



## Creola Benton

May 14, 1932 - March 31, 2022

Mrs Creola Gardner-Benton 89, of Hamden CT gained her wings on March 31, 2022. She was born on May 13, 1932 in Darlington, South Carolina to the late Jasper Gardner and Rosa Lee Berry- Gardner. Creola was married to her lifelong friend and the love of her life Willie Benton Jr. on May 20, 1950. In this Union they had 17 children, 11 boys and 6 girls.

While living in Darlington, South Carolina, she received her education from Kings Elementary School. During her many years in Connecticut she then received her GED from Adult Education in New Haven, CT in 1985. Creola worked at the Hannah Gray Home and the Arden House Nursing Facility where she later retired from in 1995. After retiring she still made time to take on Private Duty Cases.

Creola Benton was an Active, dedicated, and faithful member of the First Church Of God under the leadership of Late Rev. Cecil Wilshire, Pastor Wallace Hazard, and the Late Napoleon Cummings located in New Haven, CT for over 50 plus years. She served as Deaconess, Pres. of the Trustee Board, the Usher Board, Senior choir, Van driver, Sunday School Teacher and the WCG (Woman of Church of God).

In 2008, she relocated back to Darlington, South Carolina where she became a member of Cherry Grove Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Reverend E.B Burroughs. In 2019, she relocated back to Connecticut

upon the passing of her late husband Willie Benton Jr., she was a member of God's Miracles Unlimited Outreach Ministries in Hamden, CT under the leadership of Dr. Howard Joyner, Bishop and Reverend Dr. Peggy Joyner.

Creola to some was called Moms, Grandma, GG, Cre Cre, Mama B, and Push out LOL. She was a God Fearing woman who loved the Lord with all her Heart, soul, and mind and loved working in God's kingdom. She was Faithful and SOLD OUT for Christ and a TRUE SOLDIER in God's Army. She was a loving friend, caring, full of life, funny and an amazing Mother who worked hard and raised her children and grands in the fear of God. She lived by Proverbs 22:6, Train Up a Child in the way he should go, and when he is old, HE will NOT Depart from it. She Loved cooking, walking, singing hymns and doing crossword puzzles. Her greatest Hobby was Gardening, she could take a weeded area and turn it into the most Beautiful bed of Flowers, everyone who knew her knew she had a Green thumb when it came to gardening. Creola was a big big fan of the Uconn Girls Basketball Team. She also loved watching Wheel of Fortune and Jimmy Swaggart Gospel Channel.

Creola leaves to Continue her Legacy, 8 sons Robert Benton (Ada), Horace Benton, Richard and David Benton all of Darlington, South Carolina. John, and Micheal Benton of New Haven, CT, James Benton of Meriden, CT. Mark Benton of Hartford, CT. 5 Daughters, Patricia Benton, Felicia Benton- Mccoy (Theodore) of New Haven, CT, Myra Benton of Hamden, CT Dr. Sharlene Perry (William) and Anita Benton of West Haven, CT. 48 Grandchildren, 51 Great Grandchildren, 4 Great-Great grandchildren and 2 on the way. 1 Goddaughter Kenja Arnold. 3 sisters Addie Gibson of hamden, CT Josie Lee Townsend of Darlington South Carolina, Bessie Gilbert (Bobby) of New Haven, CT and 1 brother Sylvester (Lillian) of New Haven, CT. 2 sister in laws Dorothy Jacob of Darlington, SC and Lillian Gardner, 2 Brother in laws Joel Benton of Queens, NY, and Bobby Gilbert. 2 Son in laws William Perry, Theodore Mccoy. Host of Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, and many many friends.

Creola was predeceased by her Loving husband of 69 years Willie Benton Jr., Sons George, Joel, Charles and daughter Marnita, sisters Joann Campbell, Margaret Trayham, and Vivan Rodriquez and brothers Robert Gardner, Armistir Gardner, Roland Gardner

# Cemetery Details

## Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue  
New Haven, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

APR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

God's Miracle Unlimited  
1441 Dixwell Ave  
Hamden, CT 06514

## Funeral Service

APR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Creola Benton*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *On behalf of the Benton Family we thank you all for your condolences, love and prayers on the passing of our Mom, continue to keep our family in prayer, Love You All The Benton Family* ❤️🌹❤️



Anita Benton - July 29, 2022 at 04:39 PM



“ *To The Family My Heartfelt Condolences Y'all Are In My Prayers 🙏🙏🙏. Myra💕 I'm Here For You And May God Continue To Give Y'all Strength On Today And Everyday.*



