



Geneva Barnett Walthall

November 4, 2015

Geneva Barnett Walthall was born January 27, 1928, in Camden, Arkansas to Billie and Eula Regar Barnett. The family later moved to Toledo, Ohio where Geneva went to Whitney High School and later Wilberforce/Central State University. It was at college that she met and married John D. Walthall Jr., from Detroit, Michigan. John and Geneva returned to his hometown of Detroit, raised a family, and were very active in the religious and political community there. Geneva was a graduate of Lewis College of Business in Detroit Michigan. She worked in supervision at Awrey Bakery and later the Helms Company until her retirement, at which time she was appointed a Commissioner for the City of Detroit, where she was responsible for the concerns of Senior Citizens. Geneva was a life member of the Delta Nu Chapter of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority Incorporated. She really loved and was active in the sorority and held many positions, including Chapter Basileus and the National Office of Supreme Tamias. Geneva was a founding member of Mt. Ararat Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of her son, Rev. John D. Walthall III, where she served on the Mother's Board, Pastor's Anniversary and Welcome Committee. She passed away November 4, 2015, at the Goerlich Center. Geneva was preceded in death by both parents; sisters, Maxine King and Irma Young; brother, Welton Barnett; nephew, Ardy Caviness, and her loving husband, Rev. John D. Walthall Jr. She is survived by a son, Rev. John D. Walthall III; daughter-in-law, Edith Haynes Walthall; two grandchildren, John D. Walthall IV (Samantha) and Brandi Walthall; three

great-grandchildren, Jon' Asia, Sa'Myra, and Avea Walthall; two nephews, Andre (Reba) Young, and Earl (Rhonda) Caviness; niece, Rhonda Caviness; brother-in-law, Millard Young; three great-nephews, Andre Savage, Andre Young Jr., and Irmon Young; five great-nieces, Lakeeta, Andrea, and Alexis Young, Shonda and Sherrol Caviness, and a host of relatives, friends and her Mount Ararat Missionary Baptist Church Family. We, the family of Geneva, would like to give a very special thank you to the staff at the Goerlich Center for the wonderful care they provided to Geneva. Visitation will be Friday, November 13, 2015, 5-6 p.m. with wake services following 6-8 p.m. Dale-Riggs Funeral Home Chapel, funeral services Saturday 10 a.m. at Mt. Ararat Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Robert Lyons officiant, Rev. I.J. Johnson eulogist, interment Forest Cemetery. www.dalefh.com

Tribute Wall

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“ I just happened to be thinking about her . and texted her name and her obituary popped up. a knot formed in my throat. I loved her as a second mother. I ‘be known her since I was a teenager in Detroit and dating her son Pastor John Walthall. The last time we spoke was in 2011 she told me she had Alzheimers. And was back in Toledo. No one contacted me about her Death, I never got to say Good Bye Mom, I’ll never forget the good times we had sleeping curled up at both ends of your couch in the den. Or your trip to California to visit me and your brother. You will never be forgotten . Ready in peace with the angels and my parents in Heaven. Marty aka Margot Morton- Muhammad. Oct 2, 2023

Margot Muhammad - October 02, 2023 at 01:36 PM

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“ To Rev. John, Edith and the Family of Geneva Walthall:

Please accept my heartfelt condolences on your mother's passing.

May God be with you all during this time of great sorrow.

Tom Crothers - November 14, 2015 at 11:03 AM

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“ MAY GOD GRANT YOUR HEARTS PEACE
AND MANY PRECIOUS MEMORIES.

Ann Snodgrass Hall



ann snodgrass hall - November 13, 2015 at 07:31 PM

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“ To The Family of Mrs. Geneva Barnett
Walthall The angel of Mercy has came and
took Another one of His Master Roses Home
to be with him. knowing that one day you will
see her again. In her white Rob in her new
Home that he made Just for her. "Now he said In St. John 14:2
there was a place for everyone. Well Mother is in her Now We who
are still alive have to go where she is. "So Mother take your Rest
you have fought a good fight and kept the Faith. Now there is a
Crown Waiting for you Rest On Mother



*Rev James L Allen
Associate Minister of
S.B. Church.*

RevJames L.Allen - November 11, 2015 at 01:56 PM

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“ *To The Walthall Family,
I am so glad I had a chance to spend some time with cousin Geneva. She was as cute as could be when I saw her and reminded me very much of her Mom. She was a beautiful lady that believed in family and giving something back to the community. I will miss her wonderful sense of humor, her good cooking and above all her contagious laughter. She was very close to my Mom, Geri Sloan-Kemp and the both of them made sure we knew our cousins and knew each of our family members. On Sundays we would visit our Barnett Cousins. I have wonderful memories of this lady who loved to dress and travel. Geneva knew how to live and got all the "gusto" out of life! She raised a wonderful young man, my cousin John Walthall. We will sorely miss her and want you to know we are here if you need us.*

*Love,
Ferrell Kemp and Family- California
Lora Kemp-Maynor and Family- Michigan*

Lora Maynor - November 09, 2015 at 06:08 PM

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Keeping You and Your Family in Our Prayers Michael and Lena Webb.

Michael Webb - November 14, 2015 at 04:38 PM