



## *- Pallbearers -*

Family and Friends

## *- Flower Bearers -*

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## *- Interment -*

Evergreen Cemetery  
1409 Monroe Avenue  
Opelika, Alabama 36801

## *- Acknowledgment -*

The family of the late Mrs. Vivian James "Nita" Horton 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

VIVIAN  
JAMES HORTON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025  
1:00 P.M.

HARRIS FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL  
515 South 6th Street • Opelika, Alabama 36801

REVEREND MICHAEL BURTON, OFFICIATING

## - Obituary -

Mrs. Vivian James Horton, daughter of the late Mr. Johnny Lee James, Jr. and Mrs. Annette James Robinson Ashford, was born August 20, 1960 in Macon County, Alabama.

“Nita” as she was affectionately known by her family and friends, was a proud graduate of Tuskegee Institute High School Class of 1978.

At an early age, she confessed Christ and united with Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Notasulga, Alabama.

Nita was a beacon of love and kindness, with a free heart that was as open and warm as her ever-present, loving smile. Her passion for life resonated through her enjoyment of R&B music. Nita also found joy in the simple pleasures of cooking, she loved nothing more than to have her loved ones gathered around, sharing stories and laughter over a meal she had crafted with care.

An avid card player, Nita was particularly known for her skill at the spades and gin-rummy tables. Fishing was another of Nita’s many passions, a pastime where she found serenity and connection with nature.

On Monday, September 29, 2025, she departed this life at her home in Opelika, Alabama. She was preceded in death by: one son, Clarence Anthony James; one sister, Lydia Regina Dungy; one granddaughter, Sunshine Rose James.

She leaves to cherish her memory: husband, Archie Horton of Opelika, AL; three children, Roy (Helen) Young, Rochetta Young (Mario) both of Opelika, AL and Mark Anthony (Janice) Horton of Loachapoka, AL; nine grandchildren, Andrea Gunnings of Opelika, AL, Roy D.A. Young of Atlanta, GA, Kambriya Moore of Phenix City, AL, Kameron Stephens of Opelika, AL, Cedrick Bailey, Jr, of Opelika, AL, Preach Horton and Aura Horton both of Loachapoka, AL, Jakera Davis and Josiah Freeman both of Opelika, AL; three sisters, Martha James, Evon Carr both of Notasulga, AL and Marquetta James Brown of Baltimore, MD; three brothers, Johnny Lee (Dorothy) James III of Notasulga, AL, Charles James and Steven James, Jr. both of Tuskegee, AL; two sisters-in-law, Brenda Edwards and Celitha (Willie) Seals both of Columbus, GA; one brother-in-law, Fa’lebreal Dungy of Houston, TX; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



## *If You Could See Me Now*

If you could see me now, you wouldn't shed a tear,  
Though you may not understand why I'm no longer here,  
Remember my spirit, that's the real me.  
I'm still very much alive, oh, if you could only see!  
I've beheld our Father's face. I've touched my Savior's hand.  
The angels all rejoiced as I entered the Promised Land.  
Beyond the gates of pearl, I walk on golden streets,  
I've touched the walls of jasper, dipped my foot in the crystal sea.  
The beauty is beyond words, nothing can compare.  
I've even seen your mansion, someday I will meet you there.  
Allow Jesus to be your guide, His word will show you the way.  
So, please, don't cry! We will meet again someday!

## - Order of Service -

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Scripture Readings

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Obituary ..... Read Silently

Eulogy ..... Reverend Michael Burton

Recessional

## *Remember Me*

Remember me when I am gone away,  
Gone far away into the silent land;  
When you can no more hold me by the hand,  
Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.  
Remember me when no more day by day  
You tell me of our future that you planned:  
Only remember me; you understand  
It will be late to counsel then or pray.  
Yet if you should forget me for a while  
And afterwards remember, do not grieve:  
For if the darkness and corruption leave  
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,  
Better by far you should forget and smile  
Than that you should remember and be sad.