



Mrs. Walterine Barnwell

March 1, 1928 - August 28, 2024

Walterine Eudora Barnwell, lovingly known as Walcie, departed this life at the age of 96 on 28 August 2024. Walcie was born on 1 March 1928 at Buxton, Guyana, South America, the second child of the late Walter Henry Gibson and Margaret Isola Gibson. Growing up in Guyana, the eldest girl of fourteen children, Walcie was the cornerstone who led by example and was like a second mother to her younger siblings who sought her advice on all things. Walcie attended Golden Grove Methodist Elementary School, Washington High School, and Mrs. Sargent's

Commercial School where she received her secretarial degree. Upon graduation from Mrs. Sargent's, Walcie moved to Bartica where she assumed the position of Secretary for the Transport and Harbours Department. After a few years she moved back to Georgetown where she resumed her previous position. At the age of 19, Walcie met Caryl Neville Barnwell. Their five-year courtship culminated in marriage at St. Mark's Anglican Church in Enmore on 20 December 1952. After she married, Walcie gave up working to assume the most important job of all—raising a family which grew to include five sons and one daughter. While her husband Neville rose to the ranks of District Commissioner, a job which entailed that he travel and work in different states, Walcie settled in Kitty, Georgetown where with God at the helm, she dedicated her love and life to the well-being of her family.

Throughout her life Walcie was an honest, faithful wife and mother whose unwavering commitment to her faith and love of God enabled her to persevere during the most troubling times. Walcie continued to raise her children with a strong moral and educational foundation after the untimely death of her husband in April 1975. She was baptized into the Kitty Seventh-Day Adventist Church where she became a colporteur, Deaconess, member of The Dorcas Society, and served as the Treasurer for many years.

On 12 October 1986, Walcie emigrated to the United States and settled in Maryland. She enrolled in a business course at Strayer University and in 1987, at the young age of 59 years, she graduated with a business degree. After graduating, Walcie worked as an administrative assistant at the Association for Community Based Education in Washington, D.C. Walcie's parents Walter and Isola came to live with her and for many years she nurtured and took care of them. When her father died in 1992, Walcie and her mother moved from Maryland to Georgia where she became her mother's primary caregiver until her death in 2003. In 2007, Walcie joined the Decatur Seventh-Day Adventist Church where

she continued her lifetime of service as a Jett Setter and Deaconess while ministering to the prisoners, shut-ins, and poor—touching many lives with her kindness and ever-abundant love.

Walcie was predeceased by her loving husband Caryl Neville Barnwell, parents Walter and Isola Gibson; sisters Monica Gibson and Genevieve Moses; and brothers Kenneth Gibson, Henry Gibson, and Edward Gibson.

Walcie will be sorely missed and is survived by her children: Caryl Wyndham Barnwell, Joy Moore (Colin), Orin Michael Kenneth Barnwell (Dorina), Gordon Neville Barnwell (Sharon), Peter Nigel André Barnwell (Dacia), Keith

Winston Andrew Barnwell (Katherine); sisters: Grace Dudley, Nola Brooms, Joycelyn Langhorne, Jean Pinckney, Hazeline Gibson, Lynette Harrop-Williams; brothers: Robert Gibson (June Ann), Carl Gibson (May), 27 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and countless cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, as per Walcie's request, please donate to the Decatur Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Community Service and Homeless Ministries.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 8. 9:00 AM (ET)

Decatur Seventh Day Adventist Church
2365 Candler Rd
Decatur, GA 30032

Burial

SEP 8 (ET)

Hillandale Memorial Gardens
6201 Hillandale Dr
Lithonia, GA 30058-4759
(770) 981-1144

Tribute Wall

DG

“ *Darius Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Walterine Barnwell*



Darius Gibson - November 11, 2024 at 12:49 AM

DG

“ *Rest in eternal peace Aunty Wallsy. You will be missed dearly and remembered for your cheer.*

