

## Order of Service

### Scripture Readings

Old Testament .....Minister David McClurkin  
New Testament..... Elder Sharon Lee

Prayer of Comfort ..... Elder Marilyn Cross

Selection.....Brother Robert Wood

Acknowledgments ..... Elder Marilyn Cross

Obituary ..... Elder Marilyn Cross

Selection.....Brother Robert Wood

Eulogy.....Apostle Dr. Julia Harris

Mortician's Brief.....

## In Appreciation

The family gratefully appreciates all expressions of  
sympathy extended during their time of bereavement.  
May God Bless You



## Memorial Reflections

**Barnita Marie Lanier** was born on February 28, 1949, to the late McKinnley and Mae Belle Minter. She departed this life on August 28, 2021.

**Barnita** was educated in the Lee County School System. She attended Osgood Elementary School and W. B. Wicker High School.

**Barnita** was an active and faithful member of New Endland A. M. E. Zion Church, singing in the choir and sometimes solo until her health declined. During her early years, she sang with Pastor Shirley Caesar of Durham, NC. Also, singing with the “Melanettes,” which was with her mother, two sisters, and others. Later, **Barnita** sang with the “House of Prayer” from Fuquay Varina, NC, where her 1st single, “God Cares,” was debuted. In addition, she sang in numerous choirs and groups in the surrounding cities.

**Barnita** worked in the Lee County School System Cafeteria for many years. She was known in the community for singing and cooking, never meeting a stranger.

**Barnita** was preceded in death by two sisters, Marcelene Minter and Priscilla Minter Williams, and a faithful and loving Aunt Mattie Williams.

**Barnita** leaves to cherish her memories a son, Dwight Minter (Tina) of Sanford, NC; a daughter, Chelsea Lanier of Sanford, NC; five grandchildren, Alyia Williams, Madaesia Fisher (Pookie), Asia Minter, Mya Minter, and Jayda Green; one great-grandson, Justice Rasheed Forte Paduan; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

# *A Loving Grandma In Heaven*

*How am I supposed to feel  
In a situation that doesn't seem real.  
Grandma you will forever have a place in my heart  
Despite us being so far apart.*

*You are now in a better place  
Which is difficult to face.  
I hope to see you soon  
Where you live Beyond the stars and pass the moon.*

*Although we were denied more days with you  
I know you are here in spirit  
To help us live each day through*

*Grandma you wiped away our tears  
And reassured each and every fear  
You made us laugh and think  
And sometimes greeted us with a wink*

*Although you are at rest  
I want you to know that you were  
nothing but the best  
Your legacy lives on forever  
In each and every successor*

*I Love You, Grandma*

*Always, Mya*



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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## *Barnita Marie Lanier*



GRAVESIDE SERVICE  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021  
2:00 PM

LEE MEMORY GARDENS  
2600 HAWKINS AVE.  
SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA  
APOSTLE DR. JULIA HARRIS, EULOGIST

SUNRISE: FEB. 28, 1949 - SUNSET: AUG. 28, 2021

