

Granny's quick wit...



... "Does your momma look good in black because I do"



... "I'll light it up, like it's the 4th of July"



...I know they are not interrupting my show "General Hospital" for some presidential stuff.."

Our "Granny's" wit was always there and you never knew when she would let you have "it".

We will always share our memories of her.



Casket Bearers
Deacons



Flower Bearers
Deaconesses

Foot Prints In The Sand

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there were one set of footprints.

This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints.

So I said to the Lord," You promised me Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there have only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, you have not been there for me?"

The Lord replied, "The times when you have seen only one set of footprints, is when I carried you."

- Mary Stevenson

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A Joyous Celebration

In Honor of



Mrs. Dalpha Elaine Austin Pender

Monday, November 25, 2024

12:00 Noon

Mountain Ridge Missionary Baptist Church

1401 Martin L. King, Jr. Blvd.

Dalton, GA 30721

Dr. Jerry D. Jones, Sr. Eulogist

February 27, 1956 - November 17, 2024

Order of Service

"Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His presence continually" 1 Chronicles 16:11

Pastor Detria Smith, Presider

Processional.....*Ms. Moriah Thomas, musician*

Selection.....*Mountain Ridge Choir*

Holy Word:

Old Testament.....*Minister*

New Testament.....*Minister*

Prayer of Comfort.....*Minister*

Song

Resolutions & Remarks.....*Mr. Gary Austin, Special Cousin*

.....*Deacon Steve Austin, Brother*

Solo.....*Ms. Cathy Wright*

Eulogy.....*Dr. Jerry D. Jones, Sr.*

Mountain Ridge Baptist Church

Recessional.....*Ms. Moriah Thomas, musician*

Committal, Closing Prayer & Benediction

Interment

West Hill Cemetery

Dalton, GA 30720

Acknowledgement

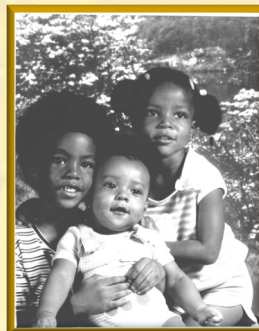
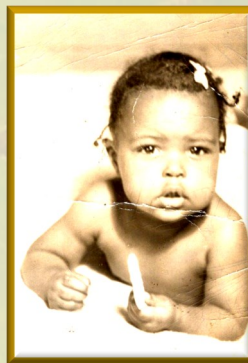
We would like to extend our deepest gratitude for the overwhelming kindness and love shown to us during the loss of our beloved mother,

Dalpha Elaine Austin Pender.

Your cards, calls, texts, flowers, and food have provided us with comfort during this difficult time. Knowing that we are surrounded by such wonderful family and friends has made this painful journey a little more bearable. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for being there for us and honoring the memory of our dear mother.



Loving Memories...



"My granny made us all those giant buckets of candy every year for Halloween. We all looked forward to her "Friday Wings"

Missing our "Granny"

Dakota Blackwell



Alpha
February 27, 1956

Omega
November 17, 2024

Mrs. Dalpha Elaine Austin Pender *A Loving Tribute*

On Monday, February 27, 1956, the late Wesley Austin, Jr. and Lillian Marie Moore Austin welcomed their second child, Dalpha Elaine Austin Pender. Growing up in a close-knit family, Dalpha learned the values of love, kindness, and resilience early on. She received her elementary childhood education at Emery Street School and was a 1974 graduate of Dalton High School. Dalpha was a longtime and faithful member of Mountain Ridge Baptist Church and she worked many years at Mohawk Industries. Fall was her favorite time of the year. Dalpha traveled to Ellijay to see the beautiful colors of the trees and the fried apple pies. She enjoyed shopping and cherished family trips to Gatlinburg and the beach.

Dalpha had a deep love for "Them Dawgs" and was an ardent Lakers fan, with Magic Johnson being her all-time favorite player. A great cook, Dalpha, found joy in preparing meals for family and friends. Her Sunday gatherings were filled with laughter, love, and her fried chicken. As her family grew, her grandchildren became her pride and joy. She attended their ball games, graduations, and special events, always ready with a warm hug and an encouraging word. **"Granny!"** She put the "Grand" in grandmother. There's nothing she loved more than her family. She expressed her love through her soul food meals and her protectiveness. She put us all before her own needs, making sure we were loved and taken care of. There are so many memories I have of my Granny that I will always cherish. Her packing hefty lunches to where the lunchbox would barely zip, the endless shopping trips, or all the stories of her getting someone told. She guided us by offering her love, wisdom, and support. Her all-time favorite thing to do is just to be with family. Whether it was doing Fish Fridays or wings or even game night, granny always wanted to be surrounded by her family. She raised great children who turned around and raised even better children all by having our "Granny's" values instilled in each of us." Love you Granny, **Ashlyn Pender.** Dalpha's legacy lives on through the many lives she touched and the positive impact she made on her family and this community. Dalpha Elaine Austin Pender, a strong lady whose heart was filled with Christ, family, and friends departed her earthly life on Sunday, November 17, 2024. She was preceded by her parents and her sister, LaFrancis Marie Klin.

Dalpha's memories are now treasures in the hearts of her children, Christopher (Angela) Pender, Christie LaShawn (Scott) Blackwell, Tremayne (Jaime) Pender; nine grandchildren, Preston (Dominique) Willis, Ashlyn Pender, Christen Pender, Sydnee Pender, Dakota Blackwell, Sloan Pender, Sophia Pender, Autumn Blackwell, and Chase (Kayla) Blackwell; great grandchildren, Pryson Willis, Lauren Willis, Lily Willis, Preslyn Willis, Peyton Willis, Parker Willis, K'Lee Davis, Kris Willis, Greyson Taylor, Teigan Dennard, Addie Blackwell, Rowan Dennard, Abram Blackwell, and Gracen "Buddy" Harrell; brother, Steve Howard (Pam) Austin; uncles, James Howard Austin, Sr., Larry (Jacqueline) Austin; aunt, Mary Ruth Austin; nieces, nephews; a special cousin, Gary Austin, other cousins, relatives, friends, and her church family.

Family

