



Vanessa Raven Barnes-Franklin

August 20, 1959 - April 21, 2025

Mrs. Vanessa Raven Barnes-Franklin was born August 20, 1959 in Chattanooga, Tennessee, to the late Curtis Mills and Alma Barnes. Her early education includes James A. Henry Elementary and East Fifth Street Junior High. Vanessa graduated from Riverside High School, Chattanooga, Tennessee in 1977.

After many years in Chattanooga, she moved to Orlando, Florida, where she married the late Charles Franklin. She was employed as a Cosmetologist for many years. In addition, Vanessa worked for the National Linen Service, Andy Fran and Pizza Hut. Vanessa's religious affiliations included Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church and Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Eatonville, Florida, where she later moved her membership under the leadership of Pastor Willie C. Barnes. Vanessa served faithfully in the Choir, Usher Board and supported other organizations and areas in the church until her passing. On Monday, April 21, 2025, Vanessa gained her wings and went home to be with the Lord.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: two Sons, Antonio T. Barnes, Orlando, Florida and Robert W. Banks, Jr. (Sally), Chattanooga, Tennessee; Mother, Alma Barnes, Orlando Florida; Sister, Emma Barnes, Orlando Florida; Brothers, Pastor Willie C. Barnes (Anita) Orlando, Florida, Curtis L. Barnes (Von) Chattanooga, Tennessee, Robert Barnes, Orlando Florida; Aunts,

Emma Brown and Iness Hunter, Toledo, Ohio; Grandchildren, Raven Banks, Trinity Banks, Daijia Banks, Chattanooga Tennessee, Antoniya Benn, Orlando, Florida, Robert O. Banks, Chattanooga, Tennessee, Lashavious Harris; Great-Grandchildren, A'syn Toran, Kaiyare Newman, Chance Bell, Eliyha Kampbell, Ashton Johnson, Kamryn Moses, Orlando, Florida; Goddaughter, Jaelynn Alexander Floyd-Robinson; Godson, Jayden Reaves; Nieces, Nikela Henderson, Chattanooga Tennessee, Kimberly Barnes, Tonya Barnes, Sonya Barnes, Latisha McFarland, Orlando Florida, Anissa Mack (Howard) Dallas, Texas, Octavia Barnes, Jasmine Barnes, Orlando, Florida; Great-Niece, Nigeria Bush, Orlando, Florida; Great-Grand Nieces, Autumn, Ava, Adriana, A'lani, Ariel; Nephews, Curtis Brandon Barnes, (Chattanooga Tennessee), Roderick Barnes, Vincent Thomas, Travis Barnes, Dallas Mack (Orlando, Florida); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
412 E. Kennedy Blvd.
Eatonville, FL 32751

Service

MAY 3. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

NI

“ Thank u Godmom for coming into my life and filling it with unconditional love I am going to miss you so much ... your wings where ready but our hearts was not ...rest in peace my new beautiful angel



nisha - May 03, 2025 at 12:05 PM

CF

“ Cookie and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Vanessa Raven Barnes-Franklin.



Cookie and family - May 03, 2025 at 11:52 AM

CF

“ Cookie and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vanessa Raven Barnes-Franklin.

Cookie and family - May 03, 2025 at 11:52 AM

LN

“ To the family you are in my thoughts and prayers. Mommy Barnes Van will be truly miss. We had been friends since elementary school attend middle and High school together. She would stay with me sometimes when she came to town we had a special sister bond. I Love you all



Loretta Nunn - May 03, 2025 at 11:18 AM

CB

“ Brother and me want y'all to know that we really really love you all and wish we could be there and keep keeping y'all in our prayers and rest in heavenly peace van until we meet again love your brother and von



Curtis and Lavonza Barnes - May 02, 2025 at 01:22 PM

RB

“ Reba Blanton lit a candle in memory of Vanessa Raven Barnes-Franklin



Reba Blanton - May 01, 2025 at 03:55 PM

EA

“ Curtis, words will not wipe away your tears and hugs may not ease your pain but hold onto your memories because forever they will remain. ~Elaine Askew & Family (Chattanooga, TN)



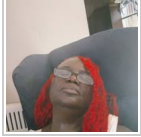
Elaine Askew - May 01, 2025 at 11:26 AM

LL

“ Lanese L. purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Vanessa Raven Barnes-Franklin.



Lanese L. - May 01, 2025 at 09:06 AM



“ Van I could go on with our story my Shadow I will always love U girl U always been my #1 cousin n best friend love U get ur rest sleep on

Catherine Hicks - April 30, 2025 at 02:21 PM



“ Catherine Hicks lit a candle in memory of Vanessa Raven Barnes-Franklin



Catherine Hicks - April 30, 2025 at 02:15 PM

CB

“ My Friend, My Friend, I turned around and you were gone. I am gonna really miss you, May God wrap his loving arms around you. Until we meet again.

Curtis J Butler - April 29, 2025 at 08:58 PM

MS

“ MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Vanessa Raven Barnes-Franklin



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - April 29, 2025 at 10:05 AM

GW

I'm just torn words can't explain .Wish I was able to make it.My condolences to family love you as far as east is to west.RIP Van my sister..

gloria williams - May 03, 2025 at 11:42 AM