

Iretta Byrd Anderson was born on May 5, 1938 to the late Cora (Jefferson) and John Byrd in Pachuta, MS. God called Iretta home Monday, August 28, 2023. She accepted Christ as her Savior where she was a member of Chapel Hill M. B. Church. She later received a calling to unite with Center Ridge Baptist church where she served as an usher, member of the women's auxiliary and senior choir until her health declined.

Iretta was preceded in death by her parents, John and Cora (Jefferson) Byrd; sisters, Ernestine (Joe) Murray, Doris (Oscar) Bell, and Reva (Richard) Pruitt; brothers, Sammy (Bessie) Gray, Rubin Byrd, Bernis Byrd; granddaughter, Baily Baylor, and aunts and uncles.

Iretta worked as a care giver for many years, and later became a foster grandparent at Quitman Lower Elementary School where she was known as *Granny*.

Iretta was united in holy matrimony to Robert Anderson, Jr. She leaves to cherish her memory three daughters: Diane (Emory) Crawford, Patricia (Larry) Howze of Pachuta, MS, and Miranda (Kenneth) Young of Meridian, MS; five sons: Larry (Mary) Anderson, Greg Anderson of Birmingham, AL, Dennis (Angela) Anderson, Anthony Anderson of Pachuta, MS, and Roy (Gleandora) Anderson of Shubuta, MS; one bonus son, Emmett Moore of Birmingham, AL; one brother: Joe (Mary) Jordan of Kansas City, KS; eighteen grandchildren; forty-one great grandchildren; six great-great grandchildren; two special cousins: Lendell Bender and Dessie Conner, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.