

CELEBRATING  
THE LIFE

*of*

*Benetta*

E. ROSS

SUNRISE 06.28.1959 | SUNSET 06.06.2023

Saturday, June 17, 2023 - 11 A.M.  
Second Missionary Baptist Church  
954 Kings Road | Jacksonville, FL 32204  
Reverend Will Simmons, Officiating





# Benetta's STORY

Benetta Eve Ross (Barnes) was born on June 28, 1959 to Mrs. Kay Francis Barnes and Mr. William Barnes in Cambridge, England.

Benetta attended school in the Duval County Public School system and graduated from Jean Ribault High School in 1977. She worked diligently as a para-professional and dedicated 32 years of herself to the Duval County Public School system where she retired in 2018.

Benetta accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and was a member of Second Missionary Baptist Church.

Benetta Eve Ross bravely battled ovarian cancer but ultimately transitioned to be with our Heavenly Father on Tuesday, June 6, 2023. She was preceded in death by her father, William Barnes; grandmother, Margaret Howell; her brother Antino Barnes and Cousin Floyd Venable.

Benetta leaves behind to cherish in her memories, her beautiful daughters, Tequilla and Taneishia Ross, Auriel "Shan" Hoffman; grandchildren, Ja'Niyah Rivers, Dontae Dixon and Spade Ransom; her Beloved mother Kay Barnes; her sisters, Evelyn Quarterman (Louis) and Jessie Frison (Julius); brothers, Charles and William Michael Barnes (Cheryl); her devoted companion, Mark Woods; aunt, Betty Venable; goddaughters, TeKeysta Dixon and Kirsten Byrd and a host of nieces, nephews, close relatives and friends.



**Processional**  
"I Shall Wear A Crown"  
Second Missionary Baptist Choir

**Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise**  
Choir

**Solo**  
"Safe in His Arms"  
Sister Thomasina Wilson

**Scriptures**  
Old Testament  
Psalms 121

New Testament  
John 11:25-26

**Solo**  
"Take Me to the King"  
Jermeka Monae

**Moments of Reflection**  
*Please Limit to Two Minutes*

**Resolution**  
Second Missionary Baptist Church

**Acknowledgements**  
KaShaunda Fisher

**Remarks**  
Deacon Johnny McCray

**Solo**  
"Open My Heart"  
Jermeka Monae

**Eulogy**  
Reverend Will Simmons

**Recessional**  
"I'll Fly Away"  
Second Missionary Baptist Choir

# THE ORDER OF *Service*







## YOUR MOTHER, YOUR ANGEL

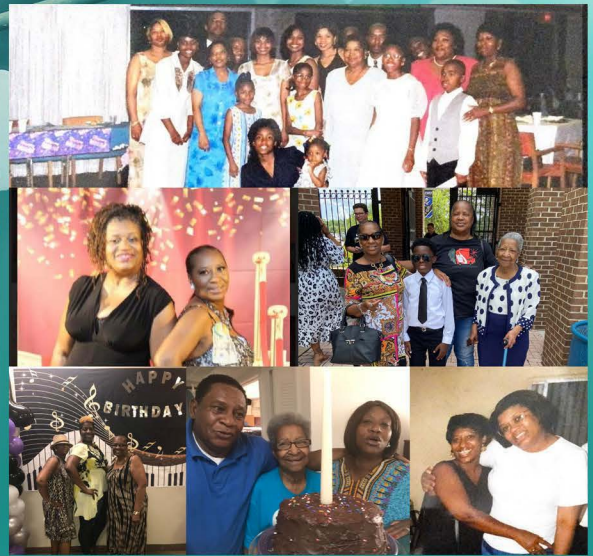
You'll look back on memories you forgot you had,  
And at times you'll smile even though it hurts so bad.  
Your mother is a special woman, and no one can take her place.  
You'll find a peace of mind when you remember her smiling face.  
Your mother is an angel now; she flies high above the rest,  
And in your hearts always and forever she will be the best.  
She has earned her wings, and it's time for her to fly.  
I know it hurts; no one is ever ready to say goodbye.  
She knows you do not understand and that you cry at night,  
But as you finally drift off to sleep, let her memory hold you tight.  
She will be your guardian angel through the rest of your life,  
Helping lead you on the path between what's wrong and right.  
Your mother loves you so very much, and her love will always remain true.  
Please don't ever think for a second that your mother will forget you.  
A mother's love is like no other in the whole world,  
And she has the most wonderful memories of you as a little girl.  
She has taken them with her as she's flown away,  
Up to Heaven free of pain, which is her new home to stay.  
So, although you cannot see her and you wish she could be there,  
Your mother can always hear you, and your mother will always care.  
A mother does not forget the two greatest loves of her life,  
And she loved nothing more than being your mommy and her grandchildren's light.  
She is so proud of her family, and that's in her heart to stay,  
Even though she's an angel and has had to fly away.  
So as you cry your tears, remember your mother's love  
Being sent to you from her, from the beautiful Heaven above.  
She will be there through your good times; she will be there through your bad.  
She'll be there when you are happy, she'll be there when you're sad.  
Your mother has become an angel now; it is her time to fly,  
And you will never know how badly it hurts me to watch you have to say goodbye.
















Time for me to go now, I won't say goodbye;  
Look for me in rainbows, way up in the sky.  
In the morning sunrise when all the world is new,  
Just look for me and love me, as you know I loved you.

Time for me to leave you, I won't say goodbye;  
Look for me in rainbows, high up in the sky.  
In the evening sunset, when all the world is through,  
Just look for me and love me, and I'll be close to you.

It won't be forever, the day will come and then  
My loving arms will hold you, when we meet again.

Time for us to part now, we won't say goodbye;  
Look for me in rainbows, shining in the sky.  
Every waking moment, and all your whole life through  
Just look for me and love me, as you know I loved you.

Just wish me to be near you,  
And I'll be there with you.





## *Pallbearers*

Mark Woods  
Louis Quarterman  
William Barnes  
Charles Barnes  
Adrian Hughes  
Bruce Prince

## *Flower Attendants*

Family and Friends

## *Expressions of Gratitude*

It is with a grateful heart that we take this time to share a word of thanks and endearing appreciation for the gift of family and friends like you. Your kindness shown to us during this difficult time has given us strength and inspiration. May God continue to bless each one of you.

*~The Family of the Late Benetta Eve Ross~*

## *Repast*

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