



Elnora Barry Floyd

June 5, 1932 - September 13, 2024

Elnora Barry Floyd, the third of five children of Louis and Magnolia (Dickerson) Barry, was born June 5, 1932, in Columbus, Mississippi.

She was called home on September 13, 2024, in Atlanta, Georgia. Elnora was raised in a close-knit, loving Christian family in Steens, Mississippi. At an early age, she became active in Military Chapel Methodist Church, where she was deeply involved in Sunday School, Bible Study, Vacation Bible School, the School of Christian Mission, the Mississippi Annual Conference, and the United Methodist Women's missionary organizations. Her commitment and devotion were fueled by her mother Magnolia's passion for change and activism. Elnora loved Jesus, and Jesus loved her.

Mrs. Floyd began working as a domestic worker on Columbus Air Force Base. She later became a pioneer in integrating the garment factory in Caledonia, MS, working to ensure many other Black women joined her in the workforce. Mrs. Floyd left the garment plant and was instrumental in establishing Anderson Grove's Lowndes County Head Start Program at the formerly all-Black elementary school—Anderson Grove Elementary School. She joined many other community members in the fight to restore the facility, then became the Social Services Director/Coordinator. In her role, she worked tirelessly to ensure that ALL children from low-socioeconomic backgrounds in the community were enrolled. She was also instrumental in helping many of

the women she worked with at the garment plant to join her in the workforce of the Head Start program. The Head Start facility's success eventually led to the construction of the Anderson Grove Community Center, which is now under the leadership of Lowndes County Parks and Recreation.

Elnora matriculated through Military Chapel School, Union Academy High School, and graduated from R. E. Hunt High School in Columbus, MS. She continued her education through courses to maintain her social services certification.

Life as a working mother of a growing family with her military husband, Johnnie Lee Floyd, was challenging, however their faith in the Lord and their worship at Brownlee United Methodist Church ensured the family persevered. Elnora was a caring, loving, generous, and STRONG woman.

Her love and generosity extended beyond her immediate family. She was the caretaker for those needing a home as well as for both of her aged parents. She also helped feed many in the community through her deep freezer full of food and tireless work with Meals on Wheels.

After retiring, Elnora became the caregiver for many of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as for the children of friends. Hence, this is how she eventually relocated to Georgia, joining her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in worship at Cascade United Methodist Church. She also joined Cascade United Methodist Women.

Elnora enjoyed cooking caramel cakes, cornbread dressing, pecan pies, sweet potato pies, and many other family favorites. She always made sure you had enough to eat or left with plates to take home.

Mrs. Floyd loved to travel, especially with family or for family. For several

years, she traveled to hear "Note-singing" within the Mississippi-Alabama area. She thoroughly enjoyed coordinating, attending, and traveling with family to attend family reunions across the United States. Her last family reunion was to Ohio in September 2023.

Elnora Floyd was preceded in death by her husband, John Lee "Shorty" Floyd; her daughter, Barbara Sheretta Blunt; and her brothers, Billy and Otis Barry.

She leaves behind cherished memories with her sisters and sister-in-law — Ollie Rose Baber of Seattle, WA; Arleen Barry of El Paso, TX; and Barbara (Willie) Kennedy of Moss Point, MS. She is also survived by her children — Kelly Floyd of Jackson, MS; Sherina Hughes of Fort Worth, TX; Patricia (Garry) Bell of Lithia Springs, GA; Albert (Deborah, deceased) Floyd of Odenton, MD; Alice (Eugene, deceased) Johnson of Marietta, GA; Ollie Floyd of Lithia Springs, GA; Adrian (Shownie) Floyd of Canton, GA; a daughter by love, Johnnie (Dan) Ranch of Steens, MS. Additionally, she is survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and her first great-great-grandchild.

Condolences may be sent to Patricia Bell 2598 Chesterbrooke Dr., Lithia Springs, GA 30122.

Elnora Floyd's funeral service will be held on September 28, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Military Chapel United Methodist Church, 4349 HWY 12 E Steens, MS 39766 and will be officiated by Pastor Gross (retired, Cascade United Methodist Church).

