



First Lady Missionary Pearlene Barnett

January 13, 1963 - December 30, 2019

Pearlene Barnett was born January 13, 1964 to Amos “Dad” and Rosie Lee Burgess in Round Pond, Arkansas. She was one of twelve children. She and her siblings were raised in church and taught the value of hard work. Pearlene was preceded in death by her father, mother, and brother Freddy Burgess.

Pearlene married Elder Mark Barnett on December 7, 1980 and to this union two sons were born: Marcus LeAndrea Barnett and Marvin Deshaun Barnett. Pearlene was a strong pillar of strength in her community who urged everyone to go to church, get as much education as you can, and live your best life. Pearlene was a proud breast cancer survivor for over fifteen years.

Pearlene was described by loved ones, colleagues, and those who knew her best as a “go getter.” She was outspoken, brilliant beyond her years, and a mighty force. Pearlene Barnett, RN,BSN,MSN,APRN - worked in the nursing profession for many years. After retiring from the Department of Human Services Head Elder Choice Nurse position in 2016, she became a full-time “granny” and missionary. She traveled, shopped, served as a caretaker to the sick, all while maintaining being very active with her church. Pearlene served as more than the Pastor’s wife. She had a passion for the youth.

Pearlene departed this life on December 30, 2019 leaving fond memories with her loving husband and two sons: Marcus LeAndrea Barnett, Sr., and Marvin (Monica) Barnett. She was the very proud and active grandmother to seven

grandchildren: Tachoriah, Marcus Jr., Marvin, Za'Miyh, Maria Pearlene, Malia, and Miranda.

Her siblings will miss her dearly. She is survived by five sisters: Roberta (Robert) Echols, Nancy Ann Burton, Ruthie (Cleave) Whitby, Bernice (Kenneth) Word, and Bernetta (Roderick) Jones; five brothers: Jonathan (Alma) Burgess, Sr., Amos (Doris) Burgess, Jr., Terry (Pauline) Burgess, Sr., David (LaSonya) Burgess, Sr., and Elbert (Debra) Burgess. She leaves aunts, uncles, cousins, and best friends who enriched her life.

Cemetery Details

Forrest City Cemetery

1399 Fletcher Road
Forrest City, AR 72335

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CST)

Cedar Grove Church of Jesus Christ
187 SFC 503
Widener , AR 72394

Service

JAN 4. 12:00 PM (CST)

Greater Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church
4986 Highway 1 North
Caldwell , AR 72322

Repast

JAN 4 (CT)

Forrest City Civic Center
1335 North Washington Street
Forrest City , AR 72335

Tribute Wall

NB

“ *Pearlene was our best friend and we still miss you dearly.*

Love Forever, Your sisters, Roberta, Nancy, Ruthe and Bernice

In Loving remembrance of our youngest sister, Bernetta Jones

Nancy Burgess Butler - October 18, 2021 at 08:30 PM

NB

“ *Nancy Burgess Butler lit a candle in memory of First Lady Missionary Pearlene Barnett*



Nancy Burgess Butler - October 18, 2021 at 08:24 PM

RR

“ *My sincere condolences to the family and friends! Pearlene and I was classmates. She was such a sweetheart! She will truly be missed! Rest on doll!*



Resia Robert - January 09, 2020 at 10:38 AM

CH

“ *Pearlene and I worked across the hall from each other at DHS. She was a great friend and confidante. She was a real sweetheart and I will miss her. ❤️*



Charlotte Hansberry - January 04, 2020 at 11:32 PM

SB

“ Schrees Williamson Brown lit a candle in memory of First Lady Missionary Pearlene Barnett



Schrees Williamson Brown - January 03, 2020 at 03:17 PM

SB

God has another Angle up there and you will truly be missed down here until we met again.

Schrees Williamson Brown - January 03, 2020 at 03:20 PM

NT

“ My prayers goes out to the family me and my mom Min Esie Walker and the FAMILY praying for you all FAMILY in this difficult time we love you all so much Lord strengthen this FAMILY, Church FAMILY and everybody that's was connected to share in the name of 🙏🙏
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Nicole Tank - January 03, 2020 at 05:33 AM

SB

“ Pearlene we had our good and bad days working at Crestpark. You definitely showed no favoritism just because we were cousins. You expected the best out of everyone. The Burgess family reunion in 2016 was a success and I'm glad to have been in attendance to see everyone. You will be missed simply because you are you and you never changed. Your memories will live on into eternity. May you rest in peace. I send warm currents of peace and love to our Burgess family.... ❤️

Syrinna Byers - January 03, 2020 at 02:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of First Lady Missionary Pearlene Barnett.*



January 02, 2020 at 10:40 PM



“ *I'm at a loss for words I worked with Pearlene at Crestpark Skilled she was a very talented RN (when she looked at you with them big eyes over her glasses she meant business . As time passed and we both we to different endeavors I ran into her we always laughed and talked. She will truly truly be missed...fly high Angel*

Donna Beard - January 02, 2020 at 07:26 PM



“ *Pearlene always made me laugh 😊 She told me how proud of me she was. She always had a kind and uplifting word no matter the situation. She was truly my mom's best friend since childhood. I find great peace in knowing that her soul will live forever in the presence of GOD.*



Jacqui Beasley-Jones - January 02, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ *Doris Alexander lit a candle in memory of First Lady Missionary Pearlene Barnett*



Doris Alexander - January 02, 2020 at 12:53 AM

CB

“ John and I will truly miss Pearlene. I loved her because she took such great care of my mother during her years at Crestpark. We both laughed when I married her first cousin. We pray for Rev Mark, Marcus, Marvin and the entire family. Pearlene RIL. You have truly earned your wings.



