

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

for our beloved

Audrey Mae Ferrell



Sunrise
August 12, 1938

Sunset
January 14, 2026

Homegoing Service

Saturday, January 24, 2026 11AM

Pastor James W. Freeman, Officiating
Markham Chapel Baptist Church
3630 Old Chapel Hill Rd, Durham, NC 27707

Interment

Glennview Memorial Park
Apex Hwy, Durham, NC 27707



Obituary

Audrey Mae Ferrell was born on August 12, 1938, in Durham, North Carolina, to the late Jesse W. Ferrell and Verdie M. Rogers Ferrell. On Wednesday, January 14, 2026, our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and aunt peacefully transitioned from this life to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Audrey was the second eldest of eight children. She was preceded in death by her two sons, Anthony E. Judd and Gregory V. Judd; her parents, Jesse W. Ferrell and Verdie M. Rogers Ferrell; three sisters, Carletta F. Freeman, Celesta B. Hines, and Mildred Cannady; and two brothers, Jesse L. Ferrell and Charles "Pat" Ferrell.

A devoted, born-again believer in Jesus Christ, Audrey faithfully began each day reading the Word of God and praying. Through her unwavering faith, she trusted the Lord to sustain her through every trial and affliction without complaints. She lived by the words of Romans 1:17: "For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith.'" Years ago, she lovingly reassured her family not to worry about her, saying she was in a "Win-Win" situation — "whether on this side or the other side, I win."

Audrey was a faithful member of Mount Olive Baptist Church, where she dearly loved her church family. She served diligently as a member of the gospel choir, an usher, secretary for the Senior Missionary Auxiliary and a member of the Hospitality Committee. She found joy in singing unto the Lord and had a servant's heart, always willing to serve wherever she was needed.

She was driven, ambitious, and a lifelong learner. She graduated from Hillside High School in 1956 and later returned to school in her early forties, earning an Associate Degree in Accounting from Rutledge College. After completing her degree, she became a self-taught mathematics enthusiast. She frequently visited the library to study math textbooks and was well known for helping her grandchildren and nephews with their homework. She was an active member of the Durham Center for Senior Life, where she exercised, attended workshops, and enjoyed fellowship with other seniors.

She dedicated 27 years of service as an Administrative Assistant at Operation Breakthrough, a nonprofit organization. During her tenure, she formed lasting bonds with her colleagues, many of whom remained close friends throughout the years.

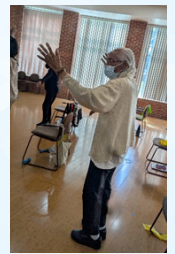
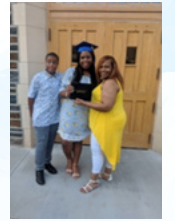
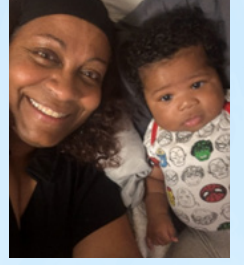
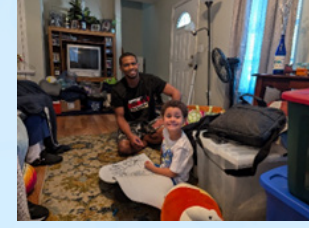
Family was central to Audrey's life. She cherished family outings, including trips to theme parks and beaches, and she enjoyed shopping. Her favorite pastimes included word searches, crossword puzzles, sudoku, watching classic western movies and Jeopardy. She also enjoyed attending the Seniors' Morning Out Fellowship at Shabach Outreach Ministries Christian Church. Even at the age of 87, Audrey remained vibrant, outgoing, and full of life.

Audrey was a devoted and loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Highly organized and dependable, she kept all nine of her children, in their earlier years, on task and was rarely late for school, church, or family events.

She had a true passion for baking. Her cakes—especially her famous pound cakes—were unmatched, her fried chicken was just as legendary and could have easily competed with the best brands. Her baking was so beloved that people often called to place orders.

She leaves to cherish her memory her seven children: Leondras Judd of Raleigh, NC, Ava Judd, Kevin Judd of Durham, NC, Karen Judd of Carrboro, NC, Amy Judd of Winston-Salem, NC, Karla Judd of Durham, NC and Roderick Ferrell (Denitresse) of Holly Springs, NC; 25 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; her three sisters, Irma Ferrell, Luetta Pitt, Betty Mangum, and sister-in-law, Barbara Simmons of Durham, NC; two brothers, William "Bill" Ferrell (Ida) of Durham, NC, Leon Taylor of Lumberton, NC; her brother-in-law, John Herbert Hines, Jr. of Manassas, VA; a host of nieces and nephews, her dear friends from Operation Breakthrough—Jessie Parker, Gwen Green, Pastor Linwood Best, and Thomas Bradley; and her cherished church friends and "besties," Barbara Whitehead, Willie Mae Ellison, Charlene McEachin, and Carol Bailey-Jones.





Tribute

The Broken Chain

We little knew the day that God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you the day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories.
Your love is still our guide, and though we cannot see you you are
always at our side.

Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one the chain will link again.

-Ron Tanmer



Acknowledgements

Our family wishes to express our most sincere appreciation for your prayers, visits, calls, expressions of sympathy and your abundant acts of kindness during this time of loss. Because of this, your thoughtfulness and support have brought comfort and strength to our family.

— *The Family*

Ministry of Music

Mount Olive Baptist Church Praise Team

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends of the Beloved

Pall Bearers

Mount Olive Baptist Church Deacons and Nephews of the Beloved

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