

*The Broken Chain*

We little knew that morning,  
The sorrow that day would bring,  
When a golden heart stopped beating,  
And we couldn't do a thing.

The chain we bear seems broken,  
The laughter silenced, dreams unmet,  
But love's strong bond is spoken,  
In the tears of sunset's silhouette.

Your place at the table, empty,  
Your laughter, a missing song,  
Yet in every shadow, gently,  
Your memory strolls along.

We're linked not just by blood or name,  
But by joy, tears, and love's claim,  
And though you've stepped beyond our sight,  
Within our hearts, you're the brightest light.

The chain will link again, one day,  
Beyond the stars, in some divine ballet.  
Where no farewell nor end will be,  
Where every soul dances free.

Until that day, our hearts will hold,  
A space for you, pure and bold.  
For though the chain seems broken now,  
Our love for you, forever will avow.

In every whisper of the wind,  
In every star that night has pinned,  
We feel your love, see your face,  
In the quiet, your embrace.

So, we forge ahead with memories dear,  
Your love a beacon, ever clear.  
Until we meet on that distant shore,  
The chain will link, forevermore.

*Pallbearers*

Family and Friends

*Flower Attendants*

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*Interment*

Pine Grove Church Cemetery

*Acknowledgment*

The family of the late Mrs. Brenda Sue Heard Dowdell acknowledges with grateful appreciation all acts of kindness, prayers, cards, telephone calls, flowers and words of comfort extended to us during our time of bereavement.

IN MEMORIAM

May we take this opportunity to express sincere and deep appreciation for allowing us to serve you during this most difficult period. It is our constant aim to afford to the people of this community a service completed in all details and faultlessly executed with sympathy and understanding.

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:



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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

*Brenda Sue*  
**HEARD DOWDELL**

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024 • 2:00 P.M.

PINE GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
281 Pine Grove Loop • Dadeville, Alabama 36853

REVEREND G. H. PULLIAM, OFFICIATING





*- The Obituary -*

Mrs. Brenda Sue Heard Dowdell, daughter of the late Mr. Chester and Mrs. Pearlene Oliver Jennings, was born October 6, 1958, in Tallapoosa County, Alabama.

At an early age, she confessed Christ and united with Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church where she served faithfully as President of the Usher Board.

She graduated from Dadeville High School Class of 1976. She enjoyed attending family gatherings, shopping, eating out and watching television, particularly her favorite sitcom, "Good Times." Brenda had a passion for working with children.

On Tuesday, February 27, 2024, she departed this life at the East Alabama Medical Center in Opelika, Alabama. She was preceded in death by: three brothers, Willie Joe Heard, James Gary Heard and Billie Jean Heard.

Memories of her precious life will be cherished by: four children, Kelly Dowdell, Arthur Louis Dowdell, Jr., Kia Dowdell all of Auburn, AL and Kayla (Adrien) Black of Houston, TX; eight grandchildren, Jakena Dowdell, Jaken Dowdell, Kellia Menefee, Ivy Brundage, India Brundage, Cardis Askew, Jr., Dashaun Hall and Joshua Askew; four great-grandchildren; one sister, Marian Johnson of Montgomery, AL; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including Mary's Little Lamb Daycare staff.

*- Remember Me -*

*Remember me when the stars shine bright,  
In the quiet of night, I'll be your guiding light.  
Though I've left this world, my love remains true,  
In every sunrise, and every drop of dew.*

*Remember me in laughter and in tears,  
In cherished moments throughout the years.  
My love for you will never fade away,  
It lingers on, come what may.*

*Remember I love you, my dear family,  
In each memory, find solace and glee.  
Though we're apart, our love still rings true,  
For I'll always be watching over you.*



*- The Order of Service -*

Processional..... Clergy and Family

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament .....Overseer King Hutchinson

New Testament.....Pastor Roger Lynch

Prayer of Comfort..... Pastor Roger Lynch

Musical Selection .....Cardis Askew

Expressions of Love ..... Two Minutes Each Please

Solo .....Pastor Ko'Derris Cowan

Words of Encouragement ..... Bishop A.L. Dowdell

Musical Selection .....Cardis Askew

Eulogy..... Reverend G. H. Pulliam

Recessional

