



Mae Zella Barckley

October 20, 1933 - June 4, 2024

Mrs. Mae Zella Barckley, a beloved soul born to Walter Turner and Odell Brock Turner, spent a life marked by unwavering faith and profound love. Though she was ten years from living a century, Mrs. Barckley's steadfast dedication to her family echoes throughout her 90 plus years on this earth. With faith as her compass, she found solace in Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church, where she remains an enduring matriarch of her family and congregation. She was educated in the Talladega County School System where she attended Salem School and Talladega County Training School (TCTS). Mrs. Barckley later became an inspector with Magic Chef (MCD) for many years before retiring to enjoy the fruits of her labor.

Mrs. Barckley was known for her talent in crafting, cooking, and baking, always putting her heart and soul into creating beautiful works of art and delicious meals for her family and friends.

Her love for gardening, traveling, and shopping enriched her life, and she often regaled others with stories of her adventures, including a memorable trip to Germany. Mrs. Barckley had a vibrant and lively spirit, characterized by her playful sense of humor and her ability to connect with everyone she met. She had a contagious energy that brought light and warmth to those around her.

Mrs. Barckley's commitment to cleanliness and care shone through in

everything she did. She emphasized the importance of hygiene, always ensuring that her loved ones were well-fed and taken care of. Her nurturing nature and attention to detail were truly admirable qualities that will be dearly missed.

After bearing witness to five generations and a lifetime of cherished memories, Mrs. Barckley, a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother, and sister attained eternal peace on a serene Tuesday evening, while in the comfort of her home encased in the love of her family. As the angels welcomed her into eternal glory, she reunited with her dear departed loved ones, including her parents, Walter and Odell Turner, her son, Bennie Carl Turner, brothers, Troy Lemon, Alfonzo Turner, and Robert E. "Hut" Turner, sister, Mary Joyce Turner, granddaughter, Jamelia Turner, sons-in-law, Merrick Watkins and Richard Groce, and special cousin, Emma Seals.

To honor and celebrate her legacy, Mrs. Barckley leaves behind her four devoted sons, Bernard (Doretha) Turner, Clarence (Granitia) Turner, Washington Ellis "Burt" Barckley, and Devon Barckley; three loving daughters, Brenda Faye Watkins, Bernice Turner Groce, and Janice (Danny) Turner Groce; bonus son, Lovell "Pop" Groce; Goddaughter, Nola Orr Beavers; special cousin, Pearl Fomby; devoted caregiver, Joyce Beck; fifteen grandchildren, Felecia (Joe) Johnson, Cedric Watkins Sr., LaCendia (Ken) Swain, Tamara Rigaud, Porche Turner, Monika, Meka Turner, Brandon Watkins, LaCarlos Curry, Danielle Groce, Natasha Barckley, RaShaad Barckley, Tonisheya (Keimon) Henderson; eighteen great-grandchildren, Crystal, Cedric Jr., Aliyah, Justin, Anthony, Alexandra, D'Andre, Delvoneer, Kentavious, Kendall, Teighan, Gabriel, Makai, Tecauris, Bruce, Annalise, Dozier, Denim, and two on the way, Baby Errington and Baby Raven; two great-great-grandchildren, Nadia and Baileigh; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

May Mrs. Barckley's spirit soar boundless in the heavens, her memory a cherished light guiding us in the years to come. Her love remains eternally with us all.

Although a pillar of the community has gone before us, Mrs. Mae Zella Barckley has left a legacy behind, and she will truly be missed by all the people she has encountered and lives she has touched.

Cemetery Details

Pine Grove Baptist Church

500 Drew Avenue
Lincoln, AL 35096

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 13. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home Chapel
217 Coosa St. East
Talladega, AL 35160

Celebration of Life

JUN 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Pine Grove Baptist Church
500 Drew Avenue
Lincoln, AL 35096

Tribute Wall

SF

“ Stanley Johnson and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mae Zella Barckley.



Stanley Johnson and Family - June 12, 2024 at 07:14 PM

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“ Stanley Johnson and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mae Zella Barckley.

Stanley Johnson and Family - June 12, 2024 at 07:14 PM

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“ Jackie Williams Hall lit a candle in memory of Mae Zella Barckley



Jackie Williams Hall - June 12, 2024 at 06:14 PM

JH

My sincere prayers and Condolences to the family!!! 🙏💔😞🌹

Jackie Williams Hall - June 12, 2024 at 06:16 PM

MB

“ Bernice, Shon and family you'll have my Deepest Condolences 🙏 and prayers 🙏 just know I love and here for y'all for anything day or night ❤️ " Your sister and Auntie ❤️



Mrs Tilda (Michael) Beason - June 11, 2024 at 07:14 PM

PE

“ Having heard of Ms. Mae Zella's transitioning took me back to my childhood years living across the street from Ms. Annie Barckley and meeting Faye and Yvette. After I'd made the mental connections smiles and joy started to flood my mind. I pray the same for you as you re-live your former years. May the Lord bring His peace, joy, and comfort to your wonderful family 🌹

Sincere Sympathy & Love,
Pastor Barbara Dickerson Embry 🙏

Pastor Barbara Embry - June 09, 2024 at 05:10 PM

BS

I, too remember Ms Mae Zella from CRUIKSHANK Street and through Ms Annie Barckley also. She was a sweet and beautiful woman. God's Blessings for All the Family and LOVE ❤️

Barbara Scott - June 10, 2024 at 07:00 PM

AH

“ Heart felt sympathy to the family. May all the loving memories of your mom always be in your heart. May God grand you all peace now and always.

Alonzo & Shernevelyne Hill 🙏🕊️



Alonzo & Shernevelyne Hill - June 07, 2024 at 12:06 AM

