs, CO; aunt, Earline T. Waldron of Elizabeth City, NC; five grandchildren, Deshon, Dorian, Kevan, Maniya and Dallas; two devoted cousins who were more like sisters, Jean Griffin of Camden, DE and Deborah Staten of Elizabeth City, NC; and Stephanie Barnes, who she loved like a daughter and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road  
Suffolk, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
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Chesapeake, VA 23323  
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## Service

NOV 10. 9:30 AM (ET)

Grove Church  
5910 West Norfolk Road  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Annette G. Barnes*



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - November 09, 2016 at 03:57 PM



“ *Sending prayers, love, hugs and condolences to the Sutton and Barnes Family during this time of loss. My memories of Gwen leading us in the choir at St. James A.M.E. Zion is something I still speak fondly of. She was a great role mole/big sister to a great number of us at St. James. She was such a sweet and caring person and I am blessed to have had the pleasure of growing up with her. To the family, may Gods arms of protection and comfort hold you tight in the days and months to come. "March on to Zion, Gwen and sing in the heavenly choir, heaven has a new Angel. RIH....gone but never forgotten. Love you*

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**Brenda Walston** - November 10, 2016 at 10:35 AM



*RIH*

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**Michelle Gore** - November 27, 2016 at 03:20 PM

WJ

“ My heart goes out to the Barnes family in the loss of their loved one. I've known Gwen for over 55 years. We grew up around the corner from each other in Elizabeth City, attended St. Catherine's Catholic School and High School together. Her brother and I were best friends. I was deeply saddened when I heard about Gwen's passing. From the Johnson family on White Street, we extended our deepest condolences to the Barnes family and we pray God's comfort and strength to each of you during this hour of grieving. May God continue to bless you. Wade (Rickey) Johnson and family.

Wade (Rickey) Johnson - November 10, 2016 at 09:46 AM

MT

“ Cousin Geneva, you, and the family have my deepest sympathy, may God give you all comfort and peace in knowing that she is not suffering any more. God came and dispatched another angel. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. with LOVE Mrs Barbara Thornton

Mrs Barbara Thornton - November 10, 2016 at 09:23 AM

MT

“ Mrs Barbara Thornton lit a candle in memory of Annette G. Barnes



Mrs Barbara Thornton - November 10, 2016 at 09:11 AM

LC

“ *Latrese Carter lit a candle in memory of Annette G. Barnes*



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**Latrese Carter** - November 09, 2016 at 08:07 PM

LC

“ *We meet as choir members at Grove but became sisters through Mary Kay. I remember your stories that made me cry with laughter, the joy we shared during our make up parties & visits to the house, and us being the makeup artists for the AKA Pearls Cotillion in Chesapeake. You are forever my sister and my friend.*

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**Latrese Carter** - November 09, 2016 at 07:59 PM

CS

“ *Cynthia Stuckey lit a candle in memory of Annette G. Barnes*



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**Cynthia Stuckey** - November 09, 2016 at 03:39 PM

CS

*Thank you for taking care of my baby at school and teaching her well. We always kept a special place in our hearts just for you.*

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**Cynthia Stuckey** - November 09, 2016 at 03:42 PM

CC

“ Curtis & Vivian (Pumpkin) Crutchfield purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Annette G. Barnes.



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**Curtis & Vivian (Pumpkin) Crutchfield** - November 09, 2016 at 11:13 AM

KW

“ No words can express my shock and sense of loss in losing someone who's been like a sister to me since as early as I can remember. She now knows a sense of peace that goes beyond all of our understanding. May God's love and the faith that's been a part of your family from the beginning continue to provide you with comfort and a sense a peace during this trying and very difficult time.

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**Kevin Walston** - November 09, 2016 at 08:42 AM

TJ

“ Tanisha Jackson lit a candle in memory of Annette G. Barnes



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**Tanisha Jackson** - November 08, 2016 at 10:10 PM



“ 32 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - November 08, 2016 at 03:38 PM



“ *My heart is sad, but in my spirit I know that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Darnell, Shawn, William God gave you a real jewel. Treasure those wonderful, precious memories she has left with you. She was a beautiful woman, one of a kind. May God keep you close in unity and faith.*

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**Ruth Crosson** - November 07, 2016 at 09:00 PM