



Lorraine Freeman Barnett

May 23, 1921 - February 1, 2020

Lorraine (Rene) Freeman Barnett has reunited with her husband and daughter in the House of the Lord. She died peacefully at Angels for the Elderly in Montgomery, Alabama, on February 1, 2020. She was born May 23, 1921, in Birmingham, Alabama. She was preceded in death by both parents, Dewey H Freeman and Albertine Bodin Dreher, her husband Zell Gaston Barnett, her daughter Deborah Ann Barnett Brown, a brother Dewey (Dick) Freeman, and nanny housekeeper Willie Mae Thornton (GaGa). She is survived by three sons: Zelle Randall Barnett of Montgomery, Alabama; Jonathan Clay Barnett (Cathie Waller Barnett) of Cypress, Texas; and Joel David Barnett (Tina L Barnett) of Millbrook, Alabama; and one daughter-in-law Irene Pearson-Morrow of Montgomery, Alabama. She is also survived by nine grandchildren Zell Jason Barnett (Allison Barnett), Amy Brown Hixson (Andy Hixson), Andrew Barry Brown, Ashley Pearson Barnett Wolf (Whitney Wolf), Emily Anne Barnett Roberts (Charlie Roberts), Jonathan Zell Barnett (Mary Beth Barnett), Allyson Taylor Barnett Harper (Austin Harper), Michael Bradford Barnett, and Madison Michelle Barnett and fifteen great-grandchildren, with two more on the way.

While her husband, a B-17 pilot was shot down and missing in action during World War II, she joined in the fight as a Seaman 2nd Class with the Coast Guard (SPARS). Through the grace of God, she found out he was still alive, and he eventually returned to her seven months later. She along with her husband helped build and were founding members of the original St. James

Church of Montgomery located on S. Court St & E. Edgemont Ave. She graduated from Huntingdon College Montgomery, Alabama, in 1954. She retired in February of 1985 after 25 years of service, first with Alabama Medicaid Agency as an Eligibility worker, and later as Supervisor, before moving to Medicaid Quality Control and becoming the MQC Director for the State. After retirement, she was very active in the Pintlala Historical Association, a member of the ADY Club, the Pilgrim Singers at Pintlala Baptist Church, a substitute teacher at Pintlala School, and volunteer librarian at the Pintlala Library.

Services will be held at Prattville Memorial Chapel & Memory Garden, 841 Fairview Avenue, Prattville, AL 36066 on Saturday, February 8, 2020.

Visitation at 12 PM, celebration of life service 1 PM, and graveside service at Wilsonville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pintlala Volunteer Fire Department, 272 Federal Road, Hope Hull, AL 36043.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Prattville Memorial Chapel
841 Fairview Avenue
Prattville, AL 36066
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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“*Mrs. Barnett was such a sweet lady. Her late daughter, Debbie, and I were good friends and had so much fun at her house! My love and prayers for the Barnett family. May God give you peace Peggy Wallace Kennedy Montgomery, Alabama*

peggy kennedy - February 08, 2020 at 11:48 AM

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“*David And Patti Stone lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Freeman Barnett*



David and Patti Stone - February 08, 2020 at 08:56 AM

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“*I started back bowling after about 30 years when Rene announced at ADY that they were needing bowlers on her league. Then Joe started again. We loved it. We would never have gone if she had not made the announcement. She bowled well into her 90s. Rene was a very caring loving friend!*

Lou Padget - February 04, 2020 at 08:56 PM

 Susan
McGuire

“ *Saddened to hear of Rene's passing. What an incredible woman she was. She and my mom had many happy times together. She was so sweet to me and to my son - remembering birthdays, sending condolence cards when a beloved pet died and words of encouragement on many occasions. I loved her so much.*



Susan McGuire - February 04, 2020 at 05:42 PM