

— *The Order of Service* —

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Musical Selection..... Virginia Graham

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament..... Bishop Kenneth Carter

New Testament ..... Reverend Marvin Davis

Prayer ..... Reverend Winfred McCoy

Words of Comfort..... Reverend Marvin Davis

Reflections..... Two Minutes (Please)

Musical Selection..... Pastor Essie Gentry

Eulogy..... Reverend Benjamin Cannon

Recessional

*God's Garden*

God looked around his garden  
And found an empty place,  
He then looked down upon the earth  
And saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering  
He knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb.  
So he closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered, 'Peace be thine'.  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you  
That day that God called you home.

Love, Patricia and Virginia

— *Pallbearers* —  
Family and Friends

— *Flower Attendants* —  
Family and Friends

— *Interment* —

Shiloh #2 AME Zion Church Cemetery  
333 Lee Road 166  
Opelika, Alabama 36804

— *Acknowledgment* —

The family of the late Mrs. Ella Lee Baldwin Fears acknowledges with grateful appreciation all acts of kindness, prayers, cards, telephone calls/texts and words of comfort extended to us during our time of bereavement.

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:

*Harris Funeral Home*  
*Sympathetic, Courteous & Professional Service*

515 South Sixth Street  
Opelika, Alabama 36801  
(334) 749-6583 Fax (334) 759-7018  
www.harrisfuneralhomeinc.com



CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

*Ella Lee*  
**BLADWIN FEARS**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025 • 1:00 P.M.

**HARRIS FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL**  
515 South 6th Street  
Opelika, Alabama

**REVEREND BENJAMIN CANNON, OFFICIATING**



# *The Obituary*

Mrs. Ella Lee Baldwin Fears, a cherished soul known for her unwavering strength and joyful spirit, passed away on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at the Bethany House in Auburn, Alabama. Ella was born in Lee County, Alabama. She was the daughter of the late Mr. Sam and Mrs. Willie Ann Baldwin Edwards.

"Young", as she was affectionately called by those who knew her best, was united in holy matrimony to the late Brady Fears on March 1, 1952. Their loving union was blessed with two daughters, Virginia and Patricia, who were the pride and joy of her life. She instilled in them the values of hard work, devotion to family, and the importance of faith, which she demonstrated through her active membership at Shiloh #2 African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church of Opelika, Alabama.

Throughout her life, Ella was a dedicated worker, known for her strong work ethic and friendly demeanor. She was employed with Opelika Manufacturing and West Point Pepperell, where she made many lifelong friends. Her commitment to her community continued even after her retirement from Smith Station High School, where she served as a custodian, leaving behind a legacy of kindness and dedication.

Ella's interests and hobbies were as vibrant as her personality. She had an unmatched passion for fishing, a pastime she could happily indulge in seven days a week. Her love for the sport was only rivaled by the joy she found in playing cards with her family and friends, where her laughter and competitive spirit were infectious.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Brady Fears; son, Alvin Baldwin; grandson, Christopher Fears; eight sisters and four brothers.

She leaves to cherish her memory; two daughters, Virginia Fears and Patricia Fears both of Salem, AL; bonus daughter, Fannie Kate McBride of Smith Station, AL; two grandchildren, Calvin T. (Danielle) Fears of Toledo, OH and Renaldo Thomas of Opelika, AL; two great-grandchildren, Jarren B. Thomas and Shyranez Fears both of Baton Rouge, LA; one daughter-in-law, Sharon Fears of Atlanta, GA; three sisters-in-law, Ernestine Thomas of Motts, AL, Margie Fears and Marjorie McGhee both of Opelika, AL; one brother-in-law, William (Lonzia) Fears of Cleveland, OH; special nephew, Wilbur Baldwin of Salem, AL; special niece, Kembrely (Nicholas) Fudge, of Phenix City, AL; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

