



Elmer Ruth Brackett Barnes

January 26, 1951 - May 8, 2012

Celebration of Life for Elmer Ruth Brackett Barnes will be held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at Cleaves Memorial CME Church in Columbia, SC. Rev. Dr. Jimmy E. Gilbert, Sr. is officiating. Ms. Barnes was born in Cherokee County, SC to A. H. Brackett and Sarah Mae lee Logan Brackett and was the second of their four children.

Elmer attended the public schools of New York where she was a 1969 graduate of Girls High School in Brooklyn, NY. She continued her education and training to become a postal employee with the City of New York and as a Court Officer for the State of New York.

In 1988 she moved her children to Columbia, SC. She was an usher at the Cleaves Memorial CME Church. Her personal theme was "I have a master plan" and when things were rough, she was always able to pull herself and the family through.

Left to cherish fond memories: two sons, Rev. Joiquim Barnes, Johnny Barnes, Jr.; two daughters, Sarae Livingston and Pia Barnes; her parents; a sister and brother; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.