



Memories

- Pallbearers -
Family and Friends

- Flower Bearers -
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- Interment -
Evergreen Cemetery
1409 Monroe Avenue
Opelika, Alabama 36801

- Acknowledgment -

The family of the late Mrs. Leola Antrell Gardner Ashmore 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.

- Repast -
Reach Event Center
1321 2nd Avenue
Opelika, Alabama 36801

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.



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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Leola Antrell
GARDNER ASHMORE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025 • 1:00 P.M.

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REVEREND ROGER JONES, OFFICIATING



- The Obituary -

We gather in fond remembrance to celebrate the life of Leola Antrell Gardner Ashmore, who was born on April 8, 1958, in Lee County, Alabama, and passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at her home in Opelika, Alabama. Leola, a cherished daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, left a legacy of love, care, and unwavering faith that touched everyone around her.

Leola grew up in the nurturing environment of Lee County, where she was lovingly raised by her late parents, Mr. Eddie Gardner and Ms. Izora Johnson, and her devoted stepmother, Mrs. Mittie Gardner. She was the sister to Robert Gardner, Charles Gardner, Eddie Swanson and Linda Swanson, all of whom predeceased her in death. It was in this close-knit family that Leola learned the values of compassion, resilience, and the joy of service to others.

A proud graduate of Opelika High School's Class of 1977, Leola carried the spirit of her alma mater throughout her life. She furthered her education at Southern Union, where she became a Certified Nurse's Assistant. Her professional journey was marked by dedication and the desire to make a difference in the lives of those she cared for.

Leola's journey of faith began with her baptism at Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church, and she later found a spiritual home at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. Her commitment to her church was evident in her service on the Usher Board and in her melodious voice, which graced the choir. Leola's faith was her compass, guiding her through life's challenges and joys.

Those who knew Leola will remember her for the love she poured into every dish she cooked, her laughter while sharing meals with family and friends, and her talent for bringing people together. Her home was a haven where conversations were shared, and memories were made over the simplest of joys—working on puzzles, crosswords, and indulging in the vibrant hues of her coloring books.

Leola took great pride in her role as an aunt. She had a hand in raising her nieces and nephews, imparting wisdom, and nurturing their growth with the same love and attention she gave to every aspect of her life. Her influence on their lives is a testament to her loving nature and her enduring legacy.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory: husband, James Ashmore of Opelika, AL; two sisters, Hattie (Benjamin) Reese and Addie Trimble both of Opelika, AL; brother, Jesus Caldron of Opelika, AL; father-in-law, Durr Ashmore of Auburn, AL; three sisters-in-law, Sharon Edwards of Opelika, AL, Annie Ray and Tammy Doolittle both of Auburn, AL; one brother-in-law, Winfrey Ashmore of Opelika, AL; three devoted nieces, Angel (Maurice) Tucker, Valeria (Alvin) Morgan and Justina (Willie) Benford all of Opelika, AL; one niece, Dejanae Swanson of Birmingham, AL; five nephews, Anthony Gardner, Ramone "Fat Man" Gardner, Roydale (Deborah) Core, Russell Stewart and Wesley Johnson all of Opelika, AL; a host of other relatives and friends.

- The Order of Service -

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Scripture Readings

Prayer of Comfort

Expressions of Love Two Minutes (Please)

Musical Selection

Eulogy..... Reverend Roger Jones

Recessional

- Someone Is Missing -

Let this be a loving reminder,
That someone is missing today,
Someone our hearts still hold on to,
As we travel along life's way.
Someone who made life so special,
For all those who gather here,
Someone who won't be forgotten,
But cherished from year to year.
And now, as we pause to remember,
Let us all fondly recall,
How dearly each of us loved her,
And oh, how she loved us all!