



## Ellen F. (Henderson) Barnes

August 18, 1968 - December 16, 2025

Ellen F. (Henderson) Barnes, 57, of Miller City, passed away on Tuesday evening, Dec. 16, 2025 at Mercy Southeast Hospital surrounded by her loved ones.

She was born Aug. 18, 1968 to Barney “Ted” Henderson, Jr. and Audrey Marie (Via) Henderson.

Ellen was a loving wife and a Momma to all. A social butterfly who never met a stranger, if you ever met her, you would never forget her. As the matriarch of her family, she loved them all deeply.

She started working as an EMT for Alexander County Ambulance, had worked in the legal field, and for the county Assessor’s office, then was elected and served as Alexander County Clerk. Her last employment was a title abstractor for Main Street Title Company.

A woman of faith, she was a member of the Olive Branch Methodist Church. She was also a member of Local 773, the Pulaski-Alexander Sportsman’s Club, and loved crappie fishing.

Surviving family include her husband, Thomas “Dickie” Barnes; her sons, Todd Sissom and Bryce (Lindsey) Bigham; her daughter, Emmalea (Adam)

Jones; 2 grandchildren, Jensen and Brady; her sister, Bev Held; 3 brothers, Glenn (Joanna) Henderson, Clinton (Christal) Henderson, and Adam (Meghan) Henderson; many nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews whom she dearly loved, and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ted Henderson; her mother, Audrey Stroud; step mother, Marie Henderson; brothers, Rodney Henderson and Vernon "Big" Henderson; sisters, Elizabeth and Irene; brother-in-law, Jerry Held; niece, Brandy; nephew, Matthew; as well as Dickie's parents Tommy and Vickie Ice.

Visitation for Ellen F. (Henderson) Barnes will be on Saturday, Dec. 20 from 10:00am-2:00pm at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms, where services will follow at 2:00pm with Rev. Brent Gordon officiating. Interment will be in Olive Branch Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to Crain Funeral Home to help with Ellen's funeral expenses.

# Cemetery Details

## Olive Branch Cemetery

Olive Branch, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **20**. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Tamms  
420 Front St.  
Tamms, IL 62988  
(618) 833-2176  
crain@crainsonline.com

## Funeral Service

DEC **20**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Tamms  
420 Front St.  
Tamms, IL 62988  
(618) 833-2176  
crain@crainsonline.com

## Interment

DEC **20**. 3:00 PM - 3:15 PM (CT)

Olive Branch Cemetery  
Olive Branch, IL



# Tribute Wall

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“ Tonya, Wyatt, Avery, Maci and Randy purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Ellen F. (Henderson) Barnes.



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**Tonya, Wyatt, Avery, Maci and Randy** - December 19, 2025 at 02:29 PM

RB

“ We only met the one time and what a late evening, early morning Great Time was had. What a spirit. We wish we could do it again. Our thoughts and prayers are with Tommy and your family.

*Randall & Jodie Brown*

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**Randall Brown** - December 19, 2025 at 09:46 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellen F. (Henderson) Barnes.



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December 19, 2025 at 09:42 AM

MK

“ You never met a stranger sweetheart. When ever we came home I was always blessed to hug your neck when I saw you. God gained another Angel I will see you again, sweetheart. You would be missed greatly by so very many people whose lives you’ve touched in one former fashion. Mark and I will miss your smiling face and God bless and keep your family in this trying time. We loved you girl.

Mark and Torrie (Blackburn) Klein ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️  
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Mark and Torrie Klein - December 18, 2025 at 02:02 PM

AB

“ Angie and Bub purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ellen F. (Henderson) Barnes.



Angie and Bub - December 18, 2025 at 12:12 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ellen F. (Henderson) Barnes.



December 18, 2025 at 11:55 AM

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“ *Federation of Linemen and Electricians purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Ellen F. (Henderson) Barnes.*



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**Federation of Linemen and Electricians** - December 18, 2025  
at 11:00 AM