



Patricia Ann Barnes

September 26, 1944 - July 5, 2025

Patricia Barnes, a devoted educator, faithful servant of God, loving wife, and nurturing mother, passed away leaving behind a legacy of service, spiritual strength, and unwavering dedication to the education and upliftment of others.

Born as the third of nine children to Charlie and Rebecca Gray, Patricia grew up with a strong foundation rooted in faith, family, and the belief that education was a powerful tool for transformation. Her life reflected those values from an early age. During her junior year at Mattie T. Blount High School, she was honored as "Miss Varsity," a recognition of her vibrant spirit and the respect she garnered among her peers.

After graduating in 1963, Patricia pursued higher education at Jackson State College, where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health and Physical Education in 1967. It was there, during her freshman year, that she met JL Barnes, who would later become her beloved husband. The two married in 1968 and built a life filled with love, purpose, and faith. Together, they raised four children, and Patricia poured herself into her role as a mother with grace, devotion, and prayer.

Throughout her life, Patricia's faith was a guiding light. She was an active and faithful member of her church, where she served with humility and joy. Her spiritual life was not confined to Sunday services-it was visible in how she

lived each day. She prayed fervently, loved deeply, and gave generously. She was known to say that teaching was her ministry, and she carried that mission into every classroom she entered.

Patricia began her teaching career in Alabama at the Talladega Training School before continuing her service in education as a Health and Physical Education teacher, and later as a Science Resource Teacher, for the DC Public Schools. She believed that every child had God-given potential, and she made it her mission to help students see their worth, both academically and spiritually.

In addition to her work in the classroom, Patricia pursued graduate studies at Trinity College and the University of the District of Columbia, with the goal of earning a Master's Degree in Education. Her commitment to lifelong learning was a reflection of her belief that knowledge was a gift from God meant to be shared.

Patricia's life was a beautiful testimony to her faith, her family, and her calling. She touched countless lives through her work, her prayers, her encouragement, and her unshakable trust in the Lord. Though she has gone home to be with her Savior, her light continues to shine through the many lives she impacted.

She leaves to cherish her memory:

Her devoted husband of 57 years, JL Barnes

Her three beloved children: Joseph (Sharon) Barnes, Patty (Robert) Greene, and Kevin (Lois) Barnes

Her grandchildren: Malik Kelly-Barnes, Diallo Kelly-Barnes, Jayden Barnes

and Zachary Barnes

Her siblings: Charlene Sanders, Akia Gray, Gloria Jean Gray and Sandra Shaw

A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family, and lifelong friends

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Rebecca Gray (Enlers), Johnnie Gray (brother), Charlie Gray (brother), Jimmie Gray (brother), Delores Cox (sister), her daughter Jacqueline Barnes and other loved ones who now welcome her into eternal rest.

We rejoice in the assurance that Patricia is at peace, resting in the presence of the Most High whom she so faithfully served.

"Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your Lord." -
Matthew 25:23

Cemetery Details

FORT LINCOLN CEMETERY

3401 BLADENSBURG RD
BRENTWOOD, MD 20722

Previous Events

Wake

JUL 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pope Funeral Service Pope Event Center
4701 Lydell Road
Cheverly, MD 20781

Funeral Service

JUL 24. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Patricia Ann Barnes*



Pope Funeral Homes - July 24, 2025 at 10:57 AM

GR

“ *May GOD, continue to be with you during this hard time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you always. Your niece and cuz.*



Greta - July 24, 2025 at 11:04 AM

LG

“ *I have the best childhood memories of Ms. Barnes. She was the most caring person. I remember eating dinner with the family as a child and the countless trips outings and activities we took. We stayed at the swimming pool and she treated me as if I was a part of their family. I stayed at 3110 W PI SE and my grandmother would scold me and say I was wearing out my welcome, but the Barnes family never turned me away. I will always cherish the memories I have of Ms. Barnes. She was a second mother to me. Growing up across the street from the Barnes family was pure joy for me and I loved Ms. Barnes dearly. Rest in perfect peace!*

Lahquisha Gilbert - July 24, 2025 at 09:24 AM

KH

“ Prayers to uncle JL to my cousins and our family. Rip my Beautiful Aunt Pat❤️



Kacey Hall - July 24, 2025 at 07:03 AM

VH

“ To the Barnes Family,

*My visits with Mrs. Barnes were always memorable times. Always warm and sincere, her smiles were lasting. I'm not sure if she realized just how powerful those smiles were, for, they filled my heart with joy, happiness—made feel good all over. One can just imagine how her smiles touched others who were fortunate to be around you. Without a doubt, they experienced those same feelings as I did. We will miss her and those warm, welcoming smiles.*Loritha Hayes

veronica hardy-everette' - July 23, 2025 at 09:59 PM

PE

“ Penny lit a candle in memory of Patricia Barnes



Penny - July 23, 2025 at 02:45 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Patricia Ann Barnes.*



