



Melvin Barnes,

July 21, 1947 - February 13, 2006

Funeral service will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2006 at Browne's Mortuary 441 N. Jefferson Avenue. Elder Melvin Price will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home on Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until time of service. Melvin Barnes, Sr. passed away after a brief illness at Saint Francis Memorial Hospital in San Francisco, Calif. He was born July 21, 1947 in Detroit, Mich. the son of Willie Mae and Rev. William M. Barnes, Jr. He resided in Saginaw, Mich. for more than 30 years where he met and married Earlene Smith. To this union four children were born, Melvin, Jr., Sherry, Roderick and Dwana. Surviving Melvin are three children, Melvin Jr., Sherry McFadden (William Kenny) and Roderick Barnes, Sr.; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, all of Saginaw; his father, Rev. William M. Barnes; three brothers and six sisters, Angela (Rev. Wayne) Robbins, Norella Ar-Rahmaan (Kevin), Theresa Jackson, Joyce Barnes, Ettienne Walker (Tyrone), Milton Barnes (Lyn), Derle Barnes, Mark Barnes (Mary), Sheila Chapman (Michael) and a host of other relatives and friends. Melvin was preceded in death by his daughter, Dwana Barnes, his mother, Willie Mae Barnes and a brother, William (Billy) Barnes III. We cherish the memories of Melvin and will always remember the talents, the laughter, the fun and the moments.

Tribute Wall

RS

“ I will always remember growing up with Melvin. Going to the neighborhood house, the soup kitchen and just having fun. Sleep on Melvin, we loved you, but God loved you best. My prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow .

Ronda Smith - February 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ To The Barnes Family, I'am so sorry to hear of your loss. Word cannot be express the hurt & pain that comes when a love one leaves us. I to have loss someone special so I share your grief. Its only in time that the hurt and pain ease. We can talk about God & prayer and and tell you to hold on, and all that is true. But only time and being able to process the hurt and knowing that if you ever need a friend you all got one here in Texas! Derle, love you man hang in there. Yours in Christ, Elder Peter Cooper.

Elder,William(Peter)Cooper - February 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ To the Barnes family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Melvin Sr. I have been around the family since I was a little girl and I grew up with Melvin, Sherry, Dwayne, and Dwanna, if anyone became friends with the family they were down to earth. I can recall numerous occasion when Sheild and T, would come looking for me, I thought I was grown, they felt your mother trusted us with you and we are responsible and they meant that. Norella, was also very very hard on me, but she loved me. Pops made sure that everyone in the house would be up and ready for Sunday School their were no options. That was the family to be around it was so much love. God blessed everyone in the family to be musically inclined. Derle could make a 15 voice choir sound like a mass choir. Mother Barnes was a cook out of this world. I could go on and on, all I can say is I have fond memories of this family, I am sure that Melvin was just like the rest of them. Loving and caring. Sheila, T, Norella, Tina, Angie, etc, I am praying for you all. Take care and God bless. Pops you are a strong man oF God, thank you for treating me like the rest of your daughters Love you

Geraldine Thomas - February 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ I am sorry I did not hear of your loss in time to attend the service, but know I have had the family in my prayers since I heard. God bless you and keep you.

Love Lesa

lesa McClain-Betts - February 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

YG

“ *Melvin & Sherry,*

So sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Trust in God and know that he will bless and keep you both. Take care of each other and God Bless you both.

You and your family are in my prayers.

*Love,
Myrtle*

Yolanda Gill - February 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM