



## Deaconess Magdalene Davis

May 6, 1942 - December 10, 2025

### Our Beloved Magdalene

Magdalene Davis was born in Como, North Carolina, on May 6, 1942. Magdalene was born to her mother, Jessie Mae, and her father, Tom P. Barnes, of Mill Neck Baptist Church.

At a very young age, Magdalene accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior. She was baptized at Mill Neck Baptist Church. The family later moved to Richmond, Virginia, where she graduated from the well-known Armstrong High School. She later attended nursing school and became a Licensed Practical Nurse. She married the late Edward T. Davis, Eddie, as everyone called him. She worked at MCV and as a Private Nurse until she retired. Once she retired from nursing, Magdalene and Eddie bought and ran an ice cream parlor from Magdalene's brother, named "James' Homemade Ice Cream." It was considered the best homemade ice cream in the Richmond Times.

Magdalene was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia, where she served as a Deaconess, she was on The Ladies' Auxiliary Usher Board #1, and many other church ministries and programs. Magdalene was also a member of The Order of the Eastern Star at the Nannie Jones Perkins Chapter #161, where she once served as The Worthy Matron. She shared her high honors with her husband, Eddie, as he was a member of the

Freemason, once serving as Past Master of the 25th Lodge.

During her free time, she loved to listen to music, dance, read vast amounts of literature, travel the world, and spend time with family. She loved family and friends gatherings. She also gave to charities regularly.

Magdalene was preceded in death by her husband, Edward T. Davis, her parents, Tom and Jesse Mae Barnes; she was the last survivor of her siblings, Martha L. Myrick, Lonnie T. Lewis, William H. Lewis, James A. Lewis, Judge/Jack L. Barnes, Tom P. Barnes, Jr., Ralph Barnes, Jean/Fareeda B. Muhammad, and Clementine Barnes.

Magdalene leaves to cherish her memory, her daughter, Karen Janette Jones (Algie), grandson Kevin Wayne Ellis, II, and many nephews, nieces, great-grand-nieces and nephews, caring friends, neighbors, and so many loved ones she cared so much about.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

DEC **22**. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Celebration of Life

DEC **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Baptist Church  
215 Wilkinson Rd  
Richmond, VA 23227

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Armstrong High School Class of 1962 offers sincere condolences to the family and friends of Magdalene Barnes Davis. We also feel a sense of loss when we learn of a classmate passing. The years spent at Armstrong learning and growing into young adults created bonds which have endured. We were a family too, and Magdalene was one of us. Let your faith comfort you knowing she is now in a better place.*

*Carl Page, Class President*

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**Carl Page** - December 18, 2025 at 10:44 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - December 16, 2025 at 06:27 PM