



Mrs. Victoria Cheers Barrow

January 6, 1932 - August 2, 2021

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The Book Mama Wrote

ON HER FINAL DAY, IN HER OWN WAY

Introduction: 89 years old, five generations of life that Victoria Cheers Barrow proudly acknowledges with love and admiration.

WHAT A LEGACY!

Now, how did Victoria Cheers Barrow get to such rich and blessed prosperous ground? When did this begin? Where?

Well, I will tell you that it began on a Wednesday, January 6, 1932. Victoria Cheers was born to Roland and Nettie Cheers in Marianna, Arkansas, the ninth child of fourteen children. Now as a child, I played and laughed with children from the neighborhood and at school, where sometimes mischevious ideas would catch my eyes from time-to-time (smiling). Even as a child I got acquainted with Jesus at the Walnut Grove Missionary Baptist Church under (at that time) Reverend E. R. Gaines. Growing up in Lee County, I had a few friends that I could laugh and talk with, but yet my heart grew weary and lonely until in the year of 1957 I met a man named Sam Gray, II.

LOVE—THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

Now after meeting Sam, God blessed us to have thirteen children together. Thank you, Jesus for the blessings (smiling face). So after we were blessed to have our babies among us, we decided to move and make Helena, Arkansas home, and we were just like Kizzy... WE STAYED PUT (smiling face). Here in Helena, we were faced with many

challenges, yet we were blessed with memories of our children; such as: my sons became husbands and fathers, my daughters became wives and mothers. So you know my name was promoted to GRANDMA (smile).

There is so much within my chapters: member of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church (Reverend G. R. Mazique), singing in the choir, later on Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church (Reverend Malcolm Curne)... I even had the chance to be introduced and met the love of my life for the second time—my husband, Mr. Nathaniel Barrow. And I stayed Mrs. Barrow until God called me home. So you see, I think I done very well in the 89 chapters in my book. I was well loved by many where I was known for my good ole Southern cooking—even the head cook for the Old Timer’s Ball “Memories”! Now I am proud to be the matriarch for many households in my lifetime; and when my time has come to make my transition from earth to Glory, one thing for sure: I will not make this journey alone, for my children and grandchildren will be by my side.

MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021

Our mother, Sister Victoria Cheers Barrow, said her good-byes to us on this side of Glory, but hello to the ones she longed to see for so long on the other shore: granddaddy and grandmother, sisters and brothers—Maggie Lott, Raffie Cheers, Josie Lott, Lula Williams, Mary Buchanan, Bestine Williams, Roland Cheers, Jr., MP Cheers, and Leomie Stewart; her sons—Sam Gray, III, Larry Gray, and Reverend David Gray; her Granny Love Joys: Sam Gray IV, Quanterea Smith, and Bruce J. Hamilton.

She left behind to finish her chapters with memories and love: husband—Nathaniel Barrow; daughters—Lonevia (Lewis-deceased) Smith, Vickey (Johnny-deceased) Franklin both of Helena-West Helena, Arkansas, Mae Francis (Willie) Hughes of Lexa, Arkansas, Almedia (William) Jones of Bryant, Arkansas, and Jodie (Robert) Hailey of Dover, Delaware; her sons—Fredrick Howard of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Freddie Gray, Calvin Gray, Anthony Gray, and Bill (Rita) Cheers all of Helena-West Helena, Arkansas, and Terry (Yvonne) Gray of Conway, Arkansas; siblings—Rosetta (Samuel) Morris of Marianna, Arkansas and Elzola C. Trotter and Elder Bobby Cheers both of Lynn, Massachusetts; and Mama always loved her bonus daughter and granddaughter—Jurlean and Shanta Booker.

Mama was blessed to have a long-time friend, Mrs. Melvina Neal, whom she kept in close contact with.

My chapter will also continue through my 60 grandchildren, 88 great grand-children, 10 great-great grandchildren, and numerous and countless nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Now Mama's pen is still. Her story has been told. 89 years of living, loving here on earth, her feet finally will touch the streets of gold.

THE END

This was a good book, Mama!

NO TEARS IN HEAVEN

THERE ARE NO TEARS IN HEAVEN, NOR GRIEF OF ANY KIND. I LEAVE THIS FINAL TEARDROP TO THOSE I'VE LEFT BEHIND. THOUGH ABSENT FROM THE BODY, I'M PRESENT WITH THE LORD, THE JOY OF MY SALVATION IS NOW MY FULL REWARD.

Cemetery Details

Jackson Memorial Cemetery

1636 CR 241
Lexa , AR 72355

Previous Events

Visitation with a requirement of a face covering

AUG **13**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church
139 Phillips 212
Lexa , AR 72390

Service with a requirement of a face covering

AUG **14**. 2:00 PM (CT)

P.L.M.&D. District Center
154 Highway 20
West Helena , AR 72342



Mom I'm gonna miss you and I love you always

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