



Geneva Vaughn Barnes

March 6, 1933 - May 31, 2020

If you were to ask a dozen people what would be one of the greatest things that could happen to an individual, one would hear wanting to win the lottery, have a big, beautiful home, drive a new car or something to that effect. There would be a group over to the side who might have a different slant on things. These would be the family and friends of Geneva Vaughn Barnes. Geneva's life began in the simplest of ways on March 6, 1933 as she was born to hardworking parents, Richard Rupert and Annie Vaughn. Her sole sibling, Patsy Vaughn Orr, as well as her parents preceded her in death. 1 Corinthians 16:14 reminds us "let all that you do be done in love". Geneva Barnes certainly adapted that scripture for her own life and for the next 87 years she would be a shining testament to God's great love for her and her desire to share that love with all she met in her life journey. Like many women of her day, it took more than one paycheck to make ends meet, so she found employment with companies in the Newnan area, notably Eckerd Distribution and International Playtex as her husband fulfilled his military obligations in the Army. Geneva's passion, though, was in being a nurturing parent to her children, and a supportive wife of her husband Roy D. "Sonny" Barnes. Sonny preceded her in death in 2000. Geneva would tell you that she could be pretty tough when the going got rough. The loss of her husband at a relatively young age was difficult. She suffered a mother's worst experience as her oldest child and first-born son, Steven Dale Barnes died in 2019. Geneva felt that even these events, as difficult as they were, left plenty in her life for which she could

be thankful. There was never a shortage of love in her sweet spirit and she overflowed abundantly and unconditionally with that love. Later in her life when there were not so many babies vying for her attention, she accepted a position as a caregiver for one of her friends who needed help navigating the later years of her life. In the context of that employment she formed an amazing friendship that was vibrant as long as her friend lived. She unwittingly gained another whole branch on her family tree as her friend's family adopted her into their circle of love. They would spend many days feeding countless birds, sitting by the window and humming favorite hymns. It became a fact that one would forget who was caring for whom. Geneva adored her children and was a constant source of encouragement and support for them as they established their careers. A mother's pride was evident in her love for her second son Rick Barnes and his wife Joy Brown Barnes. The mother-daughter bond could never be stronger than the one that existed with her daughter Patty and her husband Steve. And, oh, her grandchildren! She loved to tell their stories and would always be glad to get one caught up on Rick, Jr, (and Katie) Barnes, Carrie Anne (and Brandon) Thrower, Ben Barnes, Chris (and Jesse) Barnes, Kyle (and Rachel) Brown, Katie (and Lamar) Kelley. There was no shortage of rocker time with her great grandchildren Adeline Anne and Sophie Kate, Kota, Bo, Elizabeth Anne, Layne, Riley, Levi, Abby and Will. Geneva cast a wide net of love as she was always in touch with her nieces and nephews and treasured friends. Some might say that Geneva's default setting was "y'all come on in and sit down. Have you eaten yet?" The family and friends of this dear saint of God will gather on Tuesday, June 2nd at 3:00 PM to recall favorite stories, maybe shed a tear or two, but most importantly, thank God in heaven for the angel he placed here on earth and who now lives with him and all those she loved who have gone before her. 1 Corinthians 13:13, "And now these three remain, faith, hope, and love, but the greatest of these is love." Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Service

JUN 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

Graveside Forest Lawn Memorial Park
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Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

FF

“ Prayers for all the Barnes family during this difficult time.
Frank and Melody Farmer

FRANK AND MELODY FARMER - June 04, 2020 at 09:54 AM

DS

“ Dear Rick and Joy and Family,
I am so sorry to hear of Geneva's death. It is rough when your Mama
leaves this earth.
May the Good Lord give you Peace, Love and contentment during
this very difficult time.
God loves you and I do too,
Don Jones Sr.

Don Jones Sr. - June 03, 2020 at 02:04 PM

LP

“ Such a beautifully written obituary. My condolences and prayers to
the family; may you find peace.

lisa piacente - June 03, 2020 at 11:52 AM

AV

“ I am so thankful to have gotten to work with sweet Ms. Geneva in
the nursery at FBC Newnan for several years. She loved those
babies so well, and was always a joy and encouragement to be
around.

Autumn Vineyard - June 02, 2020 at 05:45 PM

LT

“ Surely one of the most remarkable women I’ve ever met. I felt love and comfort the first time I met her and every time thereafter. My love and heartfelt sorrow to Patty and Rhonda and the entire family. She is flying high.

Lynn Turner

Lynn Turner - June 02, 2020 at 10:23 AM

JR

“ I have always been quick to share with Mrs. Geneva’s family that she truly has been one of the kindest hearts I have ever met. She loved caring for many children in church and preschool and I’m so happy that included my children. My children loved her and she loved them and countless others. I hope knowing she was loved by so many can give some comfort and even pride to her family. She was one of a kind and a truly lovely soul.

Jamie Roberts

Jamie Roberts - June 02, 2020 at 07:33 AM

BW

“ Bobby And Geraldine Welch lit a candle in memory of Geneva Vaughn Barnes



Bobby and Geraldine Welch - June 02, 2020 at 06:54 AM

KH

“ Mrs. Geneva was a gift from the Lord. Her wisdom, care and advice were just what I needed as a young wife and mother. She loved on my babies and on me. My prayers are with you all during this loss, but know you find comfort in her complete healing.

Kim Higgins - June 02, 2020 at 06:28 AM

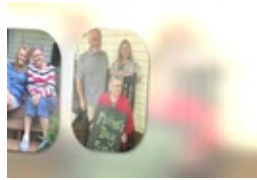
LC

“ Mrs. Geneva was such a sweet lady!! I'm so sorry for your loss. You are all in our prayers.
Lauren and Emily Kate Cash

Lauren Cash - June 02, 2020 at 05:53 AM

LW

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Lamar Wright - June 02, 2020 at 02:16 AM

TS

Beautiful tribute to such a beautiful lady - Heaven is a more beautiful place with Geneva's arrival.

Tom & Judy Smith - June 02, 2020 at 08:21 AM

MC

BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE TO A BEAUTIFUL LADY....THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE SENT TO THE FAMILY.....

Merrill Cornay - June 02, 2020 at 03:15 PM

MH

So sweet heaven gained a beautiful sweet angel.

Melissa hammond - June 02, 2020 at 04:54 PM

CM

“ Ms. Geneva was one who had many words of wisdom. I think the one phrase that I will never forget is when Patty was talking about something that could happen. Nana would give her response and ended it with “that is just a little free advice.” Nana’s connection and mine came from the Army I spent 23 years on active duty and so did she, in different roles but the same common experiences. I have never met a Christian woman who was as giving and caring as she was. True depiction of a southern woman, ensured you always felt welcomed and never left hungry. Sad she is gone but glad she is no longer in pain she is whole again, just as we all we’ll be when we meet again in heaven.



Carmen Mousel - June 02, 2020 at 01:33 AM

MY

“ Prayers to the family during this time. May God give you peace and comfort in the days ahead. Mike & Bev Yeager

Mike/Bev Yeager - June 01, 2020 at 09:30 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Geneva Vaughn Barnes.



June 01, 2020 at 07:10 PM

CM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Please know your family is in our prayers.

Jeff and Camille Morgan

Camille Morgan - June 01, 2020 at 01:13 PM

PW

“ We're thinking of your family and praying for God's peace for all of you.--Johnny and Penny Wilson

Penny and Johnny Wilson - June 01, 2020 at 12:58 PM