



Ms. Norella Barnes

December 11, 1950 - January 28, 2026

Ms. Norella Barnes formerly of Saginaw, Michigan

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. I John 4:11-12

Norella M. Barnes passed away peacefully after a brief illness on January 28, 2026 in Sylvania, Ohio surrounded by love, she entered eternal rest with quiet grace at the age of 75 years. Affectionately known by family and friends as “No talk” or “Noro”, Norella was born December 11, 1950 in Saginaw, Michigan.

She was a proud graduate of Saginaw High School Class of 1970 and attended Delta College. Norella devoted many years of faithful service to the United States Postal Service, where she built a respected and dedicated career until her retirement in 2005. A longtime resident of Saginaw, Michigan she also lived in Wisconsin and Ohio. Strong-willed yet caring, Norella will always be remembered for her resilience, generosity and meaningful moments she shared with those she loved.

Norella was born to God-fearing parents and raised in a large, loving family. Her faith was nurtured from an early age and remained a steady foundation throughout her life. She faithfully served the ministries to which she belonged,

offering her time and talents in various capacities. Her quiet strength, gentle spirit, and unwavering beliefs guided her through every season of life. Norella found joy in life's simple pleasures. She loved playing bingo, cooking for those she cherished, and spending meaningful time with her family-moments that filled her heart with happiness. She also possessed a true green thumb; caring for her plants and flowers was more than a hobby-it was a source of peace, purpose and pride.

Norella leaves to cherish her memory her beloved daughter, Valita Barnes of Toledo, OH; her treasured grandson, Jordan Barnes of Toledo, OH; five sisters, Angela (Wayne) Robbins of Milwaukee, WI, Theresa Jackson of Flint, MI, Joyce Barnes of Atlanta, GA, Ettienne (Tyrone) Walker of Atlanta, GA and Sheila Chapman of Saginaw, MI; three brothers, Milton (Lyn) Barnes of Albion, MI, Derle Barnes of Detroit, MI and Mark (Mary) Barnes of Saginaw, MI; sister-in-law, Earlene Barnes of Saginaw, MI; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews; one god-daughter, Danae Shepard; special cousins, Charles (Midred) Sanders, Jr.; many other dear relatives including special longtime friends, the Woods family, Almeta McCray and Lahoma Anderson along with many other dear friends.

Ms. Norella Barnes was preceded in death by her parents, Elder William and Mother Willie Mae Barnes; two brothers, William Barnes III and Melvin Barnes.

The family will receive visitors at 10:30 a.m. with the funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 6, 2026 at The Potters Touch, 1402 N. 6th Ave., Saginaw, MI 48601. Pastor Clarence Lewis will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington Ave., Saginaw, MI 48601

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate staff of Hospice of

Northwest Ohio, University of Michigan Cancer Center, and all who provided care and comfort during Norella's illness. A more personal expression of thanks will be shared with those who visited, called, and prayed during this time. Your love and support will forever be remembered.

All floral arrangements can be sent to The Potters Touch the morning of the service.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Family Hour

FEB 6. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Potter's Touch
1402 North 6th Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall

GP

“ *My Deepest Condolences to the family*



Gwendolyn Perry - March 15 at 12:32 AM

AR

“ *Alice Rainey-wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Alice Rainey-wilson - February 16 at 08:55 AM

DM

“ *Derrell Martin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Derrell Martin - February 11 at 03:36 PM

AZ

“ *Prayers and condolences to the entire Barnes family*



AlbertFrancesHam Zackrie - February 11 at 12:06 AM

HP

“ *Helen Pringle lit a candle in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Helen Pringle - February 10 at 08:24 PM

HG

“ *Hazel Garth sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Hazel Garth - February 10 at 12:01 AM

SC

“ *Shanelle Castell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Shanelle Castell - February 09 at 11:32 AM

DA

“ *Debra Austin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Debra Austin - February 07 at 05:25 PM

JC

“ *Jeanette B Champion lit a candle in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Jeanette B Champion - February 07 at 10:57 AM

BT

“ *Barbara Roberson/Dallas, Tx sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Barbara Roberson/Dallas, Tx - February 07 at 12:42 AM

CB

“ *Christie Barker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Christie Barker - February 07 at 12:05 AM

JB

“ *Jerome Buckley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Jerome Buckley - February 06 at 09:38 PM

