

*Pallbearers*  
Family and Friends

*Floral Attendants*  
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*Interment*  
Garden Hills Cemetery  
1218 Frederick Road  
Opelika, Alabama 36801

## *Acknowledgment*

The family of the late Mrs. Lessie Cooper 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.

## *Mom*

Mom,  
I'm so blessed to be here with you to celebrate your 70th birthday. I'm honored to be your daughter. I thank the Lord Jesus for using you to birth me here to this Earth. I honor you. I know you did the best you could for us growing up, considering all you had to have gone through having to raise three children by yourself. There are a lot of things I wouldn't change about my childhood because it taught me to be grateful and responsible. You have shown me so much strength going through your cancer treatments and the death of my brother, coming out victorious by the grace of God. You never gave up or threw in the towel. That has inspired and encouraged me to know that I can go through anything, no matter what I face, because in this life we have no idea what we are going to face. I remember birthday parties at the Freeman's house and the Easter baskets, also the poems we had to recite on Easter at Creek Stand Church and much more. Today and always, I want you to live like the queen you are. The beautiful queen the Lord created you to be. I know we didn't always see eye to eye or agree with each other, but I didn't hold grudges and neither did you. We always LET IT GO. We forgive. You are my mom, and I love and appreciate you. I always want what is best for 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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SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025 • 11:00 A.M.

**HARRIS FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL**  
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**BISHOP HENRY LIGON, OFFICIATING**



# The Obituary

Mrs. Lessie Vinson Cooper, a beacon of love and care, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at Columbus Hospice House in Columbus, Georgia. Born on August 26, 1953, in Lee County, Alabama, Lessie was the cherished daughter of the late Mr. James and Mrs. Willie Mae Graves Vinson.

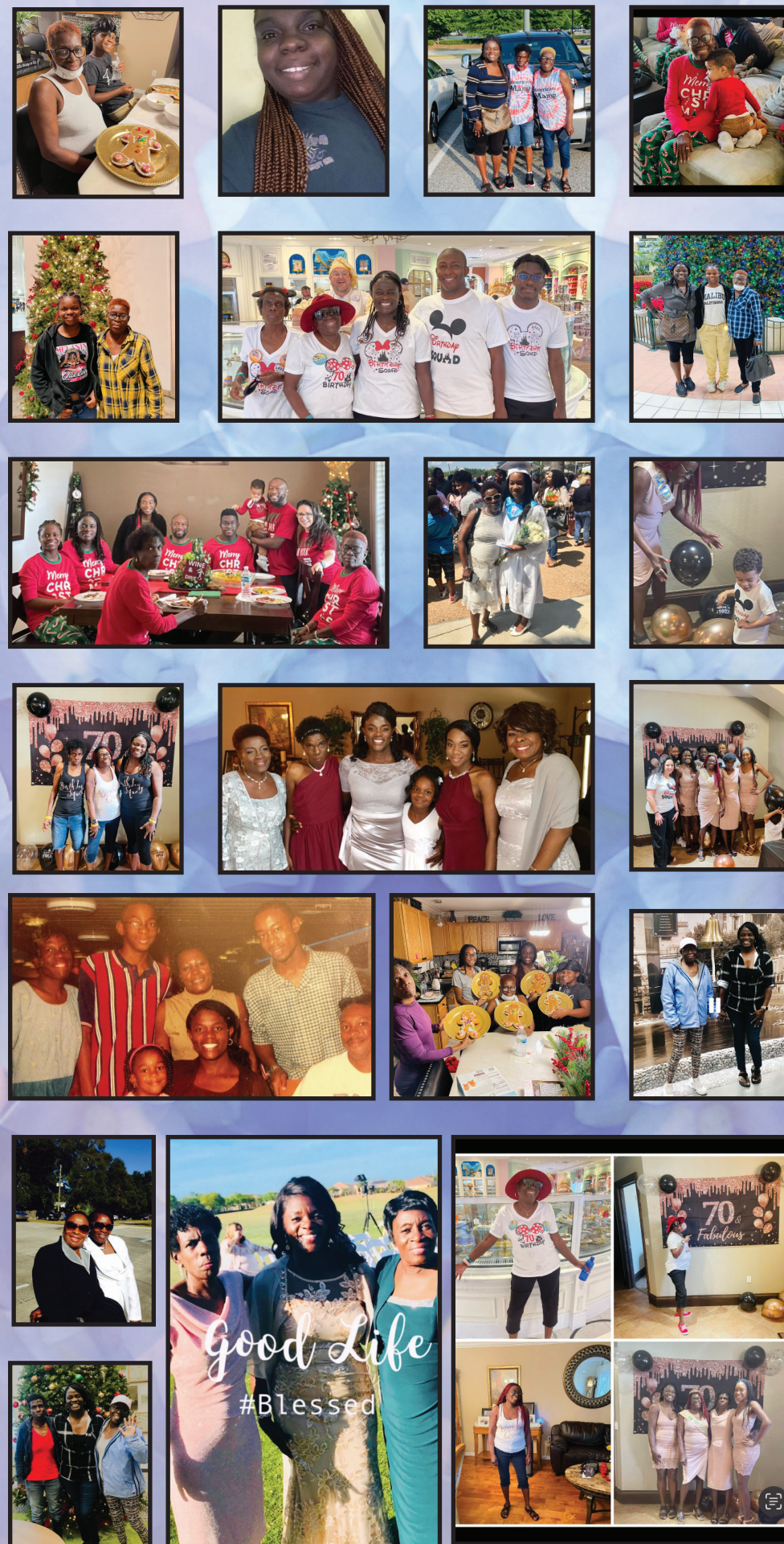
Later in life she confessed Christ and united with Creekstand A.M.E. Zion Church in Opelika, Alabama.

