

Do not weep for me, my love,
 For I am not gone away
 I've simply found a gentler place
 Where night turns softly into day.
 Do not weep for what was lost,
 But smile for what we shared,
 For every laugh, each quiet moment,
 Every time you felt I cared.
 I am the whisper in the breeze,
 The warmth upon your skin,
 The calm that finds you in your heart
 When silence settles in.
 When tears begin to fill your eyes,
 Let love be what you see—
 For I live on in every memory
 You hold so close of me.
 So do not weep for me, my love,
 Let your heart be light and free—
 For I am always right beside you...
 Just beyond what eyes can see.

*A Note from
 Heaven...*



Forever in our Hearts



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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

Wornetta
BARNES

SUNRISE JANUARY 2, 1952 - SUNSET: AUGUST 21, 2026

Steele Creek Church
 1929 West Arrowood Rd
 Charlotte NC 28217

SERVICE: AUGUST 29, 2026 @ 1PM



Order of Service

Prelude and Photo Slide Show*

Processional with Musical Prelude — “Wind Beneath My Wings”

Tamara Childress

Scripture Reading

Jackie Cureton

Old Testament...Psalm 27:1–8

New Testament Reading...John 14:1–3

Prayer of Comfort

Reverend Edward Marrow

Selection

“Amazing Grace”

Tamara Childress

Expressions & Remarks

Acknowledgment of Condolences & Reading of the Obituary

Marilyn “Mookie” Tims

Musical Selection “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” Tamara Childress

Eulogy

Pastor Elijah Lewis

Pastor Of Healing Restoration Deliverance Worship Center

Recessional



In Loving Memory of Wornetta Barnes

Wornetta Barnes was born on January 2, 1952, in Lancaster, South Carolina. She was the fourth of eight children born to Juanita and Blease L. Barnes. She was raised with love and family at the center of her life. The Barnes family later relocated to Buffalo, New York, where Wornetta continued to build a life filled with cherished memories, family, and friendships. She attended Public School 31 and Girls Vocational High School in Buffalo, New York.

Wornetta was a beautiful soul who had a way of bringing warmth, laughter, and personality wherever she went. To her family, she was lovingly known as Nay Nay and TuTu. She loved returning to her roots in the Carolinas, where she enjoyed spending time with her cousins, playing cards, sharing laughter, and making memories with the people she loved.

Music was also a special part of Wornetta’s life. She enjoyed listening to the timeless sounds of Gladys Knight and Aretha Franklin, songs that brought her joy, comfort, and perhaps a few moments of singing along.

And when Wornetta stepped out, she stepped out looking beautiful! Those who knew her knew she loved her red press-on nails—a little touch that was uniquely Wornetta and became part of her signature style. She had her own way of making sure she looked good and felt good.

Wornetta also found great joy in the kitchen. She loved to cook and had a special kitchen knife that she had kept and used for many years. She loved that knife! Cooking was more than simply preparing a meal for Wornetta; it was one of the ways she expressed her love and brought family together.

Another fond memory was Wornetta’s love for her pork skins from Broadway Market. She enjoyed them so much and made them often. It was one of those simple pleasures that brought her happiness and became a special family memory. Even now, thinking about Wornetta and her beloved pork skins is sure to bring a smile to those who knew and loved her.

Wornetta leaves to cherish her memory her beloved sons, Michael Barnes Sr. (Tawanna) and Henry Barnes; daughters whom she nurtured, guided, and loved as her own, Lashiree Barnes and Jessica Barnes; grandchildren, Lakeesha Barnes, Ashley, Michael Barnes Jr., Joshua Barnes, and Keyon Barnes; and her two beautiful great-granddaughters, Zyla Johnson and Olivia Barnes.

She is also lovingly remembered by her siblings, the late James L. Barnes, Julie Washington (James), Harold Barnes, Milton Barnes (Cheryl), Dwaine Barnes (Vivian), the late Timothy Barnes, and Roselyn Bagby (Kenneth).

Wornetta also leaves behind a host of beloved cousins, extended family, dear friends, and all those whose lives she touched throughout the years.

Though she is no longer with us in person, Wornetta’s laughter, cooking, style, family traditions, and the many memories she created will live on in the hearts of everyone who loved her.

Her spirit will continue through the family she loved the traditions she shared, the laughter she brought, and the memories that will be treasured for generations to come.

Rest peacefully, Wornetta. Your roots, your love, your laughter, and your beautiful spirit will never be forgotten.