



Lillian Lucille Barnes

May 28, 1933 - June 14, 2019

Lillian has gone to her forever home, welcomed by her Savior. She once said that she could never be a caregiver, yet spent much of her life caring for those she loved. She mothered her 7 children at home for over 40 years, followed immediately by nursing her mother-in-law and then her own mother for a number of years. She nurtured many young people along the way, welcoming them at the table, encouraging them, caring about their lives and calling them adopted because they were family to her. Lil was a professional seamstress, working many years at Studio DeCelle creating Mardi Gras and dance costuming while sewing at home for her children and others. She worked alongside her husband, Calvin as a carrier for the Mobile Press Register. In later years, she finally had time to read and spent many long hours enjoying audio books as her vision failed. She loved phone calls and it became a smile among family and friends whether the hold button would be pushed during a call. Lil couldn't see to return a call, but with the hold button, she asked the second person to call again later. A gentle soul with a will of iron, a heart of compassion, a fierce integrity, and an unquestionable work ethic, she was the Light of Christ in her everyday, simple life. Although she was almost completely blind in her later years, she saw the good in everyone. Her unconditional love, big heart and sharp mind will be missed by all who loved her. She was preceded in death by her husband, Calvin W. Barnes Sr. and four sisters. She is survived by her brother, James Kirksey, children and their spouses, grandchildren and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. We will miss her wit, stories, lessons in living, and that earnest, loving smile she shared so freely. A memorial service will be held at Serenity Funeral Home on Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 2 pm until 4 pm. In lieu of flowers donation can be made to Meals on Wheels or Dauphin Way United Methodist Church.

Cemetery

Events

Cremation

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A celebration of life

02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Serenity Funeral Home

8691 Old Pascagoula Road, Theodore, AL, US, 36582

Comments



“ Mike and I were saddened to hear of you Mother's passing. The tribute to her life was beautiful, and so fitting! Today, 50 years later, Mike still credits Mr and Mrs Barnes for guiding him on the right path for life. Love to, and prayers for you all, for God to wrap His loving arms around you, as you celebrated the full earthy life of your sweet Momma.

Mike and Deborah Meeks - June 22 at 07:52 AM



“ My prayers and thoughts are with the family. The loss of a parent is always heart breaking but when it is the last one it is a lot harder. Now there is no one to go home to or ask advice or just share a word.
Lillian always send me Christmas cards and when she was able we exchanged emails some time.
I am sorry I can not attend the memorial service today but I have some physical problems myself.
Tommy white.

Tommy White - June 22 at 07:15 AM