July 23, 2025 at 12:32 PM



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Loritha Hayes - July 23, 2025 at 12:04 PM



“ *The Dynamic Disciples Parents & Players purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Patricia Ann Barnes.*



The Dynamic Disciples Parents & Players - July 23, 2025 at 12:27 AM

JL

“ *My heart goes out to you, Patty. I know you were close to your mom and you did your very best to keep her in comfort. May you stay strong and know that your friends are here to support.*

Joann Lee - July 21, 2025 at 04:33 PM

JF

“ *Joann H. Lee and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Patricia Ann Barnes.*



Joann H. Lee and Family - July 21, 2025 at 04:26 PM

AW

“ *Greetings ,
Sharing light and love to family and friends as you honor the memory of Ms. Barnes.
Although I never met her, I know she had to be a beautiful woman because the fruit bears witness. I have had the pleasure of working with her daughter Patty, who exemplifies a beautiful spirit!
My heartfelt sympathy, prayers and condolences to Mr. Barnes ,the family and friends of this beautiful woman. May you feel the love, strength and comfort of friends during this time of bereavement and always.
A. Williams*

Antonia Williams - July 21, 2025 at 01:45 PM

MS

Hi Family My Deepest Condolences Go Out To My Auntie Pat. I'm The Oldest Daughter Of One Of Her Beloved Brothers Jimmie Gray RIH. I'm Lisa. My Prayers Our With Our Family At This Time.

Melisa Gray. My Father Is Jimmie Gray SR - July 22, 2025 at 07:56 PM

GT

“ My condolences to Patty for the loss of your mother and the Barnes family. May you be comforted now and in the days ahead knowing that your loved one has found peace.



Gale Tucker - July 21, 2025 at 01:08 PM

AG

“ Sending my deepest condolences to uncle JL and my cousins may god cover you guys in prayers 🙏🙏🙏🙏 RIP auntie pat you will truly be missed



Acquanitta Gray - July 20, 2025 at 12:35 AM

PG

“ I fondly remember how much mom and dad loved to travel. We had a green van with a pull out bed. To this day I don't know how our family of six made it work! We rarely stopped for fast food because mom packed peppered corn beef cold cut sandwiches. Thank you mom for loving us so deeply over the years!! I will always miss your loving touch 💜💜💜



Patty

Patty Greene - July 19, 2025 at 08:56 AM

LG

I just spoke of the green van and the black car!

Lahquisha Gilbert - July 24, 2025 at 09:29 AM

IC

“ My deepest condolences to Uncle Barnes and cousins. Sending prayers. Aunt Pat was a beautiful, loving and classy woman. After relocating to the DMV area, I enjoyed spending every moment with her. Rest In Peace. 🕊️



Ingrid Campbell - July 18, 2025 at 09:48 PM

MS

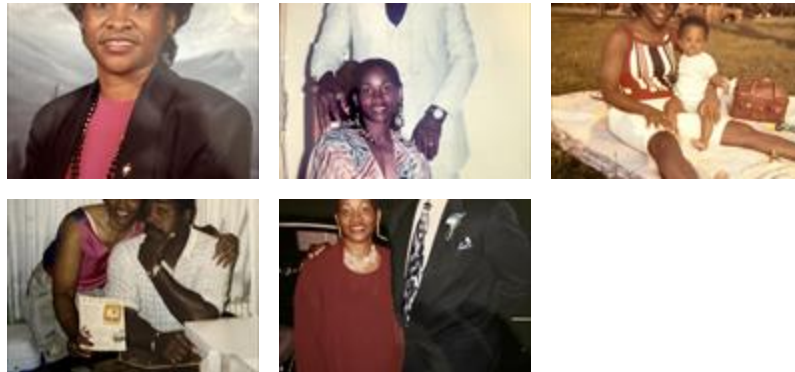
“ Marilyn Sanford purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patricia Ann Barnes.



Marilynn Sanford - July 18, 2025 at 08:35 PM

KB

“ Family photos



Kevin Barnes - July 18, 2025 at 02:38 PM