

HONORING THE LEGACY OF  
*Deacon Benjamin Frank Barnwell*  
*January 30, 1939 – April 28, 2025*



Monday, May 5, 2025  
Twelve O' Clock in the Afternoon

**WILKERSON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
21424 Pocotaligo Road • Early Branch, SC  
*Reverend Charlie Grant – Pastor*



# *“His Legacy”*

Mr. Benjamin Frank Barnwell, a husband, a father, a grandfather, a brother, a deacon, a true Man! Deacon Benjamin Barnwell was born January 30, 1939, in Yemassee, South Carolina to the late Mr. Willie Barnwell and Mrs. Ruby Harley. Mr. Barnwell received his early education in the public schools of Hampton County. He continued and received his high school diploma, where he was a proud graduate of the North District High School. Stepping into manhood, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he would faithfully serve, until his honorable discharge.

Mr. Barnwell always believed that as a man he should always be able to provide for his family. “*A man that don’t work, don’t eat*” was a value that he often stood on. His employment has ranged from; driving his semi far and near, to even working for the U. S. Postal service, where he transported mail constantly, from one location to another.

Being reared in a solid Christian home, Mr. Barnwell was introduced to God at an early age. Throughout the years, he continued in his faith and demonstrated his love for God as much as possible through word and deed. He became a member of the Wilkerson Baptist Church at a young age and remained until his transition. During some time, his family relocated up “North”, and he was ordained as a Deacon. Returning back home, a short while after, Mr. Barnwell continued in his duties, serving God and the people of God, until his health no longer allowed him.

Deacon Barnwell was a genuine kind and loving individual. He possessed a heart of gold and would give the shirt off his back to a stranger in need. He was his own handy man. He would change his own oil or tires, He cleaned and loved doing his own yard work and even had his own garden that he loved to look after. His peace was doing the things he loved with the people he loved.

During the evening hours of Monday, April 28, 2025, the legend, Deacon Benjamin Frank Barnwell, traded his eighty-six years on this earth, for his new home in glory. His departure leaves a painful void, but his legacy will forever live on. Continuing to celebrate the memories of a wonderful life well lived, are his wife: Deaconess Etta Barnwell; daughters: Cherron, Cathlene and Candice Barnwell; stepchildren: Terrie (Michael) Rollins, Charles (Diane) Cuylear, Jessica Morris, and Angela (Kelvin) Cooler; nineteen grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; three great great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law: Johnnie Ruth Barnwell and Sandra Barnwell; aunts and uncles: Daisy (Willie) Lawton, Evelina Harley, Meredith Harley, and Miriam Mack along with a host of numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# *The Order of Service*

*Reverend Bernard Brown – Officiant*

THE PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL

THE OPENING HYMN

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Old Testament ~ Reverend John Porter  
New Testament ~ Bishop Calvin Hamilton

THE PRAYER OF CONSOLATION

SOLO

Mrs. Rivka Brown-Small

EXPRESSIONS OF REMEMBRANCE  
From the Church – Deacon James Boles  
As A Neighbor – Sister Lisa Anderson  
As A Cousin – Deacon Henry Fields

TRIBUTE

Children and Grandchildren

SOLO

Reverend Willa E. Young Priester

THE EULOGY

Reverend Charlie Grant, Pastor

THE PARTING GLIMPSE  
Young Funeral Home

THE BENEDICTION

THE RECESSIONAL

THE COMMITTAL & INTERMENT  
Church Cemetery



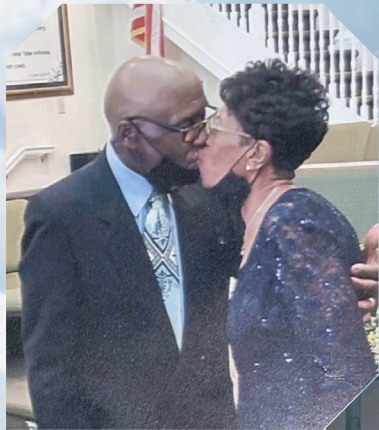




# *In Loving Memory of a Special Husband*

*The day you left and gained your wings,  
my heart just broke in two  
I wish you could have stayed with me  
But Heaven needed you  
You left me with the memories  
and I love you dearly still  
No matter how much time goes by  
you know I always will  
You were a very special person  
with kindness in your heart  
And the love we had together  
grows stronger now we're apart*

*I know I cannot bring you back  
although I wish it everyday  
But a piece of me went with you  
the day you went away*



# *There's Always a Silver Lining*

*There's always a silver lining, somewhere in the sky.  
To bring your troubled soul new hope and lift your spirits high.  
When disappointments come your way, accept them with a smile,  
For deep down in your heart you know, they only last for but a little while.  
Do not believe you walk alone, because you truly never do,  
Hold out your hand and you will find that God is always right there with you.*



# *If You Knew*

*If you knew where I am standing, if you could see the sights I see  
If you could hear the angels singing, the songs they sing eternally  
If you knew the One I'm holding, could see the smile He smiles at me  
If you knew where I am resting, you would not cry for me  
I'm resting in the arms of Jesus, no other place would I rather be  
So if you shed a tear, please don't shed it for me  
For if you knew where I am resting, you would not cry for me*





*Pallbearers*  
Family and Friends

*Flower Attendants*  
Family and Friends



*Acknowledgement*

Words cannot express how grateful our family is for your generous support, encouraging words, and thoughts and prayers. Thank you for thinking of us in our time of need. May God continue to bless you.



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