The service will be streamed online on the Facebook page of Hairston & Hairston Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Military Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery

4349 HWY 12 East
Steens, MS 39766

Previous Events

Family Hour

SEP 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hairston & Hairston Funeral Homes - Columbus
1123 5th Ave N
Columbus, MS 39701
(662) 328-1730

Visitation

SEP 27. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Hairston and Hairston Funeral Home Chapel - Columbus
1123 5th Ave. N.
Columbus, MS 39701
hairstonfuneral@att.net
<https://www.hairstonandhairstonfuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

SEP **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Military Chapel United Methodist Church
4349 HWY 12 East
Steens, MS 39766

Pastor Gross (retired), Officiating

Tribute Wall

TD

“ Tonya Marie Watson Donald lit a candle in memory of Elnora Barry Floyd



Tonya Marie Watson Donald - September 28, 2024 at 02:34 PM

VA

“ Valerie Austin lit a candle in memory of Elnora Barry Floyd



Valerie Austin - September 28, 2024 at 11:53 AM

SM

“ Shannon McKay lit a candle in memory of Elnora Barry Floyd



Shannon McKay - September 28, 2024 at 11:46 AM

SM

“ Mrs. Floyd was the epitome of Love. When my sister married into the Floyd family, that Love just flowed right over to our entire family. She was a loving, strong, smart, faithful, family and beautiful woman. It was a blessing to have met her and to have connected with her here on earth. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Shannon McKay - September 28, 2024 at 11:40 AM

SD

“ *To God Be The Glory*



sellus &Irma Dickerson - September 28, 2024 at 11:16 AM

WR

“ *Willa Hill, Jay, Jabari & Jailyn Rollins lit a candle in memory of Elnora Barry Floyd*



Willa Hill, Jay, Jabari & Jailyn Rollins - September 27, 2024 at 09:42 AM

WR

Rico, Shownie and the entire Floyd Family, We send you our love and prayers in the loss of such an amazing woman. Her legacy will live many years to come. Be at PEACE 🙏❤️

Willa Hill, Jay, Jabari & Jailyn Rollins - September 27, 2024 at 09:45 AM

HF

Helen Foster and Family To the entire Floyd Family, We send you our love and prayers in the loss of your mother someone I knew growing up and her family even now. Who was amazing woman who will never be forgotten always. Rest in Peace 🙏❤️

Helen Foster - September 27, 2024 at 04:06 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Elnora Barry Floyd.* ”



September 27, 2024 at 04:53 AM



“ *Dinah L Williams lit a candle in memory of Elnora Barry Floyd* ”



Dinah L Williams - September 26, 2024 at 12:27 PM



Dinah L Williams - September 26, 2024 at 12:29 PM



“ *Suzzette and Jay-Anthony Bogan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elnora Barry Floyd.* ”

Suzzette and Jay-Anthony Bogan - September 25, 2024 at 07:39 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elnora Barry Floyd.* ”



September 25, 2024 at 07:39 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elnora Barry Floyd.*



September 24, 2024 at 05:02 PM



“ *Sandra Lewis lit a candle in memory of Elnora Barry Floyd*



Sandra Lewis - September 23, 2024 at 09:29 PM



Thank you Sandra for sharing with us. May Grace, mercy, and peace be with you.

Pat Floyd Bell - September 30, 2024 at 01:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elnora Barry Floyd.*



September 23, 2024 at 09:51 AM



“ *Condolences to the family of Elnora Floyd. Sorry for your loss. Pray that God comfort your hearts.*

Janet W - September 20, 2024 at 12:36 PM

PB

Thank you for your thoughtfulness. The LORD is continually strengthening us to take life one day at a time!❤️🙏❤️

Pat Floyd Bell - September 30, 2024 at 01:13 AM

JV

“ Mrs. Elnora Open Door Policy and strong Dedication as a Good and Faithful Servant which guranteed that "A True Angel of God have Embraced her Wings." We Thank you and Know God's Arms is Open Wide for a Job Well done!!! Your earthly Presence will truly be missed by so many. It is with Heartfelt Sympathy and Teary eyes that I say R.I.P!!!!



Joyce Lowe, Vaughn - September 19, 2024 at 09:06 AM

JJ

“ Condolences to the family of Mrs Elnora Floyd. She was a remarkable lady with a big open heart for people. She will be truly missed by her family, former coworkers, as well as her Caledonia/Steens community.

Jackie James - September 18, 2024 at 09:02 PM

AB

“ Angela Bostick And Effie Bostick sent a virtual gift in memory of Elnora Barry Floyd



Angela Bostick and Effie Bostick - September 18, 2024 at 02:51 PM

PB

Thank you for sharing in our time of celebrating Mom! Your presence and prayers are deeply appreciated. 🤍🙏🤍

Pat Floyd Bell - September 30, 2024 at 01:11 AM

BH

“ *Barbara W Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of Elnora Barry Floyd*



Barbara W Hill - September 18, 2024 at 08:21 AM

BW

“ *BEATRICE WOLFE lit a candle in memory of Elnora Barry Floyd*



BEATRICE WOLFE - September 17, 2024 at 06:23 PM

RJ

“ *Roy L Jones lit a candle in memory of Elnora Barry Floyd*



Roy L Jones - September 17, 2024 at 04:32 PM