

— *Pallbearers* —
Nephews

— *Flower Bearers* —
Nieces

— *Interment* —
Evergreen Cemetery
1409 Monroe Avenue
Opelika, Alabama 36801

— *Acknowledgment* —

The family of the late Mrs. Linda Avery 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. May God bless each one of you. A special thank you to Compassus Hospice.

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

Linda
COOKS AVERY



FUNERAL SERVICE:
WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 4, 2024
1:00 P.M.

HARRIS FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL
515 South 6th Street
Opelika, Alabama 36801

REVEREND ROGER JONES, OFFICIATING

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The Obituary

The Order of Service

Mrs. Linda Cooks Avery, daughter of the late Mr. Ben and Mrs. Sallie Ferguson Cooks, was born June 26, 1956, in Lee County, Alabama.

On July 17, 1979, she united in holy matrimony to Willie Avery, Sr. and this union was blessed with three children.

Linda was an amazing cook, and over the years was employed by several restaurants including: James Brown, Tyler's, Jack's and Cock of the Walk. She was employed with Wrights Grocery until she became ill. Linda always helped those in need. She loved cooking and baking cakes during the holidays for family and friends. She was an avid Alabama "Roll Tide" Fan.

On Friday, August 30, 2024, she departed this life at her home in Opelika, Alabama. She was preceded in death by her husband, Willie Avery, Sr.

She leaves to cherish her memory: a devoted sister and caregiver, Barbara Edwards of Opelika, AL; three children, Willie (Kahlila) Avery, Jr., Timaka Avery and Listasha Avery all of Opelika, AL; ten grandchildren, Marquis Banks, DeVonte Rush, Alexis Cooks, Carnary Avery, Taraven Avery, Starkeita Greathouse, Byron Greathouse, Jr., Makalia Baker, Jhomarria Card and Canorria Avery all of Opelika, AL; four great-grandchildren, Nyla Greathouse, Kei'Lani Greathouse, Khalya Merrill and Byron Greathouse III all of Opelika, AL; three sisters, Barbara (Johnny) Edwards of Opelika, AL, Andrea Mindy of Deer Park, NY and Yvette McMarshall of Riverdale, GA; four brothers, Bennie Ferguson of Chattanooga, TN, Ricky (Cynthia) Cooks of Mobile, AL, Anderson Kinsey and Keith Kinsey both of Deer Park, NY; a host of cousins as siblings that she grew up with on York Street; a bonus granddaughter, T'mayah Shaw; a special niece, Mercedes Edwards of Opelika, AL; a special nephew, Justin Edwards of Opelika, AL; two special cousins as nieces, Latoria Isabel of Opelika, AL and Shonita (Raymond) Mosley of Riverdale, GA; three special friends, Willie Thomas, Geraldine Knight and Reverend Roger Jones all of Opelika, AL; her fur baby, Louis Avery; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Processional..... Clergy and Family

Scripture Readings:

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection Barbara Ann Sanford

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

Musical Selection Barbara Ann Sanford

Eulogy.....Reverend Roger Jones

Recessional

To My Dear Sister and Best Friend

I am writing this letter with a heavy heart. Since you've gone home to be with God, I've had the opportunity to reflect on the sixty-six years that you and I have shared with each other. They have all been great years, and I couldn't have asked for a better sister and friend. when we were children, we had a bond that could never be broken. That bond is stronger than ever now. I miss the mornings of walking into your house asking, how are you doing? You replied by saying "Alrighty," and I would say, "If you're alright then I'm alright". I don't have a whole lot to say because we talked and laughed about so much in your final days. I want you to know that I love and miss you dearly.

If love could have kept you here, you would never have left. I know that you made your peace and that you're resting now, so rest on my dear sister. By the way, if it starts to get a little crowded up there in Heaven, save me a place, but not too soon. I'm going to close my letter by saying, I love you and miss you, you will forever be in my heart.

P.S. I know about you and Latoria little secret. I found the card she gave you that you asked Teasha to hide from me. Latoria said that your collard greens are better than mine, ok. (smile)

Until we meet again. Love your sister, Goat