



Mrs. Josephine Barrs

January 18, 1943 - April 29, 2016

Celebrate and Remember Mrs. Josephine Barrs:

Mrs. Josephine (May) Barrs was blessed and welcomed to the family of Roy and Hestella May on January 18, 1943 in Petrey, Alabama. She was the twelfth child of seventeen to this union. The fifth daughter. She departed this life as the Lord called her on Friday, April 29, 2016, 1:00 p.m. at Sinai-Grace Hospital.

Josephine confessed Christ as her personal Savior as a young child and was baptized at Mount Canaan Baptist Church in Bradleyton, Alabama. Jo, as she was called by most who knew her, grew up in Montgomery, Alabama and graduated from George Washington High School in 1960. After graduation, she moved to Detroit, Michigan to find work. During this time she joined the Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church under the Pastor Reverend C. O. Stewart and joined the Inspirational Choir. Later she moved to Newark, New Jersey and worked as a telephone operator for New Jersey Bell. While there she met the love of her life Mr. Donald Barrs. Shortly, they moved to Detroit and she was re-instated to Mount Pleasant Church under Pastor Stewart and they were married on May 4, 1974 by Reverend Stewart. Jo and Don were married 42 happy years. Together they hoped for a celebration this year of yellow roses and dinner at Red Lobster. It was not to be. God knows best!

Jo was a hard worker. She worked ten years as Food Services Manager for F.

W. Woolworth Co. in downtown Detroit and then 20 years as a housekeeper manager at Holiday Inn in Livonia, Michigan before retirement. And she was a fun-loving person too!

A lot of simple things made our Jo happy. To name a few of her favorites were yellow roses, talking to sisters on the phone, drinking coffee in the morning, eating chunky bread with butter, going fishing, planting flowers, playing cards, bingo and casino, going to Big Lots, cooking Thanksgiving dinner and walking barefoot outside.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens

17840 Middlebelt Road
Livonia, MI 48152

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Josephine Barrs*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *To Don and Family: Ours prayers and thoughts goes out to you at this time of sorrow and loss. May God bless and keep you within his loving care, And may it help you just to know that he is always there. In Sympathy Pastor Larry (Delois) Bolling Silver Lake Church Of The Nazarene 520 W. Walton Blvd. Pontiac, MI. 48340*



Delois Bolling - May 12, 2016 at 12:46 PM