



# The Day God Took You Home

You never said, "I'm leaving."  
You never said, "Good-bye."  
You were gone before I knew it,  
And only God knew why.  
A million times I needed you;  
A million times I cried.  
If love alone could have saved you,  
You never would have died.  
In life, I loved you dearly;  
In death, I love you still.  
In my heart, you hold a place  
That no one could ever fill.  
It broke my heart to lose you,  
But you didn't go alone.  
Part of me went with you  
The day God took you home.

## PALLBEARERS

Kelvin Heard                      Omar Ransaw  
Craig Ransaw                     Terrance Kirk  
Chandler Heard                 Kameron Robinson  
Craig Ransaw, Jr.                Kenneth Marbry

## FLOWER BEARERS

The Nieces  
Antioch Missionary Baptist Sunday School Class #2  
& Missionary Society

## INTERMENT

Mt Zion Baptist Church Cemetery – Turkeytown  
1051 Pulltight Road  
Gadsden, Alabama 35901

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of the late Lucille Kirk Heard would like to express our sincerest thanks for the many expressions of condolences shown to us during this time of our bereavement. May God continue to bless and keep each of you.

## SERVICE BY PROFESSIONALS

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## CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR



# Lucille KIRK HEARD



SUNRISE  
July 7, 1947

SUNSET  
April 9, 2026

Friday, April 17, 2026  
1:00 PM

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH  
2103 East Broad Street  
Gadsden, Alabama 35903

Pastor Larry G. Weathers, Officiating

# Obituary

**Lucille Kirk Heard**, 78, peacefully passed away on **Thursday night, April 9, 2026**, at home surrounded by loved ones. Affectionately known as **"Lucy"** or **"Momma Lucy"** to all who cherished her, she was born in Gadsden, AL, on **July 7, 1947**, to **John and Earlene Kirk**. Lucy was a proud lifelong resident of Gadsden and a distinguished member of the Carver High School Class of 1965. In 2025, she **relocated to Troy, Alabama**, with her beloved daughter, **Erika V. Heard**.

Lucy shared her light, joy, and love with her family and her community. She was deeply committed to her Christian faith and her calling to serve. **She united with Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in 1963 and served faithfully until her health declined in 2022.** She was a visible and devoted member who participated in the **Mass Choir**; while she did not lead songs, she could narrate one with a powerful voice that stirred the soul. She led the **Junior Red Circle, Matrons, Missionary Society, Baptist Training Union, and youth groups.** She not only taught Sunday School but also **strengthened it through her leadership as Sunday School Superintendent.** Her **sister and best friend, Jackie**, was her constant companion and partner in service. Lucy fulfilled her calling as a teacher and minister of the gospel. She finished her course and heard the words every faithful servant longs to receive, **"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of the Lord."**

Lucille was highly intelligent and possessed a natural gift for science. While attending Carver High School, she began coursework at Gadsden State Community College in preparation for a healthcare career. **She made history as the first Black female Lab Technician in the City of Gadsden.** With **excellence and pride**, she served the community at Baptist Memorial Hospital (Gadsden Regional Hospital) for **42 years.**

Lucy was the second of **eight children born to John and Earlene Kirk.** Known as a **"True Lady"** with a positive spirit and wise counsel, she was preceded in death by her **father, John Kirk**; mother, **Earlene "Mamo" Kirk**; brothers, **John and Clinton Kirk**; and **dear sister, Janice "Jackie" Turner.**

To cherish her memory, she leaves her **siblings, Louise Ransaw, Carolyn Hoyt, Regenia (Joseph) Johnson, and Antionette Flambo, along with two cherished chosen sisters, Mary Rowe and Katherine "Tap" Hood; best friend, Louise Jeffery; and devoted friend and caretaker, Dorisha Geter.** In addition to her siblings, Lucy leaves behind her children, **Kelvin Heard (Whitney Morrison) and Erika Heard (Haywood Harry); "adopted" daughters, Meloney Thomas, Necla Hood, and Sharon Aaron; grandchildren, Chandler, Chelsi, Shelby, Kameron, Kaela, Nydasia, Kelcei, and Kelece; and great-grandchildren, Kaydyn, Karsyn, Taylor, Kysley, Kylan, Kyaire, Kyius, Prynce, and Romance.**

Lucy will also be fondly remembered by a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins who lovingly called her **"Momma Lucy."** They treasured her guidance, her presence, and her unwavering love in every moment of their lives. Her deep love for family was evident in her constant care and devotion to each person she held dear.

Lucy's life was a beautiful reflection of faith in action. As a devoted Christian, she gave selflessly to her church, her community, and her family. She stood as a pillar of strength and the thread that kept us united. Though we will miss her presence dearly, we are comforted by the promise of scripture, **"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (II Timothy 4:7).** Her life was well-lived, her purpose fulfilled, and her legacy of love and service will continue to shine in all who were blessed to know her.

# Precious MEMORIES



# Order of Service

Processional of Family ..... *"Lord, I Want You to Help Me"*

Prayer..... Reverend Roderick Thomas

### Scripture Readings:

Old Testament..... Reverend Clay Usher

New Testament..... Pastor Joe Simmons

New Testament..... Reverend Andre Huff

Selection ..... Mrs. Renita Davis

Mrs. Benita Jemison

Acknowledgements ..... Mrs. Jemele Simmons

Resolution..... Nichelle Hoyt, Niece

New Congregational Missionary Baptist Church

Los Angeles, California

Remarks..... *Two to Three Minutes, Please*

Church..... Devon Maness

Work..... Nolfa Griffin

Community..... Yvette Latham

Son-in-Law..... Larry Robinson

- Audience -

Selection ..... Sharon Aaron

Selection ..... Pastor Charles Kirkpatrick

*"I Won't Complain"*

Eulogy..... Pastor Larry G. Weathers

Selection ..... Mrs. Katherine Hood

*"I'm Goin' Up Yonder"*

Recessional