Lessie's interests reflected her warm and nurturing spirit. She relished being surrounded by her family, whom she adored more than anything. Her passion for taking care of others shone brightly, especially in her care for the elderly, whom she treated with the utmost respect and tenderness. An avid Alabama "Roll Tide" fan, Lessie's enthusiasm for her team was infectious, and she enjoyed the camaraderie and excitement that came with each game.

A master in the kitchen, Lessie loved to cook, and her turnips and rutabagas were legendary among family and friends. Her culinary skills were just another way she expressed her love, serving up dishes that were as comforting and hearty as her hugs.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Jimmy Leroy Cooper; son, Timothy Jeroma Cooper; four brothers and four sisters.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory: two daughters, Gloria (Jimie) Bornett of Mt. Dora, FL and Linda Faye Cooper of Columbus, GA; six grandchildren, Sara Bornett of Apoka, FL, Timyetta Cooper of Opelika, AL and Ja'niya Johnson Cooper of Baton Rouge, LA; Shantavis (Samantha) Bornett of Apoka, FL, Cordelro Bornett of Davenport, FL and Jimie Bornett, Jr. of Mt. Dora, FL; one great-grandson, Stefan Timothy Bornett of Apoka, FL; one sister, Reverend Dr. Margaret (Harvey) Walker of New York City, NY; two sisters-in-law, Mary (James) Stinson and Gloria (Chris) Beard both of Opelika, AL; one brother-in-law, George Walton of Opelika, AL; devoted friend, Ernie Brooks of Phenix City, AL; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.



# The Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Musical Selection ..... Brother Demond Moore

Prayer of Comfort ..... Bishop Henry Ligon

Scripture Readings:  
Old Testament ..... Minister Wanda Moore  
New Testament..... Brother James Stinson

Reflections..... Grandchildren  
Shantavis, Sara, Jimie, Jr., Ja'Niya and Timyetta

Musical Selection ..... Brother Demond Moore

Eulogy..... Bishop Henry Ligon

Recessional