Darius Gibson - November 11, 2024 at 12:48 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mrs. Walterine Barnwell.*



September 10, 2024 at 07:18 PM

CT

“ *CHERIEL & THE ATL CARIBBEAN JERKFEST TEAM planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Walterine Barnwell.*

CHERIEL & THE ATL CARIBBEAN JERKFEST TEAM - September 10, 2024 at 07:18 PM

SB

“ *Sydney & Gloria Barnwell purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Mrs. Walterine Barnwell.*



Sydney & Gloria Barnwell - September 07, 2024 at 08:44 AM

SB

“ *Sydney & Gloria Barnwell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Walterine Barnwell.*

Sydney & Gloria Barnwell - September 07, 2024 at 08:44 AM



“ Although I met you much later in life, I'm so glad to have met and embraced you, Grandma. You are such a beautiful soul and I love your spirit. You truly love the Lord. Now I see where the foundation of the family started in Christ. I love and miss you. I wish I could have seen you more and fellowshiped with you at your church. Thank you for the love you showed me and my husband. I had hoped he could of met you but at least he heard your voice. I'm so thankful and honored to know you. Rest well, Grandma. Until we meet again. With love,
Marquita ❤️



Marquita Jordan - September 06, 2024 at 11:02 PM

DG

“ My sincere condolences to the Barnwell family. I was writing a long drawn out speech (and you may still think this is one), but I will just quote this poem from a wall plaque that Sister B gave to my mom for Christmas about 50 years ago, when we lived on the same street, Pike Street in Guyana. "Within the garden of my heart where flowers of friendship grow, there are blossoms of remembrance, forget me nots so blue and purple velvet pansies to tell my thoughts of you and roses that will always bloom whatever be the weather, whose fragrance is the memory of days we spent together". I never forgot that poem and sent it to her on a flowery copy paper. I will miss and love Sister B always. She was the most wonderful person besides my mom that I know. My condolences to Caryl, Joy, Orin, Gordon, Keith and Nigel and to your wives, children and grandchildren!💔
❤️🙏😭

Donna Gonsalves - September 06, 2024 at 08:49 PM

DG

P.S. Last sentence should read "My condolences to your wives, husband, children and grandchildren."

Donna G - September 06, 2024 at 09:33 PM

SM

A Beautiful gentle well respected woman.
My sympathies to the Family.

Sharon Mohan - September 06, 2024 at 11:20 PM

DG

“ Donna G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Walterine Barnwell.

Donna G. - September 06, 2024 at 08:08 PM

WB

“ REST in HEAVENLY PEACE BEAUTIFUL AUNTIE WALTIE ❤️!!



Wendy H Barnwell - September 06, 2024 at 07:16 PM

TM

“ The McDonalds & The Mullicans purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mrs. Walterine Barnwell.



The McDonalds & The Mullicans - September 06, 2024 at 06:28 PM

LF

“ Lorna Higgins & United Freight Fwdrs. purchased the Heartfelt Tribute Lavender & White Floor Basket Arrangement for the family of Mrs. Walterine Barnwell.



Lorna Higgins & United Freight Fwdrs. - September 06, 2024 at 06:12 PM

LF

“ Lorna Higgins & United Freight Fwdrs. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Walterine Barnwell.

Lorna Higgins & United Freight Fwdrs. - September 06, 2024 at 06:12 PM

TF

“ The Baldeo and Koylass families purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mrs. Walterine Barnwell.



The Baldeo and Koylass families - September 06, 2024 at 04:35 PM

EF

“ From Lucille Bernard and family. Mr and Mrs Barnwell lived in Leguan where her husband served as District Commissioner and my father David Bernard was the Post Master.
May her soul RIP



Eulene Fraser - September 06, 2024 at 01:30 PM

RF

“ Robert & Faye purchased the White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mrs. Walterine Barnwell.



Robert & Faye - September 06, 2024 at 12:54 PM