

- *The Order of Service* -

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Musical Selection Gwendolyn Butler

Obituary Read Silently

Musical Selection Gwendolyn Butler

Eulogy.....Reverend Jonathan Benton

Recessional

- *To Our Mom In Heaven* -

*You were the best person we've ever known.
You were the sun in our sky, our guiding light.
You were our greatest influence and our whole heart.
You taught us all of the ways of life
And without your love and wisdom we
Would not be half the people we are today.
All of the good things about us, we inherited from you.
Although you are gone, we will
Love you for the rest of our days and we will never stop
Honoring you by living out our life in the best way we can
And always doing all of the things
That would make you proud.*

Love always, Your daughter and son

- *Pallbearers* -
Family and Friends

- *Flower Attendants* -
Family and Friends

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

- *Acknowledgment* -

The family of the late Mrs. LaTanya “Rachelle” Watts Chislom 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.



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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

LaTanya
WATTS CHISLOM
SUNRISE: JANUARY 2, 1973 SUNSET: MARCH 4, 2025
“RACHELLE”

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025 • 1:00 P.M.

ST. MARK A.M.E. CHURCH
4141 Anderson Road • Opelika, Alabama 36801

REVEREND JONATHAN BENTON, OFFICIATING



The Obituary

LaTanya “Rachelle” Watts Chislom, passed away on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at the East Alabama Medical Center in Opelika, Alabama. Born on January 2, 1973, in Lee County, Alabama, to Mrs. Doris Watts Butler, Rachelle’s early years were filled with the warmth of a loving family and the close-knit community that would shape her compassionate spirit.

From an early age, Rachelle’s faith was a cornerstone of her life. She confessed Christ and united with St. Mark A.M.E. Church in Opelika, Alabama, where she was a beacon of light and love within the congregation.

Rachelle’s educational journey began in the halls of Opelika City Schools, she was an Opelika High School graduate Class of 1991. Her passion for beauty and creativity led her to pursue a career in cosmetology, and she graduated from Southern Union Community College formerly Opelika Technical College in 1993. Her skilled hands and warm conversation made her not just a stylist but a confidante to many.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory: husband, Anthony Chislom of Opelika, AL; one daughter, Skyler Watts of Opelika, AL; one son, Rashaad Chislom of Opelika, AL; mother, Doris Watts Butler of Opelika, AL; one sister, Natosha (Goodman) Rivers of Opelika, AL; one brother, Jerry (Janease) Butler of Opelika, AL; grandmother, Emma Hughley of Opelika, AL; four sisters-in-law, Quinette (David) George of Loachapoka, AL, Angela Chislom of Camp Hill, AL, Essie Trimble of Opelika, AL and Nellie Chislom of Petersburg, VA; two brothers-in-law, Ronnie (Mary) Chislom of Jackson Gap, AL and Jerome Chislom of Waverly, AL; four aunts, Janice (Milton) Whatley of Opelika, AL, Lisa (Ramon) Brownlee of LaGrange, GA, Judy (Melvin) Baker and Yolanda Minegar both of Opelika, AL; three uncles, Howard Watts, Jr. of Opelika, AL, Larry (Michelle) Watts of Renton, WA and Bobby (Charlotte) Butler of Huntsville, AL; two nephews, Malik Butler and Ahmad Butler both of Opelika, AL; three nieces, Jazmine Butler, Jamya Butler and Joy Butler all of Opelika, AL; one great-nephew, Kashton Malik Butler of Opelika, AL; one great-niece, Kyla Milan Butler of Opelika, AL; one great uncle, John Edwards of Opelika, AL; devoted best friend, Briggett Summers of Opelika, AL; biological father, Herman O’Neal of Syracuse, NY; siblings, Brandy and Lawanda; aunt, Angela O’Neal of Opelika, AL; a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jerry Jerome Butler, Sr.; paternal grandparents, Howard Watts and Georgia Ann Watts; her niece, Journey Jalise Butler; mother-in-law, Elma Heard; step-father-in-law, Carl Heard.

