



Lula Mae Barksdale

April 13, 1924 - September 5, 2013

Lula Mae Cowens was the second child born to Roosevelt Cowens and Martha McKinney (both deceased) on April 13, 1924 in Brinkley, Arkansas. Her only sibling, Rosie, born in 1922, preceded her in death.

At the age of nine, Lula accepted Christ as her personal Saviour in Arkansas. Soon afterwards, she developed a love of music and expressed it with her distinctive contralto voice.

Upon relocating to Chicago, IL, she graduated from DuSable High School in 1943. Later that same year, she married Roy Barksdale (deceased). To that union, three beautiful daughters were born. Their middle child, Royetta, preceded her in death.

Throughout Lula's life, she was led to several churches where she shared her musical gifts and talents. Those churches were Zephaniah, Shiloh, Mt. Carmel, Lighthouse, Cathedral of Love, South Park, and Mars Hill.

Due to her sincere passion for Gospel music, Lula composed, arranged, and performed several pieces of music. In 1998 and 1999, she became the copyright author and claimant for two of those pieces.

On Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 7:50 p.m., Lula's Heavenly Father called

her home. She peacefully departed this life listening to the music she loved as her youngest granddaughter sang "How Great Thou Art" to her.

Lula Mae Cowens Barksdale, affectionately called "Granny" by her family, leaves loving memories in the hearts of two children, Dereetra (Alvin) Askew and Cindy Barksdale; four grandchildren, Daymon (Althea) Askew, Dawn Sosa, David (Tamara) Askew and Danielle (Brandon) Kendrick; six great grandchildren, Phillip Morris, Ariana and Joseph Askew, Kaylah Sosa, Aniyah and Micah Askew; and a host of other relatives, friends and church members.

To God Be The Glory!!!

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

11500 South Fairfield
Chicago, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church
2978 South Wabash Avenue
Chicago, IL

Service

SEP 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lula Mae Barksdale*

October 04, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ *Isaiah 25:8 He will actually swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will certainly wipe the tears from all faces.*

Gail McGrew - September 21, 2013 at 07:17 PM