



## Mrs. Winifred Louise Barno

May 30, 1934 - July 31, 2020

### In Loving Memory Of:

Winifred Louise Jones Barno entered into this world in Okolona, Mississippi, May 30, 1934. She was the third of three children born to the union of Leamon Foster Jones, Sr. and Hattie Bumpas Cooperwood Jones. Winnie was preceded in death by her sister Doris Marie, who died at a young age, her brother Leamon F. Jones, Jr. (2015), her mother Hattie (1990) and her father Leamon (1953).

While in Okolona, Red (which was her nick name) was a student in a one-room schoolhouse where her mom, Hattie, was her teacher. With work in the automobile industry readily available in the 40's her dad relocated the family to Detroit, Michigan. She then attended Post Junior High. She was an exceptionally smart student and completed Central High School on January 24, 1951 at the age of sixteen. She entered Highland Park community College in February 1951 and took classes at University of Michigan in Detroit.

After coming to Detroit, as a part of her Christian experience she became a member of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church. Next, she joined holy Redeemer Presbyterian church where she was a highly active. Her inclination to be involved was confirmed by her work as a Board Member for Protestant Community Services in 1971 and 1972. Finally, she joined Hope Presbyterian Church where she served on many auxiliaries including Presbyterian Women and the Thelma Adair Circle, and she sang in the Chancel Choir. On February 23, 1952 Winifred married R. Yeldard Brewer. Derek Keith and Diane Leamona were born to this union. After that marriage she met and joined in holy matrimony with Walter Barno, Jr. of Yeadon, Pennsylvania on May 29, 1966. Their son Walter Barno, III was born September 1969. This marriage lasted for thirty-six precious, memorable years. Both the love of her life Walt and her beloved son Wally as he was called made their transitions 2002 and 2014 respectively.

Winifred retired from the State of Michigan as an Administrative Service Manager in March 1989 after twenty-six years of dedicated service to the Department of Social Services. In a prior position she served as the supervisor of food stamp distribution. In addition, she worked as a social worker and was honored with an award for twenty years of service by the Wayne County Department of Social Services.

Winnie spent time caring for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, which she loved dearly. She did not miss any of the college graduations of her grandchildren from Howard University in Washington, D.C. Winnie also loved her extended family. The Jones' and Barnos' had countless gathering which included playing bid whist, dancing, and having fun. She was a frequent host of family gathering at her home on West Outer Dr. Another favorite activity was boating with Walt on their boat the Winnie B2. They often traveled to Chatham, Ontario. She and her husband enjoyed cruising of which they took many.

She frequently participated in her family reunions in Mississippi and Walt's family reunions. They also enjoyed traveling to the East Coast to Philadelphia, Myrtle Beach and North Carolina.

She was well loved and popular with friends. She was attractive, educated and an avid reader. Another one of her gifts was her intelligence. She was a conversationalist and sought out for counsel by many. She played bridge with three different groups. While working for the State of Michigan she became a member of the Coffee group. This group consisted of women who became life-long friends. Other social and civic groups include the Melatonics, which fundraised and contributed to the United Negro College fund. Finally, she was a member of the Maximillian Investment club.

"Winnie" was a dynamic force in her family, civic, social, and professional life. Winifred Louise Jones Barno made her transition on Friday, July 31, 2020 after having lived 86 full and blessed years.

# Events

---

**AUG** **Strolling Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

**14**

---

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home

17600 Plymouth Road, Detroit, MI, US, 48227

# Comments

---



“ We can't begin to imagine what you are feeling, but please let us share our heartfelt condolences. May the God of all comfort help to ease the pain of your grief. Thinking of you all.

**Evans family** - August 25, 2020 at 04:54 PM

---



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Winifred Louise Barno.



August 14, 2020 at 09:56 AM