Cathy Byers - January 01, 2020 at 09:22 PM

CW

“ I worked with Pearlene for many years at Crestpark Nursing Home. We became friends as well as co-workers. She taught me a lot and we laughed a lot. She will TRULY be missed. My condolences to her husband Mark whom she adored and the rest of her family. Thanks Carolyn Williams

Carolyn Williams - January 01, 2020 at 08:56 PM

CW

“ Carolyn Williams lit a candle in memory of First Lady Missionary Pearlene Barnett



Carolyn Williams - January 01, 2020 at 08:44 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of First Lady Missionary Pearlene Barnett.



January 01, 2020 at 08:11 PM

ST

“ To this wonderful loving family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I know that this is a very sad time for your family,. Mrs. Burnett's grandson, Marvin was in my second grade class at Central Elementary 2012-2013. His father and mother was great parents. Mr. Burnett did a cookout for my class at the end of that year. This shows that he had special parents. I would see the grand children at McDonalds with Mrs. Burnett, she always had kind words to say and a smile on her face. Praying for comfort, peace, healing of the broken hearts today and the days ahead. Your memories of the family Reunions, Holidays, Birthdays, and the times when the family just get together to share their LOVE for each others. You all are a STRONG CHRISTIAN FAMILY AND GOD OUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS ABLE.



Shirley W. Thorn - January 01, 2020 at 06:44 PM


Patricia
Ford

“ Patricia Ford lit a candle in memory of First Lady Missionary Pearlene Barnett



Patricia Ford - January 01, 2020 at 01:55 PM

LL

“ PEARLENE HAS BEEN IN OUR FAMILY FOR 40 YEARS PLUS. SHE WAS VERY VERY GOOD TO MY BROTHER, NEPHEWS, AND GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WAS A PRAYER WARRIOR, ENCOURAGING WORDS ALWAYS. I AM GOING TO MISS HER CALLS. WE LOVED EACH OTHER. PEARLENE WILL BE MISSED..

Lisa Cross - Sister in law - January 01, 2020 at 01:15 PM

PM

“ *She was truly a God send to my Great Grandmother Frankie Pointer. She took very good care of her. For that, I’m eternally grateful.*

Pierre McShan - January 01, 2020 at 12:16 PM

CB

“ *Carlos Burton lit a candle in memory of First Lady Missionary Pearlene Barnett*



Carlos Burton - January 01, 2020 at 12:16 PM

DF

“ *Debra Ford lit a candle in memory of First Lady Missionary Pearlene Barnett*



Debra Ford - January 01, 2020 at 10:33 AM

SL

“ *First Lady was a very special lady, I grew up with the burgess family and I really got acquainted with her working at crest park. Sweet sweet lady praying for the family. God bless*



shirley lee - January 01, 2020 at 04:05 AM

SB

“ *Syrinna Byers lit a candle in memory of First Lady Missionary Pearlene Barnett*



Syrinna Byers - January 01, 2020 at 03:51 AM

SB

“ *I remember working at Crestpark with you. We had good days and not so good but they were fun. The Burgess family reunion in 2016 was absolutely wonderful! We had a real good time! I know you're in good hands now so I say to you as family, you were one of a kind. You'll be greatly missed.....* ❤️❤️❤️

Syrinna Byers - January 01, 2020 at 03:50 AM

SP

“ *Shirley Pugh lit a candle in memory of First Lady Missionary Pearlene Barnett*



Shirley Pugh - January 01, 2020 at 02:37 AM

DH

“ *To God Be the Glory.. To my friend the nurse. We shared many work hours together and had many laughs. I will miss crossing paths when she would be in Wynne. Condolences to the family... Truly will be missed...*



Darlene Hill - December 31, 2019 at 10:45 PM

TJ

“ *Teresa Taylor Jones lit a candle in memory of First Lady Missionary Pearlene Barnett*



Teresa Taylor Jones - December 31, 2019 at 09:06 PM

TJ

Praying for this beautiful woman family.RIL

Teresa Taylor Jones - December 31, 2019 at 09:08 PM

SP

My Condolences to the Family of the late Pearlene Barnett, a great Nurse and a beautiful lady.

Shirley Pugh - January 01, 2020 at 02:47 AM

SS

Pearlene was a delight to work with at DHS. She always spoke about how proud and how much she loved her family. She will be greatly missed, but she's enjoying heaven right now.

Stacey Schratz - January 02, 2020 at 02:23 PM