

— *The Order of Service* —

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Musical Selection

Scripture Readings:

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection.....Choir

Obituary..... Read Silently

Musical Selection.....Choir

Eulogy.....Reverend George C. McCulloh

Recessional

— *To Our Loving Grandmother* —

We cannot thank you enough for being our grandmother. You may have passed on, but memories of you will last forever in our hearts. Thank you for your sacrifices, your care and concern, your love, and everything that you did for us and taught us. We know you are in a better place, and we will be forever grateful and thankful to have been blessed enough to call you “Grandma”. Forever in our hearts...  
Your Grandchildren

— *Pallbearers* —  
Grandsons

— *Flower Attendants* —  
Granddaughters and Nieces

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

— *Acknowledgment* —

The family of the late Mrs. Mary Reynolds Ross 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.

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:  
 *Harris Funeral Home*  
*Sympathetic, Courteous & Professional Service*  
515 South Sixth Street  
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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

*Mary*  
**REYNOLDS ROSS**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024 • 11:00 A.M.

PLEASANT GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 535 Carlisle  
2000 South Uniroyal Road • Opelika, Alabama 36801

REVEREND GEORGE C. MCCULLOH, OFFICIATING

# *The Obituary*

Mary Reynolds Ross, a beacon of love and faith, passed away peacefully on October 19, 2024, in Salem, Alabama. Born on April 23, 1935, in Montgomery County, Alabama, Mary's life was a tapestry of dedication to her family, church, and community, exemplifying the virtues of kindness, faithfulness, and love throughout her 89 years.

Mary was the cherished daughter of the late Mr. Judge Rhodes, Sr. and Mrs. Sarah Trotter Rhodes. She grew up alongside her siblings, forming an unbreakable bond that would last a lifetime. While Mary now joins her beloved sons, Willie Ross and Robert Ross, eldest granddaughter, Selena Orum and three sisters, Jerline Hoosier, Johnnie Mae Hooks and Lula Pearl Strong in eternal rest.

Mary's work and association involvement were deeply rooted in her faith. She joined Briar Hill Baptist Church in Matthews, Alabama in her early years, and later became an integral part of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Opelika, Alabama. Her service as an usher and choir member was a testament to her commitment to her faith community. Later, Mary joined Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Opelika, where she continued to serve with grace and devotion.

Beyond her church walls, Mary was known for her green thumb, her exquisite quilting, and her love of literature. Gardening provided her with a sanctuary of peace and beauty, while her quilting stitched together the fabric of countless fond memories for her family and friends. As an avid reader, Mary's thirst for knowledge and her love for the written word were endless.

She leaves to cherish her memory: a devoted husband, Willie J. Ross, Sr. of Opelika, AL; eleven children, Barbara Harris, Robert (Mary) Harris, Hattie (Victor) Alvis, Dorothy McKinnon all of Opelika, AL, Patricia Mosley of Montgomery, AL, Ethel (Walt) Harris of Auburn, AL, Nicole Jennings of Killeen, TX, Tracy (Joe) Dunn, Willie J. Ross, Jr., Kevin Ross of Opelika, AL and Curtis (Tameka) Ross of Auburn, AL; Mary's legacy extends to her bonus daughter, Deirdre Joseph of Auburn, AL; her nineteen grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren, all of whom were the pride and joy of her life; three sisters, Annie Lewis, Jeanette Connell both of Anderson, IN and Evangelist Mary Pittman of Shaw, MS; three brothers Judge Rhodes, Sr. of Montgomery, AL, Nathaniel K. Rhodes of Indianapolis, IN, and John Rhodes of Florida; three sisters-in-law, Linda Whitlow, Myrtis (Larry) Wilson and Jackie (Melvin) Dowdell, all of Opelika, AL; two brothers-in-law, Jessie Ross, Robert Ross and Jack Ross, Jr. all of Opelika, AL; a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends, also mourn the loss of Mary, reflecting on the impact she had on each of their lives.

Mary Reynolds Ross will be remembered as a kind and loving matriarch, a faith-filled servant, and a friend to all. Her life was a lesson in unconditional love, and her influence will continue to guide those who were blessed to know her. As we say farewell to this extraordinary woman, we celebrate the profound legacy she leaves behind. Her light, though no longer present on this earth, will forever shine in the hearts of her family and every life she touched.



*Miss Me,  
But Let Me Go—*

*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little, but not for long  
And not with your head bowed low  
Remember the love that once we shared  
Miss me, but let me go.  
For this is a journey we all must take  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at all the things we used to do  
Miss me, but let me go.*