



## Elder M. Barnes,

September 13, 2008

Funeral service will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 13, 2008 at Victorious Believers Ministries Church of God in Christ, 624 South Outer Drive. Bishop Marvin C. Pryor, Host Pastor. Bishop Sedgwick Daniels will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the church on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until time of service. Elder William M. Barnes Jr. passed away Saturday, September 6, 2008 at home after a lengthy illness. He was born March 18, 1920 in Nashville, Tennessee. He was a longtime resident of Saginaw, Michigan and relocated to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 2002. Elder Barnes was married to Mother Willie Mae (Sewell) Barnes for 41 years. She preceded him in death in 1987. Together they raised their eleven children in the fear of the Lord. A diligent hard working husband, father and retiree of Chevrolet Grey Iron Foundry, Elder Barnes dedicated his life to serving God and his fellowman. His faithful service began as a Deacon, Ordained Minister, Church Administrator, Dean of the Sunday School Department of Southwest Michigan Jurisdiction #2 and 50 years as a Sunday School Superintendent at Victorious Believers Ministry in Saginaw, Michigan. Elder Barnes work in his church's Sunday School afforded him the opportunity to minister and counsel youth and children within the Saginaw community. He took his church's motto "A child saved is a soul saved plus a life" to the communities of Saginaw and Milwaukee. He faithfully attended church and Sunday School at the Holy Redeemer Church of God In Christ in Milwaukee, WI. Elder Barnes served as a teacher and advisor to the Men's Ministry. Elder

Barnes has faithfully served God living out his favorite scripture Psalms 1:1 Blessed is the man who walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor standeth in the way of sinners, Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. His loving wife Mother Willie Mae Barnes, two sons William M. Barnes III and Melvin Barnes preceded him in death. He leaves in God's care 9 children Angela (Wayne) Robbins, Milwaukee, WI, Norella (Kevin) Ar-Rahmaan, Janesville, WI, Theresa Barnes-Jackson, Flint, MI, Joyce Barnes, Woodstock, GA, Ettienne (Tyrone) Walker, Ypsilanti, MI, Milton (Lyn) Barnes, Dallas, TX, Derle Barnes, Detroit, MI, Mark (Mary) Barnes, Saginaw, MI, Sheila (Michael) Chapman, Saginaw, MI, 20 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great-grandchildren, one sister, Helen Richardson-Sanders, Flint, MI, a special long time family friend, the Woods family and a host of other relatives and dear friends.

# Tribute Wall

RP

“ Words can't describe the great man Papa Barnes was. I met Papa in 2001, He was always a great example to me and many other young men in the church. He will be Greatly missed. Family my prayers are with each of you and Know that the JOY of the Lord is your strength. Papa Knew His God and is now walking the streets of glory! May the Blessing, Peace and Joy of the Lord be with you.

RON

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Ronald Parrish - September 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ To the family, I am so sorry about the loss of Pops. He will truly be missed. He lived, breathed and taught SUNDAY SCHOOL!!! He was a very honest person. If you did not want the truth, he was not the one to ask. Whether one wanted it or not you got it. I spent a many of week-ends over to their home and one thing about Pops and Mom were, they were very honest and down to earth people, firm but fair. Praying for the entire family. Dahl, Den'e, and Devere Enoch.

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Dahl Enoch - September 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ From the Myles family Dad, Mom, Ivory, Hazel, Charles, Jerry, Doris, Barbara, Dexter, Darrin and our spouses  
We are praying for the Barnes Family,  
because we believe that the fervent prayers of the righteous availeth much.

Yours In Christ  
The Myles Family

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Eld. & Mrs Jerry Myles - September 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ TO ANGIE AND WAYNE:  
JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT YOU ARE IN MY  
PRAYERS.

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**ESSIE LANE** - September 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God give you the  
strength and peace to make it through this time.

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**The Herring Family** - September 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TQ

“ BARNES FAMILY: MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH  
YOU AT THIS TIME. MAY GOD GIVE YOU PEACE AND LIFT UP  
YOUR SPIRIT KNOWING YOUR DAD IS IN HIS PRECIOUS  
HANDS.

LOVE TANYA

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**TANYA QUIROZ** - September 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ We send our deepest sympathy. We're going to miss this 'great man  
of God'. Our God is an awesome God and He knew what he was  
doing when he relieved 'Papa Barnes' of his duties saying, "Well  
done thy good and faithful servant". So don't fret too long-for he's  
not gone, he will always be right there in our hearts for all eternity.  
We love you all and our prayers are with.

Linda Adams, Diane Bell and Billy Berry

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**Linda (Berry) Adams** - September 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *saddened to hear of the passing of Elder Barnes. I am unable to attend the services, but my prayers are with you at this time. He was a wonderful servant of God*

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**Dr. Ray Margaret Jackson-Hall** - September 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Please know that we are praying for and thinking of you and your family during this time.*

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**Charles/Audra Carson** - September 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ *We all go back along way from the southside, to later possible being distant relative being of the Barnes Family from Georgia & Tennessee,Arkansas. My Grandmother was a Barnes. I enjoy talking with Elder Barnes when I would see him years ago and we would talk about the Barnes Family roots. I know this is a trying time for you guys right now, remember the importance of Family and the love Elder,Barnes taught you guys along with Sister Barnes. Hold onto your FAITH, and know Christ is just a prayer away to carry every burden that get to heavy. My thoughts & prayers are with you all in your time of need.*

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**Elder,Peter Cooper** - September 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Angie & family:

*My prayers and thoughts are with you at a time like this, although I haven't seen you in a while please know that I am here. feel free to call on me.*

*Your friend always,*

*Barbra J. Roberson & family*

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**Barbra J. Roberson** - September 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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**Barbra J. Roberson** - September 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *My prayers are with the family during this time of transition.*

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**A. Jeffrey LaValley** - September 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM