



Velma L Barrow

December 19, 1939 - May 19, 2015

Mrs. Velma L. Barrow, daughter of the late Wilbert Lester Garris and Della Ellis Garris, and wife to her late beloved husband of 55 years Mr. Robert W. Barrow departed her earthly home to be with the Lord May 18, 2015. Velma was born in Ayden North Carolina, where she attended public school. Velma moved to Connecticut during the 1950's. Mrs. Velma Barrow became a member of St. James Church over 45 years ago. She served as a choir member and was also a Mother of the church until her passing. One of the things Mother often did was to encourage her family and others to make a change in their life by coming to Jesus, and to become a part of a church. Learning to serve the Lord with their whole heart as each person was to work out their own soul salvation. Mother Velma was known to many as simply Nanny. With her whole heart Mother diligently loved and served her family, church and community in whatever capacity she was needed as, whether mother, sister, auntie, neighbor or friend you could count on her to be there through thick and thin. Mother Velma loved to serve the people, her greatest passion was for cooking, clothing and feeding whoever needed it whether naturally or spiritually; her open arms were always willing and always available. With her tender words, a genuine heart and her beautiful smile Mother Velma would encourage anyone and everyone to be strong and trust in the Lord and that all would be well no matter the trial or tribulation, she understood the road you were on would soon lead you in the right direction, and whatever you do, do not part from your faith but finish the race. Velma

was employed at the Elm City Head Start, and with Yale University for 24 years until her retirement in June of 2002.

Mother Barrow's leaves to cherish her memory eight children Robert Barrow Jr. (Juanita), Marie Bryant (Marvin), Laura Jones (Reginald), Harold Barrow (LaCretia), Karen Barrow, Helen Barrow, Velma Barrow all of New Haven, and Janice Ortiz (Kevin) of West Haven, Ct., two sisters Mary Thomas of Newark, NJ., and Eldora Burney of Ayden, NC., a special grandson Nathaniel Reeves, Jr. , 30 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, and a host of other relatives and friends. Velma was preceded in death by seven brothers John, Edward, Willard, Eddie, Mack, Henry, Haywood, one sister Helen Garris-Dixon, one grandchild, and two great grandchildren.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

769 Ella T Grasso Blvd
New Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAY 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. James Unity Holiness Church
79 Lawrence St.
New Haven, CT

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Velma L Barrow*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Sorry for such a LATE sympathy note. I just saw this while browsing through the funeral listings.*

TO THE BARROW Family:

I pray your strength through this never ending time of loss. I grew up with The Barrow Children in The Ashmun Street area and went to Winchester School with a few of them. I am sending the condolences of THIS Ministry and MYSELF. May The God of Heaven comfort the family and strengthen them EVERY TIME strength is NEEDED. He is a PRESENT Help. In Jesus' MATCHLESS Name, I write, Amen.--Apostle A.E. Coleman, Jr. (UNDERseer of 'The Word of God, through Jesus Christ, Street & Outreach Ministry in New Haven, CT.)

Apostle Coleman Jr. - August 02, 2015 at 08:31 AM



“ *Anthony O. Cogdell lit a candle in memory of Velma L Barrow*



Anthony O. Cogdell - May 27, 2015 at 01:52 PM

AC

“ Please join me in prayer for Barrow family. Mrs. Barrow was a mom to a lot of us in the P.J.,s. I will miss your motherly advice, comments, love, food, cookouts, and laughter. May God bless you and thank you for everything.

Love Anthony O. Cogdell and The Cogdell Family.

Anthony O. Cogdell - May 27, 2015 at 01:48 PM



“ Mother was truly a mother with a unconditional LOVE for everyone. My thoughts and prayers are with you on today. Much love Mary Latimer Almeida and family.

Mary Almeida - May 27, 2015 at 08:19 AM

VF

“ May God bless you and give you peace during your time of mourning.



