

Those We Love

*Those we love remain with us
For love itself lives on,
And cherished memories never fade
Just because a loved one's gone.
Those we love can never be
More than a thought apart,
For as long as there is a memory,
They'll live on in our hearts.
A gift for such a little while,
Your loss just seems so wrong.
You should not have left before us;
With loved ones is where you belong.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*The family of Vivian Copeland Darby would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions. Your phone calls, visits, flowers, thoughts, and prayers have all helped greatly during our time of bereavement.
May God continue to bless each of you, is our prayer.*

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"We Are Not Satisfied Until You Are"

IN *Loving Memory* OF



Vivian
COPELAND
DARBY

MARCH 27, 1930 - APRIL 29, 2026

Saturday, May 9, 2026 | 11:00 AM

Graveside
Orange Hill Cemetery | Marianna, Florida

Pastor Sonjia Leslie, Officiating

Obituary

Vivian Copeland Darby passed away peacefully at her home on April 29, 2026.

Vivian, 96, was born to Phyllis Copeland and George Harley. Vivian joined Henshaw AME Church at an early age and remained a devoted member, faithfully attending until her health faded later in life. She took great pride in her church attire, and when you saw her, she was always dressed in her signature “high heel shoes and matching purses.”

Family was always important to her, and she made sure to teach and pass down all the lessons she learned over her lifetime.

Vivian was preceded in death by her spouse, James Darby, Sr.; brother, William E. Long, Sr.; daughter, Linda Copeland Smith; lovingly raised as a son, Billie E. Mack, Sr.; granddaughter, Jennifer Jones; and great-grandson, Bradenton Williams.

Vivian leaves to cherish her memory: her one daughter, Gina Highsmith of Marianna, FL; one son, James “Man” Darby, Jr., (Diane) of Marianna, FL; two granddaughters, Andrea “Deedi” Jones-Lang of Atlanta, Georgia, and DeLancy Highsmith of Marianna, FL; two grandsons, Kerwin Reynard Jones (Dr. Laurita) of Tallahassee, FL, and Brandon Highsmith of Jacksonville, FL; great-grandchildren include Ahriahna, Corlus, Jacquorian (JD), Tyrah, Morgan, Kerwin II, Ivey, and Jaqueline; she is also survived by one sister-in-law, LaFlorence Long of Marianna, FL; and one nephew, William E. Long, Jr., of Marianna, FL; cousins, Verna Mack, Billie E. Mack, Jr. and Chelsea Mack; and a host of family members and friends.



Special thanks to Kenneth “Twin” Jones for all of the assistance and care you provided.

Order of Service

Processional

Farewell Viewing

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Calvin L. Clemmons

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Minister Brenda Henderson

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Resolutions and Acknowledgements

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Committal

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