



Mary Jim Ganues

August 3, 1939 - January 24, 2016

Mary Jim Barber was born on August 13, 1939 to the late George Elmer and Vera Barber. She departed this life on January 24, 2016 at Yale New Haven Hospital.

She was educated in the Harris County Public School System and graduated from Carver High School in 1958. After graduation she relocated to New Haven, CT where she met a handsome young man, Elijah Ganues. They were married on April 5, 1963. From this union, 2 lovely daughters were born, Tracey LaMere and Kimberly Faye.

Mary was employed by Yale University Department of Epidemiology as a Lab Technician. She retired after 31 years of service. She then became the permanent chauffer for her 2 wonderful grandsons, JR and KJ. She loved to make corsages and boutonnières for several churches and community based organizations.

Mary was a very active member of Pitts Chapel U.F.W.B. Church. She was a member of Choir #2/Senior Choir for over 20 years where she served as Treasurer during that capacity also. She was elevated within the church to Mother Ganues in 2010. Mother Ganues loved to help in the church kitchen before her illness in 2012.

She leaves to cherish her memories her husband of 52 years, Elijah. Two daughters, Tracey LaMere Ganues of New Haven, CT and Kimberly (Kendale) Chambers of Loganville, GA. Two grandsons, Gregory "J.R." Johnson, Jr. and Kendale "K.J." Chambers, Jr. Five sisters, Betty Nettles of Duluth, Ga., Louise Reed of West Point, Ga., Margaret DeVance of Lanett, Al., Willa Bell (Mac Arthur) Cooper of Valley, Al., and Shelbra Barber of LaGrange, Ga. One brother, Gregory (Nan) Barber of West Point, Ga. One sister in law, Lena Parker of Philadelphia, PA and one brother in law, Jacob (Margaret) Fenner of Hampton, Va. She was predeceased by one sister, Ruby Fears and one brother, George Barber, Jr. She also leaves a host of Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and Friends.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

769 Ella T Grasso Blvd
New Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pitts Chapel U.F.W.B Church
64 Brewster Street
New Haven, CT

Service

JAN 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Jim Ganues*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Kimberly Faye Chambers lit a candle in memory of Mary Jim Ganues*



Kimberly Faye Chambers - March 23, 2020 at 02:01 PM



“ *Kimberly Faye Chambers lit a candle in memory of Mary Jim Ganues*



Kimberly Faye Chambers - March 20, 2020 at 09:47 AM



“ *Tracey lit a candle in memory of Mary Jim Ganues*



Tracey - June 13, 2018 at 03:00 PM



I miss you dearly!

Tracey - June 13, 2018 at 03:00 PM

KC

I miss the both of you!

Kimberly Faye Chambers - March 23, 2020 at 02:02 PM

TR

“ *Tracey lit a candle in memory of Mary Jim Ganues*



Tracey - July 20, 2017 at 08:25 AM

KC

“ *Missed you on my birthday Grandma!!!*



KJ Chambers - February 10, 2016 at 01:17 PM

KC

“ *KJ Chambers lit a candle in memory of Mary Jim Ganues*



KJ Chambers - February 10, 2016 at 01:15 PM

TR

“ *Miss you mom, you will be forever in heart.*



Tracey - February 08, 2016 at 01:09 PM

CB

“ *Kim, kendale,KJ and Family, You are in my Prayers, May God give you peace and comfort you in every way. Love You.*

Crystal & Anthony Brayboy - February 02, 2016 at 11:46 AM

LC

“ *Dear Tracey:*

I wanted you to know that you are on my mind today. Tracey, you are such a beautiful person, and I am so sorry that you are hurting. I pray that God will touch you in a very special way, and that you will continually feel his presence every day.

May the following words from God's word provide you with personal peace my friend.

I lift up my eyes to the hills - where does my help come from?

