



Ms. Fannie J. Barbour

November 16, 1924 - April 6, 2020

***NOTE: MOTHER BARBOUR'S GRAVESIDE COMMITTALL WAS HELD ON APRIL 9, 2020. A CELEBRATION OF LIFE TBD

****FULL OBITUARY LISTED BELOW****

Fannie Jane Hobbs was born on November 16, 1924 in Fannin, Mississippi the twelfth and last surviving child of fourteen children born to Hardy Hobbs and Lillie King Hobbs. On the evening of April 6, 2020, Mother Fannie J. Barbour transitioned to eternal life. She was preceded in death by her parents, Hardy Hobbs Sr. and Lillie Hobbs, her thirteen siblings: Avie Hobbs, Daisy Mitchell, Annie Bell Weathers, Louise Scott, Ella Mae Miller, Lou Della Hobbs, Hardy Hobbs Jr., Louis Hobbs, Oscar Hobbs, Bud Hobbs, Sidney Hobbs, Emma Ruth McCoy and Queen Esther Fountain.

Fannie Jane Hobbs, also known by family and friends as "Doll" graduated from High School in Louisville, Mississippi. She then became part of the "Great Migration" North. She married Malvin Fountain on April 26, 1947. They settled in Kalamazoo, Michigan where their only child Melvin Jerome Fountain was born.

The marriage dissolved and Fannie Fountain became a single mother with a small boy. She worked cleaning doctors' offices and selling Avon to make ends meet. In the mid-1950's she started working at Gilmore Brothers Tea

Room as the Soda Fountain Girl and she eventually became Head Cook and Supervisor. Cooking was Fannie's passion. She enjoyed cooking and feeding people. If you came over to visit her you better be ready to eat because she was going to feed you! Fannie loved "fellowshipping" around a meal.

Fannie Fountain bought a house in the early 50's. Many people questioned why she wanted such a big house for her and a little boy. She remodeled the upstairs to an efficiency apartment and two bedrooms. Fannie Fountain rented the efficiency apartment to help pay her mortgage. Later, Fannie became quite the entrepreneur, acquiring, remodeling and renting real estate. Her residential remodeling reputation allowed her to contract and sub-contract other work. Her grandchildren earned money for "school clothes" while learning basic painting and plastering skills. Many Northside residents got their first chance or improved their residential remodeling skills working for Ms. Barbour.

Ms. Fannie Barbour married a second time. Both of her husband preceded her in death.

Mother Fannie Barbour accepted Christ at a very, early age. She was a member of several churches before finding her true church home at Galilee Baptist Church where Dr. Michael T. Scott is pastor. Mother Barbour faithfully attended Galilee and was active in the Mother's Board and Mission Board until failing health limited her mobility.

Mother Barbour leaves to cherish her memory, son, Melvin J. (Helen) Fountain of Grand Rapids; grandchildren, Krishna (Tanjaly) Fountain, Idris Fountain, Omar Fountain, Ainka Fountain, Kurt Morris and Sereagen Morris; 13 grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; and a special friend, Pirley Bracken. Also, several nephews, nieces, great-nephews and great nieces and a host of family and friends

***IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, Please send memorial gifts to:

Fannie Barbour

P.O. Box 19413

Kalamazoo, Michigan 49019

Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Fannie J. Barbour*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Ms. Fannie J. Barbour*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Tikita Garland lit a candle in memory of Ms. Fannie J. Barbour*



Tikita Garland - September 23, 2020 at 09:07 PM



“ *Lula Ligon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Fannie J. Barbour*



Lula Ligon - July 10, 2020 at 04:46 PM

MS

“ *The Simmons Family (Moses, Janice, Alex & Kelleyah)*



Mozell Kelley Simmons - June 23, 2020 at 02:46 AM

PF

“ *PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Ms. Fannie J. Barbour*



PATTERSON FAMILY - May 11, 2020 at 10:32 AM

PF

“ *PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Ms. Fannie J. Barbour*



PATTERSON FAMILY - May 06, 2020 at 02:37 PM

MW

“ *Michelle Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Fannie J. Barbour*



Michelle Williams - April 23, 2020 at 05:56 PM

MB

“ *Merry Battles lit a candle in memory of Ms. Fannie J. Barbour*



Merry Battles - April 19, 2020 at 03:07 PM

MB

“ *MERRY BATTLES lit a candle in memory of Ms. Fannie J. Barbour*



MERRY BATTLES - April 16, 2020 at 08:19 PM

AR

“ *Audrey Rancifer-McGrew lit a candle in memory of Ms. Fannie J. Barbour*



Audrey Rancifer-McGrew - April 16, 2020 at 12:37 AM

VA

“ *Victor & Margo Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Fannie J. Barbour*



Victor & Margo Anderson - April 13, 2020 at 05:17 PM



“ Galilee Missions Ministry



Cathy Page - April 13, 2020 at 05:02 PM



“ Victor & Margo Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Fannie J. Barbour



Victor & Margo Anderson - April 13, 2020 at 02:35 PM



“ Birletta Bean lit a candle in memory of Ms. Fannie J. Barbour



Birletta Bean - April 11, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ Lula Ligon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Fannie J. Barbour



Lula Ligon - April 10, 2020 at 01:01 PM

AT

“ *Alice Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Fannie J. Barbour*



Alice Taylor - April 10, 2020 at 10:07 AM