BM

“ *Barnes Family, so so sad to hear this. You have my deepest sympathy. Rest in peace my friend until we meet again. Love you family*

Betty Mitchell - February 06 at 06:14 PM

LJ

“ *Barnes Family and loved ones, we are saddened to hear of the transition of Beloved Norella. We admired and respected her while worshipping with her some years ago. May Father God strengthen and comfort you during this difficult period. God's Best to the Barnes family.*

Lynn Jones - February 06 at 05:07 PM

DF

“ *Norella will be missed. I have always known her as first class. As a member of the class of 70. I thank God for having known her. She is with the Lord now.*

Dr. Ron Frierson - February 06 at 04:23 PM

SD

“ *Stacy Duran sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Stacy Duran - February 06 at 01:56 PM

BM

“ *Betty Mason lit a candle in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Betty Mason - February 06 at 01:45 PM

BP

“ *Condolences to the family rest peacefully my classmate* 🌸🌸



Betty Packard - February 06 at 09:23 AM

GB

“ *Gwendolyn White Bowman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Gwendolyn White Bowman - February 06 at 03:06 AM

PC

“ *Peter Cooper lit a candle in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Peter Cooper - February 06 at 12:26 AM

AB

“ *Angela Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Angela Brown - February 05 at 10:37 PM

TF

“ *The Brazil Family*



The Brazil Family - February 05 at 09:04 PM

EB

“ *Elaine Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Elaine Brown - February 05 at 08:42 PM

AW

“ *A. Williene lit a candle in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



A. Williene - February 05 at 02:58 PM

BB

“ *Belinda Barlow-Poole lit a candle in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Belinda Barlow-Poole - February 05 at 01:15 PM

MB

“ *My prayers are with the Barnes Family*



Marilyn Bowman - February 05 at 01:10 PM

LM

“ *Larry Martin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Larry Martin - February 05 at 12:35 PM

CO

“ *Condolences to the family*



Crystal OBryan - February 05 at 10:40 AM

LP

“ *Larry Polk sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Larry Polk - February 05 at 09:39 AM

ML

“ *Margie Baty Lawrence sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Margie Baty Lawrence - February 05 at 08:17 AM

RP

“ *Rudy Patterson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Rudy Patterson - February 05 at 04:19 AM

JG

“ *Jasmine Gipson lighting a candle for my strong woman. Rest in peace*



Jasmine katoya Gipson - February 05 at 12:52 AM

JG

“ *Jasmine Gipson lighting a candle for my strong woman. Rest in peace*

Jasmine katoya Gipson - February 05 at 12:47 AM

GH

“ *Gloria Henderson-Eiland lit a candle in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Gloria Henderson-Eiland - February 04 at 11:29 PM

MD

“ *Ms, Cherilyn Davis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Ms, Cherilyn Davis - February 04 at 10:57 PM

GP

“ *Gail And Dennis Porter lit a candle in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Gail and Dennis Porter - February 04 at 10:38 PM

SC

“ *SONA Carruth lit a candle in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



SONA Carruth - February 04 at 10:07 PM

M?

“ *Mary Hannibal, Saginaw, Texas 🇺🇸. sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Mary Hannibal, Saginaw, Texas 🇺🇸. - February 04 at 09:50 PM

EB

“ *Eva Buckley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Eva Buckley - February 04 at 09:06 PM

EH

“ *Edna Hamilton sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Edna Hamilton - February 04 at 08:32 PM



“ *Joanie Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Joanie Williams - February 04 at 06:49 PM



“ *Serita Oates lit a candle in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Serita Oates - February 04 at 06:49 PM



“ *Darlean Donald sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Darlean Donald - February 04 at 06:28 PM



“ *my deepest condolences to the family & friends of norella. I'm sorry for your loss.*



dorothy brewer - February 04 at 06:19 PM

AF

“ *Annie Ruth Speight Fuller lit a candle in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Annie Ruth Speight Fuller - February 04 at 06:09 PM



“ *Phyllis Thorne sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Phyllis Thorne - February 04 at 06:06 PM

CG

“ *The Goodman and Martin family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes.*



Catherine Goodman - February 04 at 02:44 PM

TQ

“ *Tanya Quiroz sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Norella Barnes*



Tanya Quiroz - February 04 at 01:29 PM