



Lorine Barnes

September 23, 1939 - April 20, 2026

Lorine Barnes was born on September 23, 1939, in Nashville, North Carolina, to Bernice Taylor and Joseph Lewis. She was raised in Nashville, where her foundation of family, strength, and resilience began.

Lorine was one of fourteen children, born between both of her parents' unions.

At the age of 19, Lorine moved to New Haven, Connecticut and made it her home. It was here she met and married the love of her life, Hiawatha Barnes. Their bond was one of deep love and commitment, lasting until his passing.

Lorine dedicated over 30 years of service to Pratt & Whitney before retiring due to her health. Beyond her career, she was known for the life she brought into every room she entered.

She was the heart behind unforgettable end-of-summer Labor Day cookouts, where she made sure there was always plenty of food, drinks, laughter, and love for everyone. Her home was a place of gathering, especially during her beloved monthly card parties, where weekends stretched from Friday through Monday filled with joy, stories, and connection.

Lorine had a true sense of style. She loved keeping herself together—fresh nails, beautiful blonde wigs, and always stepping out with confidence. She

was known for speaking her mind, standing firm in who she was, and living life on her own terms.

She also cherished her trips back to North Carolina, where she reconnected with family and lifelong friends, keeping her roots close to her heart.

Lorine leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Sylvia Lewis, and her son, Gregory Lewis; her sisters, Doris Leonard, Marie, Yvonne, Betty, and Doris; her brothers, Joseph Lewis and Kenneth Earl; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and lifelong friends.

She was preceded in death by her brothers Buddy, Ervin, Michael, and James Henry, her sisters Catherine and Cynthia, and her grandson Gregory.

She was a proud grandmother to Tonya, Brittany, and Tiffany, and leaves behind eight great-grandchildren, along with many other relatives and friends who will forever carry her memory.

Lorine Barnes will truly be missed, but her love, her presence, and her spirit will live on in all who knew her.

Cemetery Details

Hamden Plains Cemetery

Hamden, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hour

MAY 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthews UFWB Church
400 Dixwell Ave.
New Haven, CT 06511

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

BP

“ To Silvia, my condolences to you and your family. It was a pleasure to get to meet your mother, and it was fun to make those great memories at the ChowderPot. Sincerely, Ben Perry

Ben Perry - May 07 at 09:49 AM

LC

“ My condolences to the family she will be missed my prayers are with you

Iena Cummings - May 07 at 07:47 AM

BM

“ MY CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS TO THE FAMILY OF MRS. BARNES. TO BE ABSENT FROM THE BODY IS TO BE PRESENT WITH THE LORD. R.I.P. MOTHER BARNES 🕊️❤️🕊️❤️🕊️❤️



Bernadette McCall - May 06 at 10:25 PM

CP

“ To the family of Ma Lorraine, I'm going to miss her she was my girl. She love getting her hair done love getting her nails done love to go to the casino love to play cards. My condolences Fannie and Squirrel. I love you Ma Lorraine Rip till we meet again. Love always, forever in my heart Junnie

Calvin Pulliam - May 04 at 01:01 PM

WJ

“ *My prayers and condolences to the family
Chocolate thunder*

Woodrow James - May 01 at 11:39 AM

JB

“ *I remember Miss Lorraine and she was a beautiful person. My deepest sympathy to Sylvia and her family. I also send my love and prayers.
Jean Burney and Family.*

Jean Burney - April 30 at 05:49 PM

RH

“ *Prayers and condolences to my niece Tonya and her mom Fronie and the family on the loss of mama. May God give you peace as you remember all the good times. Love and blessings ❤️🙏 Michael & Ruby Harper & family*

Ruby Harper - April 29 at 10:39 AM

HP

“ *To Barnes Family: Sending words of comfort on your beloved Lorine. She loved traveling to family gatherings, casinos, and shopping 🛒 Sylvia was her road buddy taken her all over. Always carried smile love to dress with matching from head to toe snow going home among family and friends RIP my friend*



helen c powell - April 28 at 03:17 PM

JL

My condolence to the family

John Lomax - April 28 at 10:06 PM