My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

- Psalm 121: 1, 2 -

Love, Sister Lona Collins

Lona Collins - February 01, 2016 at 06:58 AM

KC

“ *KIMBERLY CHAMBERS lit a candle in memory of Mary Jim Ganues*



KIMBERLY CHAMBERS - January 31, 2016 at 09:16 AM

LC

“ *Loretta Chambers lit a candle in memory of Mary Jim Ganues*



Loretta Chambers - January 30, 2016 at 05:02 PM

JJ

“ *J.R. Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mary Jim Ganues*



J.R. Johnson - January 30, 2016 at 12:34 PM

TR

“ *Tracey lit a candle in memory of Mary Jim Ganues*



Tracey - January 30, 2016 at 12:33 PM

TJ

“ Tracey & J.R. lit a candle in memory of Mary
Jim Ganues



Tracey & J.R. - January 30, 2016 at 12:33 PM

SN

“ Tracey and Kim,
You and your family are in our prayers.
Sonya Nelson
Tonya Nelson

Sonya Nelson - January 30, 2016 at 08:11 AM

VI

“ Kim and Tracey, you have my deepest
condolences. Your mom was a gem and
loved by many. Praying that you find comfort
in God's arms.



Valerie Pervis Isaac - January 29, 2016 at 05:24 PM

LC

“ Dear Tracey:

I wanted you to know that you are on my mind today. Tracey, you are such a beautiful person, and I am so sorry that you are hurting. I pray that God will touch you in a very special way, and that you will continually feel his presence every day.

May the following words from God's word provide you with personal peace my friend.

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- Psalm 121: 1, 2 -*

Love, Sister Lona Collins

Lona Collins - January 28, 2016 at 05:08 PM

TA

“ Tracey ~

*I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. I hope the many memories you have of her carry you through this difficult time.
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Tara (Info desk)

Tara - January 28, 2016 at 02:03 PM

EB

“ Sometimes it takes years to appreciate people who provide a "safe place" for growing up. A village of people who allowed us to be kids and have fun but kept us in check. Mrs. Ganues help provide that for us. Thank you

Edward Butts

Edward Butts - January 28, 2016 at 01:06 PM

LC

“ Love, Pat and Ant Mason/ Joe and Tracey Chamberlin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Mary Jim Ganues.



Love, Pat and Ant Mason/ Joe and Tracey Chamberlin -
January 28, 2016 at 12:19 PM

LI

“ Kim and Tracey, I will cherish the memories of stopping by the kitchen on Elizabeth St. to chat with your mom and dad even when y'all were not there. She was always cooking something good! I also had to check in on the collard greens in the garden, they still hold the record for biggest greens ever! My thoughts and prayers are with during this time and always. Lisa Crutchfield Diggs



Lisa - January 28, 2016 at 11:29 AM

AJ

“ Bro. Ganues, Kim and Tracey
Sending my heartfelt condolences in the passing of Mother Ganues, she was truly a wonderful, caring and loving person. She ALWAYS had a kind word to say, I remember when she stopped seeing me at church; she actually took the time to call and check up on me several times and that meant a lot to me. There was never a time when you didn't see her in the kitchen at church in her white apron. Mother Ganues IS SPECIAL.

Kim, you hold a special place in my heart, besides growing up with you at church, you and I go back to our early days at Yale Co-op and I will never forget when you took the time to come to Alabama for my brother (Melvin) funeral that just goes to show you have a loving heart just like your Mom. If there is ever anything that I could do for you please do not hesitate to contact me. Much love,
Adrienne Pritchett Jones

Adrienne Jones - January 28, 2016 at 11:00 AM

AJ

“ Adrienne Jones lit a candle in memory of
Mary Jim Ganues



Adrienne Jones - January 28, 2016 at 10:47 AM

GM

“ Gaynell Martin lit a candle in memory of Mary
Jim Ganues



Gaynell Martin - January 28, 2016 at 08:40 AM

WM

“ To Bro. Ganues (Coach), Kim, Tracey & Family - my heart is so very heavy. Mother Ganues spent more time together in the Pitts Chapel Kitchen probably than she did at home. We have had some special moments and shared precious memories. She was my right hand in the Senior Choir. She was a dedicated woman of God. Words cannot express how I am feeling. I will miss her and her tiny little voice talking to me. She was a one of a kind woman that never had a harsh word about anything or anybody. She would always say, "Just pray about it." Even after she took ill, she would talk about coming back to the Choir. I am truly, truly missing her now and will miss her even more knowing that I won't see her beautiful face, or have her presence in the kitchen with me. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning time. We send you peace and blessings from our house to your house. Bro. Willie & Sis. Gaynell Martin



Willie & Gaynell Martin - January 28, 2016 at 05:13 AM

VD

Sending my deepest condolences to Tracey and Kim and the entire Ganues family on the loss of your beloved mother. May the peace of God comfort you during this difficult time

Victoria Dancy - February 01, 2016 at 05:18 PM