

— *Pallbearers* —
Family and Friends

— *Floral Attendants* —
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— *Acknowledgment* —

The family of the late Mrs. Essie Lee Dowdell Maddox 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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*Celebration
of
Life
For*

“Sally”
ESSIE LEE DOWDELL MADDOX

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 • 11:00 A.M.

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BROTHER WILLIE WHACK, OFFICIATING

– The Obituary –

Mrs. Essie Lee Dowdell Maddox, daughter of the late Ms. Annie Pearl Dowdell, was born September 18, 1933, in Lee County, Alabama.

At an early age, she confessed Christ and united with Macon Spring Baptist Church. She attended Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church in Waverly, Alabama.

“Sally” as she was affectionately known by her family and friends, was known for her survivor spirit, loved for her independence, and her unwavering commitment to her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. In her spare time, she enjoyed fishing, gardening, cooking and singing her church songs.

On Thursday, September 19, 2025, she departed this life at Bethany House in Auburn, Alabama. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Eugene Maddox; three children, Jessie Macon Dowdell, Edward Maddox and Ruby Jean Harris; one grandson, Jeffery Dowdell; six siblings, Truzella Matthews, Lula Pearl McCurdy, Virgis Dowdell, Robert Dowdell, Willie James Dowdell and Conway Dowdell.

She leaves to cherish her memory: two children, Marlena Maddox and Selena Maddox Robinson both of Opelika, AL; eleven grandchildren, Trina Dowdell, Anthony Maddox both of Opelika, AL, Sharvario Maddox (Carlene) Dickerson of Auburn, AL, Timmesia Maddox (Andre) Thomas, Torrance Maddox, Martell Maddox both of Opelika, AL, Andrea Maddox of Lafayette, AL, Mia Robinson of Auburn, AL, Malena Robinson of Opelika, AL, Malcom Robinson of Lagrange, GA and Mikel Robinson of Opelika, AL; a host of great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; one sister, Johnnie Mae Williamson of Faraway, NY; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

– Order of Service –

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Scripture Readings

Prayer of Comfort

Song

Expressions of Love Two Minutes Each (Please)

Song

Eulogy..... Brother Willie Whack

Recessional

– This Clay House –

I have finished now with this house of clay,
Please kindly and carefully lay it away.
And let me rest from this life of pain,
Toiling in sunshine, storm and rain.
Trying to help the sick and poor,
And turning no needy from my door.
I strove to do my master's work,
Never a duty did I shirk.
Many times I was misunderstood,
When I had done the best I could.
I am tired now so let me rest,
Don't cry, don't you know God knows best.
Please no sad hearts, no hung down heads,
Don't weep for me for I am not dead.
I have another house you know,
Where only God's redeemed can go.
I do not need this house of clay,
So tenderly, carefully, lay it away.