

- *Pallbearers* -
Family and Friends

- *Flower Bearers* -
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- *Interment* -
Garden Hills Cemetery
1218 Frederick Road
Opelika, AL 36801

- *Acknowledgment* -

The family of the late Mrs. Leonora Barrow Coles 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



Leonora
BARROW COLES

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025
11:00 A.M.

GREATER PEACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
650 Jeter Avenue Opelika, AL 36801

REVEREND CLIFFORD E. JONES, PASTOR AND OFFICIANT
REVEREND ERIC DOWDELL, EULOGIST

- The Obituary -

Leonora Barrow Coles, a beacon of love and generosity, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at the East Alabama Medical Center in Opelika, Alabama. Born on April 20, 1936, in Muscogee County, Georgia, she was the cherished daughter of the late Mr. Lorenzo Barrow and Mrs. Leonora Whitehead Barrow Owens. Leonora's life was a testament to the power of caring and the warmth of a loving heart.

At an early age, Leonora united with St. Paul United Methodist Church in Opelika, Alabama, where she would remain a member throughout her life. Her faith was a cornerstone, guiding her actions and inspiring her to live a life of purpose and grace.

Leonora's journey began in the vibrant community of Lee County, where she was nurtured by her parents' love and guidance. She blossomed into a bright young woman, graduating from East Street High School in Opelika, Alabama. Her education laid the foundation for a life filled with compassion and service to others.

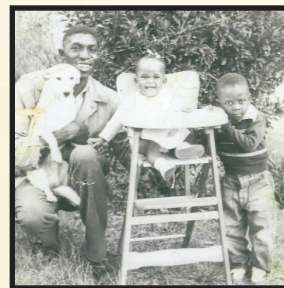
Leonora's heart was always open, and her home was a haven for anyone in need. She was a loving and caring woman, with a passion for nurturing her family and extending her generosity to others. Her love for cooking was legendary, and she found joy in feeding not only her family but anyone who crossed her threshold. Her kitchen was a place of warmth, laughter, and the comforting aromas of home-cooked meals.

Fishing was another of Leonora's joys, providing her with moments of tranquility and a connection to nature. She cherished these quiet times, often reflecting on the beauty of life and the importance of taking time to appreciate the simple pleasures.

Leonora was the embodiment of love and generosity, qualities that defined her and endeared her to all who knew her. She was a matriarch in the truest sense, her life a tapestry woven with the threads of care, kindness, and selflessness. These qualities were undergirded with feistiness and wisdom.

She was preceded in death by: her beloved husband, Earl Coles, Sr.; a son, Ronnie James Barrow; a daughter, Nedra Cole Wright; a brother, Walter Barrow.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: eight children, Alfonzo (Vivian) Freeman of Auburn, AL, Lillie Hollis of Atlanta, GA, Danny (Brenda) Barrow of Opelika, AL, Earl (Olivia Mae) Cole of Auburn, AL, Alfred Lorenzo Cole of Opelika, AL, Vanessa (Wilmer) Amos of Smyrna, GA, Walter L. Cole of Opelika, AL and Virnevia Holstick of Auburn, AL; thirty grandchildren, Eric (Lakeshia) Dowdell, Katina Barrow, Machel Brooks, Adrian Core, Nakia Gaffney, Brikitia Barrow, Royal (Miranda) Barrow, Tarence Barrow (Carrie Shorter), DaNavian (Starone) Spratling, John Strickland, Stephen (Kimberly) Strickland, Shanavian Strickland, Sedrick (Tomeka) Strickland, Courtney (Triyan) McMickens, Brittney (Montavious) Cole-Bulger, Bianca Cole, Earl Cortez Cole (Nina Darby), Candy Bellamy, Alfred (Bratioka) Cole, Jr., Courtney Wright, Justin Wright, Daniel Wright, Anthony Freeman, Zeronica (Ray) Campbell, Skylar Holstick, Worldy Holstick, Petric Holstick, Cameron Holstick, Haleah Holstick and Kadlen Holstick; sister-in-law, Channie Cole of Madison, MS; a host of great-grandchildren; a host of great-great grandchildren; one nephew, George Ralph Brummitt of Opelika, AL; two nieces, Juanita McKinney and Ocie Pearl Barrow both of Miami, FL; numerous nieces and nephews from the Vinsons, McGhees, and Huguleys along with a host of other relatives and friends.



- The Order of Service -

Processional Clergy and Family

Scripture Readings:

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Clifford E. Jones

Musical Selection Mr. Nigel Andrews

Reflections Two Minutes (Please)
As a Family Member Mrs. Vivian Freeman
As a Friend Mrs. Tracy Chatmon

Musical Selection Mr. Nigel Andrews

Eulogy Reverend Eric Dowdell

Recessional

When My Savior Brings Me Home

As my days on earth have ended,
And my time has finally come.
Don't think I've left you, just rejoice
That my battle's finally won.
It was in those quiet hours,
When I seemed so far away.
When I seemed so far away.
That my Savior sat beside me,
To prepare me for this day.
He settled all my doubts and fears,
And took away the pain.
Please know there was no suffering,
When at last my Savior came.
To you it may have seemed too hard,
And lasted much too long.
But for me it was a peaceful wait,
For God to bring me home.
I know that you did all you could,
And yes, He heard your cries.
For God himself reached out His hand,
And gently closed my eyes.