

## PALLBEARERS

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## INTERMENT

Covington Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home

8408 Covington Road

Fort Wayne, Indiana 46804

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*The family of the late Mrs. Ola Dee Irby wishes to thank each of you for your acts of kindness, prayers, and words of consolation during the illness and passing of our loved one. A special thanks to Mrs. Irby's caregivers who lovingly and faithfully cared for her, Ms. Eva Janelle Thompson, Ms. Margaret King, Mrs. Linda Green, Mrs. Martha Sue Moorer, Ms. Ashley Bishop, Mrs. Lucretia Love, Ms. Amanda Pruitt, and Mrs. Heather Wood. Also, a special recognition and appreciation extended to January Blalock, Nurse Practitioner, the staff at Riverview Medical Center, Centerwell Home Health, and Gentiva Home Healthcare. May the God of peace grant you peace now and forever.*

## SERVICE BY PROFESSIONALS



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## IN LOVING MEMORY HOMEGOING SERVICE FOR

MRS.  
*Ola*  
DEE IRBY



ENTERED TIME

June 27, 1943

ENTERED ETERNITY

December 13, 2025

Friday, December 19, 2025  
11:00 AM

### GADSDEN MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME

1318 East Broad Street  
Gadsden, Alabama 35903

*Pastor Charlie Parker, Officiating  
Elder William McKinney, Inspirational Message*

Monday, December 29, 2025

Viewing: 10:00 AM

Funeral Mass: 11:00 AM

### ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

518 East Dewald Street  
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46803

*Father Bartholomew, Officiating*



# OBITUARY

**Ola Dee Moorer Irby**, affectionately known as "Teely," was born on June 27, 1943, to Arvan E. Moorer and Lounell Moorer (Turner). Ola departed her earthly house on Saturday, December 13, 2025, and entered God's Heavenly Kingdom, joining her beloved husband, Pinkie, and her beloved daughter, Roslyn. She accepted Christ at an early age, attending Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Attalla, AL. She later became a member at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, IN.

Ola began her education at Norris High School in Attalla, AL, attending grades first through twelfth. While in high school, Ola was very active and competitive. She enjoyed performing in her high school band where she was a majorette. Following graduation, she completed dental assistant training in Miami, FL.

Ola later moved to Fort Wayne, IN, where she met and joined Pinkie Lee Irby in holy matrimony on March 15, 1966. They were married for fifty-five years, and to this union, two daughters were born, Roslyn Rochelle and Ronda Renee.

Professionally, Ola worked faithfully for General Electric for thirty-eight years, retiring in 2003. She was loyal to the company's mission and a truly productive contributor. After retiring from General Electric, Ola worked for Fort Wayne Community Schools. Ola's focus was on making a better living for her family and to improve lives of others.

Ola was very generous which lead her to open her heart and her home to family and friends alike. She loved bowling where she and her bowling friends formed their own league which allowed them to turn this joyful pastime into their own social club, "The Classic Crew." Ola loved to listen to Gospel music, and her favorite song was, "I Pray We'll Be Ready," by the Chicago Mass Choir.

Ola was preceded in death by her husband, Pinkie Lee Irby; daughter, Roslyn Rochelle Irby; parents, Arvan and Lounell Moorer; sister, Lille Rose Moorer Hampton; and brother, Carvin Edward Moorer.

Ola is survived by her daughters, Ronda Renee Irby and Robbin Irby; son, Eric Irby; sisters, Emily Alexander, Addie (James) Jackson, Glenza (Alfred) Collins, Gale Moorer, and Kathy Moorer; brother, James W. Moorer; aunt, Aldonia Hood; sisters-in-law, Lillie Mae Board and Martha Sue Moorer; brother-in-law, Michael Stanford; granddaughters, Heavyn Rochelle Irby-Sanders, Chelsea Irby, Courtney Randle, Dayshia Stevenson, and Danielle Williams; grandsons, Braylon Matthew Irby and Dallas Lee Irby; great-grandson, Drayson Davon Ervin; great-granddaughter, Demi R. Williams; goddaughters, Donna K. Dowdell, Diane Prince, and Lakisha Spencer; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

*"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself; that where I am, there you may be also." - John 14:3*



*Having an outstanding grandmother like you is like having a second mom.*

*I love you, Granny.*

*Happy Mother's Day! Thank you, Granny, for ALWAYS loving me unconditionally and continuously keeping me uplifted in your prayers.*

*Love, Heavyn*



A Prepared Place for a  
Prepared Mrs. Ola Irby

*"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me."*

*In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and loop the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." – John 14:1-6*

*I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call.  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I've found peace at the close of the day.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and minds to Thee,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!





# Order of Service

Gadsden Memorial Funeral Home

Friday, December 19, 2025

12:00 Noon

*Pastor Charlie Parker, Officiating*

Selection..... Mrs. Benita Jemison

## Scripture Readings:

Old Testament.....*Psalm 27* ..... Deacon Darrell Turner, Sr.

New Testament.....*John 14:1-6*..... Deacon Darrell Turner, Sr.

Prayer ..... Pastor Charlie Parker

Special Tribute to Our Sister ..... Mrs. Addie Jackson

Reading of Obituary..... *"I Pray We'll Be Ready"*  
The Chicago Mass Choir

Poem..... *"I'm Free"* ..... Mrs. Glenza Collins

Selection..... Mrs. Benita Jemison

Inspirational Message ..... Elder William McKinney

Acknowledgements..... Ms. Kathy Moorner

Benediction..... Elder William McKinney

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