

A Mother's Love

No gift on earth is greater,

No treasure held above,

The joy that comes from knowing,

A Mother's endless love.

Despite how it is tested,

It grows from year to year,

Providing strength and comfort . . .

It gently draws us near.

It warms and it protects us,

And guides us from afar,

Shedding light upon us,

Like a bright and shining star.

And when all things are measured,

Not one shall rise above,

Or be compared in value,

To a mother's endless love!

Pallbearers

Andrew Swygert
Steven Watson
Vincent Webber II

Julius Murray II
Christopher Holmes
Bobby Cunningham

Floral Bearers

Latasha Mitchell
Brenda Cornish
Barbara Bailey
Tracey Woodard

Shellie Scott
Shunti Jeter
Brenda Tucker
Debra Starks

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Ms. Gail T. Barnes, would like to express our sincerest appreciation for the many acts of love and kindness shown during her illness and our time of loss. Thank you for the encouraging words, prayers, visits, text, phone calls, social media posts, and cards. We would like to extend a special thank you to all the Caregivers who worked with her. We would also like to extend a special thank you to The Friendly Caterer's, Judy Carter, and Ken's Tents. We could not have done it without you. May God bless each of you.

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	Leevy's FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	Lower Richland Chapel 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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Celebration of Life In Loving Memory of Mrs. Gail Thomas Barnes



Saturday, April 20, 2024
1:00 p.m.

Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Elder Maurice Webber
-Officiating-

Obituary of Mrs. Gail Thomas Barnes

Mrs. Gail Thomas Barnes was born on January 16, 1956 to Evelyn Chisom and the late Lewis Christopher Chisolm.

Gail earned her high school diploma from Sarasota High School in Sarasota, Florida. While in high school she enjoyed playing basketball and singing in the choir. Her favorite subject was economics. Gail also volunteered as a candy striper while in high school, it was through this volunteer experience that she developed an interest in healthcare and helping others in need.

After graduation, Gail joined the United States Army. During her time of service, Gail traveled and experienced many cultures; and would later receive recognition for her leadership skills. After serving her country for ten years, Gail received an Honorable Discharge in 1983, and returned to life as a civilian and the healthcare field in Columbia, South Carolina.

Gail worked at Unitarian Universalist House in Philadelphia, PA as a CNA for several years. Then, in 1984, Gail was offered and accepted a position with Health Force, LLC that would allow her to combine her leadership skills with her love of helping others. Gail played an intricate role in recruiting, scheduling, and management. She mastered this role, earning the respect of not only her employees and peers, but also the respect of local state agency leaders and department heads. She continued working throughout her illness. In 2007, Gail joined Bible Way Church of Atlas Road where she remained a faithful member.

Gail continued to work with an amazing team of co-workers for over 40 years. We later branded ourselves as the Caregivers on Demand family. We did not just maintain an ordinary working relationship, we mourned together, celebrated together, and she cared for and loved our children and our families as her own. Gail wore many hats and wore them well. If we had to describe Gail, we would describe her as the creator of joy.

Gail was also known for her impeccable taste in clothes, her decorating skills, her love of plants, and for making the best deviled eggs. She was truly a great friend and was always willing to help when called on. She was feisty but very compassionate sometimes, doing both at the same time.

Gail departed this life on April 13, 2024. She was preceded in death by one brother, Rickey Thomas of Sarasota, FL.

She will be forever cherished by: her mother, Evelyn Chisom; a former spouse and life partner, Earl Barnes; two daughters; Felicia (William) Johnson of California, MD and Kameka Thomas of Sarasota, FL; one son, Eddie West of Sarasota, FL; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren: two sisters, Sharlene Barnes and Marlene Chisom both of Sarasota, FL; two brothers, Lewis Chisom and Frederick Chisom both of Sarasota, FL; one goddaughter, Kayla Webber of Irmo, S.C; her dear friends, Cherrie Reeser, Charles and Valerie Aiken; a host of other relatives and friends. She will truly be missed by all who knew and loved her.

*At the end of life, what really matters is not what we brought but what we built; not what we got but what we shared; not our competence but our character; and not our success, but our significance.
Live a life that matters. Live a life of love.*

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Old Testament.....Elder Caressa Kelly
- New Testament.....Prophetess Phyllis Weston
- Prayer.....Minister Carmen Latimer
- Musical Selection.....Ms. Rose Marie Moore
- Remarks.....Mr. Steven Gaither
Mrs. Emma McGraw Myers
Ms. Useline Christolin
- Musical Selection.....Ms. Rose Marie Moore
- Words of Comfort.....Elder Maurice Webber
Temple of Faith Bible Way
- Recessional
- Postlude

