

– *The Order of Service* –

Conducting Pulpit: Pastor Carmmillia Pearson

Processional Clergy and Family

Scripture Readings:
Old Testament..... Reverend Roger Jones
New Testament Pastor John Clark

Prayer of Comfort Evangelist Patricia Tucker

Musical Selection..... Bernita Black

Expressions of Love Two Minutes Each (Please)

Musical Selection..... Debra Winston

Eulogy..... Pastor Charles Magby, Sr.

Recessional

– *I Thought of You Today* –

I thought of you with love today but that is nothing new,
I thought about you yesterday and days before that too.
I think of you in silence I often speak your name,
All I have are memories and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part,
God has you in his keeping I have you in my heart.

Your Children,
Nikka, Monta and Ponta

– *Pallbearers* –
Friends and Family

– *Flower Attendants* –
Friends and Family

– *Interment* –
Evergreen Cemetery
1409 Monroe Avenue
Opelika, AL 36801

– *Acknowledgment* –

The family of the late Ms. Eva Nell Thornton 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:
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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

Eva Nell
THORNTON

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025 • 11:00 A.M.

FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
432 Maple Street Opelika, AL 36801

REVEREND CHARLES MAGBY, OFFICIATING

- The Obituary -

Born on October 16, 1956, to the late Emmitt and Mary Carr Thornton, Eva's early life was rooted in the close knit community of Lee County. From a young age, she demonstrated a profound commitment to her faith, becoming an active member of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Opelika. Her dedication to her church and community was a testament to her deep-seated belief in the power of fellowship and service.

Eva's life was a tapestry of love and selfless acts, woven with the joy she found in simple pleasures. An exemplary mother and doting grandmother, she took great delight in babysitting her grandbabies, whose laughter and smiles were the light of her life. Her home was a haven of comfort and care, not only to her family but also to many others who were welcomed with open arms and treated as her own.

An avid Alabama fan, Eva's exuberant cry of "Roll Tide" was a familiar sound to all who knew her, echoing her passion and enthusiasm for the game. Her interests were as diverse as they were heartfelt, extending to the time-honored traditions of cooking and sewing, which she pursued with both skill and joy. Eva's love for planting flowers was evident in the vibrant blooms that graced her garden, each one a reflection of the beauty she nurtured in the world around her.

Eva's legacy is carried on by a family that adores her and a community that respects her. Her life was a testament to the virtues of compassion and hospitality, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of those she touched. Her absence will be deeply felt, but the memories of her love and the lessons of her life will continue to inspire and guide us.

She departed this life on Sunday, January 19, 2025 at Canterbury Rehabilitation and Healthcare Facility. She was preceded in death by: two sisters, Gaynell Thornton and Ella Maddox.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory: three children, Innikka Thornton of Opelika, AL, Decarlos Thornton, Sr. of Cincinnati, OH and Dontavious Thornton of Opelika,

AL; eight grandchildren; two sisters, Alice Chambers of Atlanta, GA and Diane Thornton of Opelika, AL; four brothers, Joe Lewis Thornton, Robert (Cynthia) Thornton both of Opelika, AL, Jerry (Ruby) Thornton of Auburn, AL and Tyrone (Karla) Thornton of Villa Rica, GA; five aunts, Mary Ann Thornton, of Decatur, GA, Mary Lillie Thornton, Mary Jimmie Carr both of Opelika, AL, Christine Thornton of Rex, GA and Patricia (Robert) McGuire of Decatur, GA; a special friend, Austin James of Atlanta, GA; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, devoted caregivers and Southeast Hospice.

- I Never Left You -

I watch you every day
I'm always very near
I know deep in your heart
You realize I am here.

I watch you while you sleep
In your bed at home
I hear you when you speak to me
When you're on your own.

**You cannot understand
The reason why I have gone
But I will never leave you
I'm always there to keep you strong.**

Talk to me I hear you
Though you may not see
We share an unbroken bond
That will always be.

Death won't keep us apart
For our love is forever
Just remember me in your heart
And one day we will be together.

Live your life and live it full
Don't waste a single day
Remember I'm always with you
Every step of the way.

Love Always, Your Mom

