



Hazel Marie Barnes

July 7, 1953 - February 1, 2026

Hazel M. Barnes the daughter of the late Ernest Wiggins and Carrie Wiggins was born July 7, 1953 in Nansemond County, Virginia; she departed this life on February 1, 2026.

Hazel lived a life marked not by noise or spectacle, but by steadiness, presence, and the quiet impact of showing up—again and again—for the people and moments that mattered.

Hazel belonged to a generation that understood responsibility early and carried it with grace. She met life as it came, adapting, enduring, and growing wiser with time. Those who knew her will remember a woman of depth and substance—someone whose strength did not require announcement, whose care was offered without condition, and whose values were reflected in how she lived rather than how she spoke.

She moved through the years with a sense of purpose shaped by experience. Hazel knew joy, disappointment, love, and loss, and she carried each with dignity. She understood the importance of routine and ritual, of doing ordinary things well, and of finding meaning in the everyday. Her life was built not on grand gestures, but on consistency, loyalty, and the kind of love that lasts.

Hazel's presence was grounding. She was someone others could rely on—

thoughtful, attentive, and real. She listened more than she spoke, and when she spoke, her words carried weight. Her memory lives on in shared stories, familiar habits, lessons passed down quietly, and in the lasting imprint she left on those fortunate enough to know her.

Though she is no longer physically present, Hazel's life continues in the ways she shaped others—in the standards she set, the care she gave, and the love she offered in her own steady way. She will be remembered, she will be missed, and she will not be forgotten.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, MSG Edward "Joe" Barnes, Jr.

Precious Memories are cherished by her two children, Pamela Barnes of Rocky Mount, NC and Edward J. Barnes of Newport New, VA; two grandsons, Kerry Barnes (Maria) of Tarboro70, NC and Daveon Lucas of Tarboro, NC; three great-grandchildren, Akira Barnes of Tarboro, NC, Kerry Barnes Jr. of Tarboro, NC, Londyn Lucas of Tarboro, NC; three sisters, Ernestine Hines (Sam) of Rocky Mount, NC, Betty Anderson of Rocky Mount, NC, Bertha Dunbar of Paterson, NJ and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Cemetery Details

Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road
Suffolk, VA

Previous Events

Service

FEB 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Celebration of Hazel Barnes*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - February 23 at 11:53 AM

AO

“ *Hazel has been our backdoor neighbor for many years. She was a wonderful neighbor. . . always available with a beautiful smile, a wave, a helping hand or an encouraging word. We will miss her but we know she is happy in her Heavenly home with her Lord and Savior. Kevin and Anne O'Brien*

Anne O'Brien - February 22 at 03:51 PM

AS

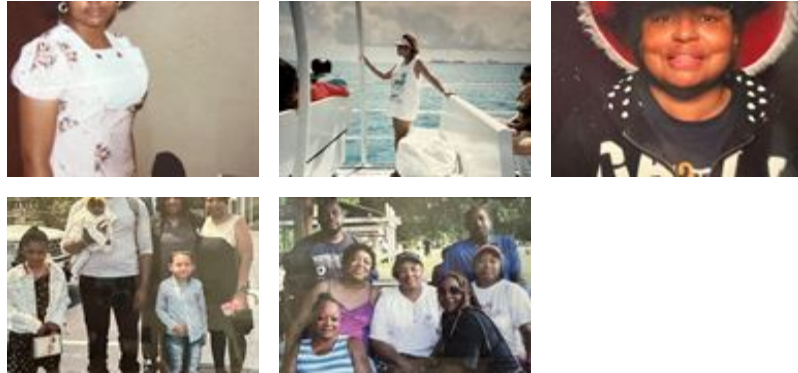
“ *My prayers and condolences to the family.*



Anna Smith - February 20 at 03:16 PM



“ 37 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - February 20 at 09:49 AM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray* was purchased for the family of Hazel Marie Barnes.



February 17 at 08:49 PM



“ *Little Grove GriefShare* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Hazel Marie Barnes.



Little Grove GriefShare - February 13 at 10:45 AM

LG

“ Little Grove GriefShare planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hazel Marie Barnes.

Little Grove GriefShare - February 13 at 10:45 AM

VW

“ To the family Hazel M. Barnes, please accept my sincere condolences of the passing of your mother and grandmother. My heart is deeply heavy as I learned of the passing of a dear individual whom I met through GriefShare. It was always a joy to be in Hazel's presence. Hazel attended a 13 weeks program called GriefShare, and during those 13 weeks, Hazel blessed and touched so many lives with her kind, loving spirit while navigating through her own pain of losing her husband. Hazel was a beacon of light. Rest in paradise, sweet, beautiful lady. ☐ 🙏
Vanessa Williams

Vanessa Williams - February 13 at 10:38 AM

GN

“ My sincere condolences to Hazel's son, daughter and grandchildren. Although I speechless and sad right now, I have wonderful and funny memories to remember Hazel. Thank you, LORD, for the times we shared, the trip to Dubai, and especially the laughs about our free lunches and dinners

Gerri L Norman - February 12 at 08:38 PM

FF

“ Friends and neighbors- Willis' Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Hazel Marie Barnes.



Friends and neighbors- Willis' Family - February 10 at 05:17 PM

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HT

“ My heartfelt Condolences to the entire Barnes. I first met Hazel and her husband when they first moved into the Harbour View Community years ago. Hazel was a beautiful and caring person. Recently, we celebrated Christmas with other seniors in Suffolk. I'm going to miss you my friend. Sleep well.

Hattie Taylor

Hattie Taylor - February 07 at 05:43 PM

LR

on behalf of Pastor Richardson and myself, we offer our condolences to the family. We were neighbors, and she was a part of our home small group. we will miss her on her daily walks and will cherish the time in Dubai together.

lynette richardson - February 13 at 01:56 PM

PO

“ *Priscilla Oneal lit a candle in memory of Hazel Barnes*



Priscilla Oneal - February 07 at 05:15 PM

RS

Hazel was my cousin, to the family our prayers and blessings goes to the family. God knows what He is doing; whether we think it is good or bad. God still in control. Family, my love 💖 goes out to you all!

Rev.Dr.W.Michael Smith - February 09 at 05:10 PM