

Bible Verses

I SAMUEL 20:18

*"Tomorrow is the time for
the New Moon Feast. You
will be missed because your
seat at the table will be
empty."*

ECCLESIASTES 9:11

*"The race is not to the
swift, nor the battle to the
strong, but time and chance
happen to them all."*



ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Ushers of St. Maryland

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Nephews

FLOWER BEARERS

Ushers of the Community Church

REPAST

The family will receive friends in the Church Fellowship Hall
after the Committal Service.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

*The family of Willie James Barnes would like to thank
everyone for their kind expressions. Your phone calls, visits,
flowers, thoughts, and prayers have helped us greatly during
our time of bereavement. You pray for us, and we will pray
that God continues to bless us.*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO

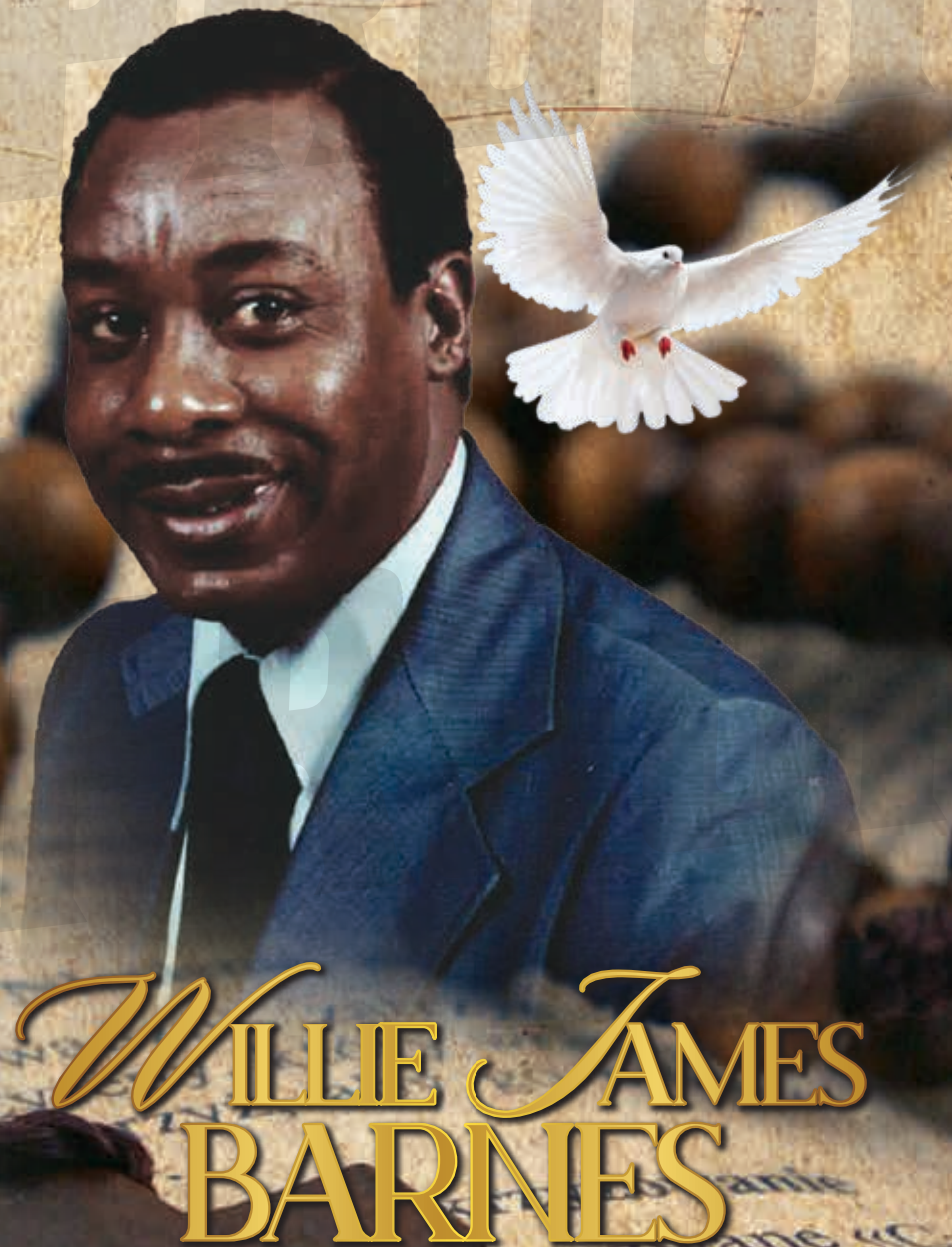
Meadows Funeral Home
OF ALBANY, INC.

315 South Madison St.
Albany, GA 31701

Phone: 229-439-2262 | Fax: 229-439-9290

www.meadowsofalbany.com | meadowsfuneralhome@gmail.com

IN LOVING *Memory* OF



**WILLIE JAMES
BARNES**

SUNRISE

November 1, 1944



SUNSET

January 10, 2025

Friday, January 17, 2025
11:00 AM

ST. MARYLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
5874 GA Hwy 37
Leary, GA

Reverend David Johnson- Officiating

OBITUARY

A TIME TO BE BORN:

Willie James Barnes, "Brother," was born on November 1, 1944, to the late Jessie Barnes, Sr., and Sallie Mae Oliver Barnes.

EDUCATION:

Willie James (Brother) was educated in the Calhoun County school system. Brother graduated from H. T. Singleton High School in 1963.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Willie James, "Brother," worked at Wildmead Plantation for 27 years. He later worked at Deer Run Plantation for seven years. He served on the Leary city council from 1976 - 1987. As a youth in the church he served on the usher board, before serving as a Deacon, and in the late 60s was an adult Sunday school teacher until 2008, and also, the youth director for numerous years. Later serving as the Chairman of the Deacon board.

A TIME TO DIE:

Willie James, "Brother," departed this life Friday, January 10, 2025, at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital of Albany, Georgia.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jessie and Sallie Mae Barnes; and three sisters, Annie Lee, Betty Davis, and Geneva Marshall.

A TIME TO REMEMBER

Brother leaves to cherish his memory: his devoted and loving wife of 51 years, Doris Williams Barnes; devoted son, Marvin Barnes of Tallahassee, Florida; four brothers, James (Mattie), David (Shirley) of Leary, GA, Jessie (Kathy) of Albany, GA, and Nathaniel (Jeanestal) Barnes of Valdosta, GA; two aunts, Mary Oliver and Sallie Perry of Leary, GA; a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws, cousins, and friends; and two special nieces, Annie Carter and Kelsey Anderson.

Miss Me, but Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little, but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love we once shared.
Miss me, but let me go,
For this is a journey that we must all take
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's plan—
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in good deeds.
Miss me, but let me go.*

PRECIOUS MEMORIES



ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Devotion Deacon Willie Fred Scott
Deacon Johnnie B. Johnson

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reverend Wallace Culbreth
New Testament Reverend Kenneth Williams

Selection.....Mixed Choir
St. Maryland and St. Paul

The Obituary..... *Please Read Silently*

Selection.....Mixed Choir
St. Maryland and St. Paul

Reflections *Three Minutes, Please*
As a Member..... Deacon Clennon Jones
As a Brother-in-law Deacon Eddie Williams
As a Father..... Marvin Barnes

Eulogy Reverend David Johnson

Recessional

Committal – Closing Prayer –
Benediction
Final Acknowledgements; Meadows staff

