



## Mrs. Retha Luke Barnes Obituary

July 22, 1922 - April 9, 2012

Mrs. Retha Luke Barnes, 89, 466 Miller Rd #B, Leesburg died Monday, April 9, 2012 at her residence.

Her funeral service will be Friday, April 13, 2012 11 AM at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors with entombment in Crown Hill Mausoleum. Rev. Ray Lowe will officiate. The family will receive friends Thursday 6 to 9 PM at Kimbrell-Stern.

A native of Fitzgerald, Mrs. Barnes raised a large healthy family. She spent a great portion of her life working in industries that served as the backbone of America. From the Flint River Cotton Mill in Albany where she began working at the age of 17 to the shipyard in Brunswick where she served as a welder during World War II to Rockwell International and eventual factory owner Ayers Corporation where she served as an airplane fabrication until her retirement in 2000.

She was tireless and industrious woman throughout her life. Pastimes included vacations to the Blue Ridge Mountains, Charleston, SC, listening to Conway Twitty, Crocheting, and cooking meals for her family. Mrs. Barnes was a member of Philema Road Baptist Church.

Survivors include daughters Leila Mann, Leesburg, Patricia King (Ray),

Leesburg, Martha Osborn (Raymond), Oklahoma City, OK, Greta Pye, Charleston, SC, Regina West (Tommy), Adel; sons Randolph Barnes (Mary Beth), Leesburg, Michael Barnes, Leesburg, Freddie Barnes (Jimmie), Lee County; brother, Fred Luke, Fitzgerald; sister in law, Hazel Luke, Fitzgerald; 28 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren, 4 great great grandchildren; 2 dogs, Angel and Prissy; 3 birds, Salty, Buddy and Pete.

Those desiring please make memorials to the American Heart Association, 3338-L Country Club Road, PMB 305, Valdosta, GA 31605 or American Cancer Society, 323 Pine Ave, Suite 100, Albany, Georgia 31701.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 12. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors  
1503 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

## Entombment

APR 13 (ET)

Crown Hill Cemetery  
1907 Dawson Rd  
Albany, GA 31707  
(229) 883-6600  
<https://www.kimbrellstern.com/>

## Funeral Service

APR 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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1503 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

# Tribute Wall



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December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *PLEASE ACCEPT OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR YOUR MOTHERS PASSING, SINCERELY , THE AKINS FAMILY.*

**DINA TONN - LEESBURG, GA** - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“Greta and Family ,we were so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing  
She was such a kind and sweet person with the biggest heart. Last time I saw her after" Big Berle "passed she told me how proud she was of me . She always had a smile .She raised such a wonderful close and loving family. That is such a precious gift. I know she will be greatly missed.

*With Deepest Sympathy. Our Prayers are with you and the Barnes family.*

*Donna & Alex*

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**Donna - FL - Friends of Family** - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HF

“You put up such a strong fight, but you were ready to be with your loved ones in Heaven with our God. May your beautiful soul rest in peace.

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**Holly Holton - Adel , GA - Friend of the family** - April 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“Retha was the best at her job at Ayres Corp. I worked with her for twenty years and she was always on time, energetic and willing to attempt anything handed her. Her personality was super and upbeat.

*I valued her as a REAL friend.*

*Rest, now dear Retha..... You have earned it.*

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**sterling fallin - albany, GA - friend and co-worker** - April 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ I share your sadness as we all mourn the passing of Aunt Retha. She was truly a GREAT lady and will be so missed by all that knew her. She was so kind hearted, loving and giving of her time, love and devotion to her family. I admire her so for the hard work Aunt Retha endured during her life. You are all so blessed to have had such a kindered heart, fun loving, full spirited mother as you had. I will always treasure our last conversation. She talked about my daddy and her as she was growing up. I know Heaven lite up and was full of joy on April 9, 2012 when Aunt Retha entered the Glorious Gates and was greeted with open arms by our Savior and Uncle Freeman and Granny and Grandpa Luke. What a legend we have in Aunt Rethas memory. May God bless each of you and help comfort you during these days ahead.  
Love always,  
Gloria and Aaron

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**Gloria Luke Archer - Bonaire, GA - Niece** - April 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ WE WANT TO SAY WE WERE SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT MS RETHA.SHE WAS A SPECIAL PATIENT TO US.WE WILL MISS HER VERY MUCH,SHE WAS ALWAYS SO SWEET & NICE WHEN SHE CAME IN TO SEE US.WHEN YOU GUYS ARE UN THE AREA STOP BY & SAY HELLO. THINKING OF YOU IN PRAYER,  
DEBBIE & SHERYL  
COUMADIN L CLINIC/AIM

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**DEBBIE & SHERYL - albany, GA - friends** - April 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ I am so very sorry to hear of dear Aunt Retha's passing. When I think of her, I will always remember her quite laugh, her gentle spirite, her tender homemade biscuits and her magically delicious 13 layer chocolate cake. Know that we are thinking of you with our hearts and remembering you in our prayers.

*Teresa Luke Hughes*

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**Teresa Luke Hughes - Braselton, GA - Niece - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM**