



Viola B. (Beasley) Barnes

April 5, 1930 - February 15, 2022

AYER: Mrs. Viola B. (Beasley) Barnes' family announces her peaceful transition from this life to life everlasting on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 while resting at her homestead in Ayer, Massachusetts .

Viola was born in Edenton, North Carolina, April 5, 1930 a daughter of John W. and Odessa (Sharpe) Beasley and has resided in Ayer for nearly sixty years.

Viola grew up in Edenton, NC and graduated from Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. Vi began her lengthy career in teaching in Virginia before moving to Ayer where she taught elementary education in the Ayer School System for over 40 years, retiring in 1989.

She enjoyed cooking, traveling and shopping. She was a former member of the Ayer School Committee and volunteered at the Ayer Polling stations as well as the Ayer Town Clerk's office.

Her husband of 54 years, Augustus M. Barnes, predeceased her on March 7, 2017. She was the sister of the late Charlie Beasley of Edenton, NC, John Beasley of Ayer and Leronia Witherspoon of Elizabeth City, NC.

She leaves to cherish her memory several nieces, nephews, grand nieces and

grandnephews. She will be especially missed by her dear friends Ed & Penny Kelley, neighbors for over 50 years.

As difficult as it is to accept that Mrs. Barnes will no longer be present physically, all can find solace knowing that God promises to wipe away all tears from her family's eyes, as we continue to cope with a missing link in our family's chain.

A Celebration of of Life Services for Mrs. Barnes will begin with a visitation as she lies in tranquil repose, on Monday, February 21, 2022 between the hours of 1 00 PM - 2:00PM at Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, (Rte 2A) Ayer..

Immediately following visitation, services will begin. Interment will be held in Vine Oak Cemetery, Edenton, NC.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home
25 Fitchburg Road
Ayer, MA 01432
info@andersonfuneral.com

Funeral Service

FEB 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432
(978) 772-2355

Tribute Wall

CH

“ My Mom, Joan Neu, LOVED her dear friend, Vi Barnes. They both taught at Pleasant Street School and kept in touch when they were both teaching or administrating in other locations and also after retirement.
I remember Mrs. Barnes lilting (though strong) voice and loved hearing her stories. Mrs. Barnes was a wonderful person and an extraordinary teacher. I'd like to think that Joan and Mrs. Barnes are running the schools in heaven!

Charlene - February 25, 2022 at 03:03 PM

CM

“ Vi and I worked for many years together in the Ayer School System. She took her teaching commitment very seriously but she was also lots of fun to work and socialize with. May she rest in everlasting peace.

Christine Maxant - February 19, 2022 at 12:33 PM

DR

“ I only got to know Vi for a short time but what I saw was how much she was a caring and giving person. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

Debbie Rader

Debbie Rader - February 18, 2022 at 06:23 AM

DF

“ *Deloris Robins and Family purchased the Red Rose Fireside Basket for the family of Viola B. (Beasley) Barnes.*



Deloris Robins and Family - February 17, 2022 at 05:50 PM

JB

“ *I'm so sorry of learn of Mrs. Barnes passing. I will always remember her hand touching my arm and just talking to me. May you rest in heavenly peace.*



Janice Brown - February 17, 2022 at 01:34 PM

CP

“ *We remember Vi's courageous spirit, endearing sense of humor and the love she poured into this community. Loving wife to Gus, dedicated teacher, kind neighbor and generous friend sadly will be missed by generations who loved her.*
The Millson-Plunkett Family

Cindy Plunkett - February 16, 2022 at 04:46 PM

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What a great lady.

Lindsey mullan - February 23, 2022 at 06:34 PM