



*Pallbearers*  
Family and Friends

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*Interment*  
New Canaan Church Cemetery

*Acknowledgment*

The family would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone for your comforting expressions and acts of kindness during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to shower you with blessings. Special thanks to her son in love, Tony Pennyamon, for opening his heart and home to her to assist Queen Sarah in her Golden Years.

*Regrast*

New Canaan Church Dining Hall



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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR



*Sarah*  
**DRAKE-GOODMAN**

SUNRISE: AUGUST 7, 1933

SUNSET: SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024 • 1:00 P.M. (CST)

**NEW CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
26403 Veteran Memorial Parkway • Camp Hill, Alabama 36850

REVEREND JUSTIN FREEMAN, PASTOR AND OFFICIANT



# Obituary

## A TIME TO BE BORN

Mrs. Sarah Drake Goodman, daughter of the late Mr. Andrew Holloway, Sr. and Mrs. Grace Jackson Holloway, was born August 7, 1933, in Chambers County, Alabama.

## A LIFE WELL LIVED

At an early age, she confessed Christ and united with New Canaan Baptist Church. She was an active member and lead singer of the choir. She participated in Sunday School, attended church regularly and was a dedicated participant in other auxiliaries until her health began to fail. Having such a beautiful voice, afforded her the opportunity to be a member of a traveling Gospel group.

“Queen Sarah” as she was affectionately known, was educated in the Chambers County School System. Upon graduation, she attended a Beauty Culture School (now Cosmetology) in Birmingham, Alabama which allowed her to become a hairstylist, that focused on waves and barbering. She was her own personal fashion designer who designed and tailored her own clothes and hats.

In 1957, Sarah united in marriage to Mr. Willie Drake and to that union four children, Carol, Carlos, Tyron and Gail were born. After leaving the Jefferson County area, she returned home and was employed as a seamstress at Playtex until they closed. Afterwards, she worked at Russell Athletics until retirement. During this life, she received enjoyment as an avid gardener, talented crafter, companion for the sick, baker of fried apple pies and sweet potato custards. Without a doubt, she never got tired of her favorite TV show, Andy Griffith and her Word Search books.

## A TIME TO TRANSITION

On Monday, September 9, 2024, Mrs. Sarah Drake Goodman received her Heavenly wings at East Alabama Medical Center, Opelika, Alabama.

## A TIME TO BE REMEMBERED

She leaves to cherish her fond memories: four children, Carol Vasquez-Hinton of Madison, AL, Carlos Drake of Alexander City, AL, Tyron Drake of Huntsville, AL and Gail (Tony) Pennyamon of Lanett, AL; three brothers, Lister (Gwen) Holloway of Somerset, NJ, Clinnon Holloway of Camp Hill, AL and Frazier Holloway of Brooklyn, NY; sisters-in-law, Geneva Holloway of Lanett, AL and Louise Drake of Birmingham, AL; grandchildren, Demetrus, Shan, Shannon, Shacoby, Sanchez, Landria, Tiffany, Courtney, Kalem, Lakisha, and Dantego; nineteen great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; bonus daughters, Bobbie Jean Core, Belinda Taylor, Alma Allen, Teila Drake, Cathy Spruiell, Frances Holley, Sandra Holloway, Gwendolyn Drake, Donna Leslie, Carolyn Pinchon and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

## If Roses Grow In Heaven

If roses grow in heaven,  
Lord, please pick a bunch for me.  
Place them in my mother's arms,  
and tell her they're from me.  
Tell her I love her and miss her,  
And when she turns to smile,  
Place a kiss upon her cheek,  
And hold it for awhile.  
Because remembering her is easy.  
I do it every day.  
But, there's an ache within my heart,  
That will never go away.

# Order of Service

Processional

Musical Selection .....New Canaan Choir

Scripture Readings:  
Old Testament and New Testament

Prayer ..... Reverend Gary Dixon

Musical Selection .....New Canaan Choir

Reflections of Love..... Two Minutes Each (Please)

Musical Selection

Eulogy..... Reverend Justin Freeman

Recessional

*We don't need a special day to bring you to mind,  
The days we do not think of you are very hard to find.  
Each morning when we awaken, we know that you are gone,  
And no one knows the heartache as we try to carry on.  
Our hearts still ache with sadness and secret tears still flow,  
What it meant to lose you, no one will ever know.  
Our thoughts are always with you, your place no one can fill,  
In life we love you dearly, in death we love you still.*

*Your Loving Family*