Valerie Dixon and Family - May 27, 2015 at 08:13 AM

JC

“ To Janice, Lamar and the entire family. We're sorry for your loss. We pray that God will continue to bless the family as you go thru this difficult time. God Bless!
Mr. & Mrs. Coleman.

john coleman - May 26, 2015 at 05:05 PM

MA

“ *Maria A. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Velma L Barrow.*



Maria A. - May 26, 2015 at 03:20 PM

NC

“ *I met Mo. Barrow about 10yrs ago when I joined St.James U.H. Church. She was just a wonderful woman. She would share with me a few things.. Such as cooking, marriage tips, what to wear to church etc. She would always give me this big hug & say I thank God for you Sis. Cunningham & I would say I thank God for you Mother. Mo. & Bro. Barrow would visit me when I was sick & drop off some of her famous dishes that my Husband, Children, Myself would enjoy. I know she is resting because of the life she lived!*

Nia Cunningham - May 26, 2015 at 11:03 AM

 Paris River

“ *Paris River sent a virtual gift in memory of Velma L Barrow*



Paris River - May 26, 2015 at 10:29 AM

Paris River

“ Paris River lit a candle in memory of Velma L Barrow



Paris River - May 26, 2015 at 10:26 AM

Paris River

“ Paris River lit a candle in memory of Velma L Barrow



Paris River - May 26, 2015 at 10:24 AM

MB

“ I remember when me and my grandma watched wrestling for the first time she would make granddad mad because she would laugh so hard omg and when they met one of their great grandchildren I love you nannie and granddad you both will be missed dearly

macie barrow - May 24, 2015 at 08:19 PM

RR

“ To The Family Of Mrs. Barrow Your In our Thoughts and prayers. May The Lord Comfort You At This Time. Renee Robinson And Family.

Renee Robinson - May 24, 2015 at 07:08 PM

JJ

“ R.I.P nanny you will always be in are heart.

Jacqueline Johnson - May 24, 2015 at 01:42 PM

AC

“ My condolences to the entire family. I attended school with Marie and Janice. May God wrap you in his Love at this time.

Arnita Campbell-Phillips - May 24, 2015 at 06:55 AM

EJ

“ I remember her well the very first time I saw her she had this great spirit and every time I would see her it was the same she never changed. I saw her last going into shoprite in west haven and I said are you cooking today she said not today baby I said I'm hungry she laughed and went in the store her spirit was good,now she's gone one of our original brick mama's I will miss her my condolences to the Barrow's family

evelyn jones-penn - May 24, 2015 at 06:13 AM

DW

“ Denis Wright lit a candle in memory of Velma L Barrow



Denis Wright - May 23, 2015 at 11:49 PM

JJ

“ To my God sibling I am so sorry for your loss of your mother Velma Barrows she was like my mother to but I think God for having her as my God mother.

Jacqueline Johnson - May 23, 2015 at 11:08 PM

JJ

“ *Jacqueline Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Velma L Barrow*



Jacqueline Johnson - May 23, 2015 at 10:58 PM

JJ

“ *Jacqueline Johnson lit a candle in memory of Velma L Barrow*



Jacqueline Johnson - May 23, 2015 at 10:46 PM

LJ

“ *Lisa Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Velma L Barrow*



Lisa Jenkins - May 23, 2015 at 09:26 PM

NG

“ *Novena Gilians sent a virtual gift in memory of Velma L Barrow*



Novena Gilians - May 23, 2015 at 09:08 PM

NG

My heart is heavy but I know Ma Barrow has recieved her wings. To the family I send my deepest condolences. You all are like family to me. I pray Gods comfort over you all. I'll always cherish the last time I saw her as we laughed together. She was the rock of your family and will truly be missed. Rest on Ma Barrow your work here is done. You can now rest. Love You!!!

Novena Gilians - May 23, 2015 at 09:15 PM



“ Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Velma L Barrow.



May 21, 2015 at 02:53 PM

VD

“ To the entire Barrow family,

I understand the pain and hurt you may feel right now. The last time I spoke with "mama" she assured me that her trust and faith was in God, and whatever God's plan was for her was fine. Just know that she is resting now. I will continue to keep the family lifted in prayer.

Victoria Dancy - May 21, 2015 at 01:38 PM

TL

“ Tai'Ronda Levine-Snow lit a candle in memory of Velma L Barrow



Tai'Ronda Levine-Snow - May 21, 2015 at 11:56 AM

TL

“ I have so many memories of you Nanny... I remember your hugs and the conversations we had... The last conversation we had you told me to use my gift and every since then I have been doing just that. I thank God for the relationship we had you weren't just a mother of the church you were a grandmother to me since birth I am going to miss you and you will never be forgotten I love you!

Tai'Ronda Levine-Snow - May 21, 2015 at 11:53 AM