Cynthia McCoy - April 08, 2022 at 04:28 PM



“ *We are sending the family of Creola Benton Love and Prayers. We hope you are able to find strength during this time of bereavement. from the Family of the Late Cynthia and Eddie Bynum. Monique and Cedric of New Haven and Yogi of Maryland.*

YB - April 08, 2022 at 12:18 AM

GW

“ Extending my deepest sympathy to the family during this time. My prayers and blessings are with you all. Gwen & Jelani Sligh, Darlington, SC

Gwen - April 08, 2022 at 12:13 AM

DM

“ With my deepest sympathy,  
May God send his ANGELS of COMFORT to each and everyone of YOU.  
GOD IS STILL IN CONTROL, LEAN ON HIS WORD! 🙏🙏🙏

Denise Mills - April 07, 2022 at 05:18 PM

PR

*my deepest sympathy, the Benton family. i have a good god my god sit high and looks low and he know your hurt and your pain. i no god got this...*

Patricia Ann Reed - April 08, 2022 at 04:07 PM

KF

“ Kelvan Fitzpatrick lit a candle in memory of Creola Benton



Kelvan Fitzpatrick - April 07, 2022 at 05:03 PM

HP

“ Sending prayers and 🌸 condolences to Benton Family: on passing of your mom's who on Winchester Ave always had open door to feeling folks and had green thumb for planting now gain wings with husband and rest of family and friends

Helen C Powell - April 07, 2022 at 03:19 PM

LF

“ Our prayers are with you and your family during your time of bereavement we pray that God will give you strength to endure the late Henry Wilds family Florence SC



listena wilds Farley - April 07, 2022 at 01:00 PM

BG

Thank you 🙏 Beautiful Cousin Ann and family. Love y'all

Bessie Gilbert - April 07, 2022 at 04:59 PM

BG

Thank Everyone

Bessie Gilbert - April 07, 2022 at 05:01 PM

LD

Creola will be missed by all who loved her, I thank God that I was able to see her and was able to squeeze her and love up on her after a long time, She was and will always be in my heart and soul. Take your rest sweet queen, I'll love you forever

Loretta James Taylor Darlington,SC - April 07, 2022 at 11:24 PM

LM

“ Prayers to the Benton family Susan Mitchell



LeAndre Mitchell - April 07, 2022 at 07:21 AM

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**LeAndre Mitchell** - April 07, 2022 at 07:19 AM

DW

“ Hello. To the benton family I remember when mrs.benton and Mrs.wille and family live on Winchester ave new haven.ct for very long time on Winchester Ave they live next door to gene green family I remember the who benton family especially son mike benton if he remember me I use to pass by benton family house with my foster father learning to drive. The trash truck we use to stop by gene green house next door to benton family I remember when Mr.wille bent on worked at interstate container on state street new haven.please remember. God knows when to call home. 🙏  
new life trucking forest park.ga.

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**Donald whitted** - April 06, 2022 at 10:44 PM

ME

Love you Cre always going to remember you in my heart I remember what I was 18 years old and you told me when someone tell you something never tell where you get your information from and I live by that all my life and now I am 75 years old and that helped me all my life you was like a mother to me love you and going to miss you always in my heart Marie

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**Marie EI** - April 08, 2022 at 02:21 PM

RH

“ To my family I'm sending love, prayers and sympathy. Creola was a very nice and gentle person. One of a kind. I missed her when she moved back to Connecticut. Glad I spent time with her here 💕💕



Rosa Hudson - April 06, 2022 at 10:25 PM

RM

So sorry I didn't spend enough time with my cousins. The Baltimore Cousins send much love and prayers.

Ruby Mclendon - April 07, 2022 at 05:17 PM

AB



Anita Benton - July 29, 2022 at 04:35 PM

CR

“ Cal & Barbara Robinson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Creola Benton.



Cal & Barbara Robinson - April 06, 2022 at 04:44 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Creola Benton.



April 06, 2022 at 10:48 AM

SD

“ My prayers goes out to the Benton's family. Ms Benton was a very special person to me, as we fellowship together and her leadership at First Church Of God, was much appreciated. I will always keep her memories close in my heart. Love all. Sylvia moody Davis



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**Sylvia. moody Davis** - April 06, 2022 at 10:25 AM

RR

“ I grew up with the Benton's. She raised some tough boys but she was a very sweet woman... always had a smile. Daughters sweet as well..my sympathies are with you all from my heart!.....love always.. Ronald Rhodes

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**Ronald Wilson Rhodes** - April 05, 2022 at 01:47 PM