



A Letter From Mom to My Four Children

Felix, Mickey, Chris, and Zandra, I felt so blessed, God gave me my precious children and each of you had your own place in my heart. I embraced your unique personalities with open arms and held you guys tight to my heart. None of you meant more to me than the other; this was truly how your mother felt. Each of you brought me so much love as a mother. I hope you all have good lives and most of all happiness. I'm so thankful for each one of you. Always remember that you guys were my blessings from God.

- Pallbearers -

Family and Friends

- Flower Attendants -

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- Interment -

Mt. Vernon Church Cemetery

- Acknowledgment -

The family of the late Mrs. Lillie L. Reaves Crittenden 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 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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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR



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Sista Tony
 LILLIE L. REAVES
 CRITTENDEN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026
 2:00 P.M.

MT. VERNON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 4881 US Highway 29 S Auburn, AL 36830

REVEREND THOMAS BROWN, OFFICIATING
 ELDER MICHAEL GOODWIN, EULOGIST

- *Obituary* -

Mrs. Lillie L. Reaves Crittenden, daughter of the late Mr. Johnny Matthew Chisholm and Ms. Evelyn Reaves, was born April 2, 1950, in Macon County, Alabama.

At an early age, she confessed Christ and united with Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church in Auburn, Alabama.

Lillie graduated from Sanford High School Class of 1970 in Opelika, Alabama, she later attended Southern Vocational College in Tuskegee, Alabama. She was employed with Auburn University ROTC for many years where she met many friends and retained those relationships over the years. Lillie enjoyed cooking, dancing, joy riding, working in her yard, being stylish, fashionable and always enjoyed fun and laughter. She loved spending time with her family, listening to a variety of different music, especially from her favorite musical artist Yanni.

For more than forty years, Lillie also sponsored many children and contributed to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Foundation, helping children around the world with love and compassion.

On Saturday, February 21, 2026, she departed this life at the Bethany House in Auburn, Alabama. She was preceded in death by: son, Chris Dewayne Cook; brother, Johnny Will Chisholm; sister, Ardwenia Oliver.

She leaves to cherish her memory: husband, Johnny Crittenden of Auburn, AL; three children, Felix (Tracy) Cook of Senoia, GA, Pastors McArthur (Connie) Cook of Opelika, AL and Zandra (Darrell) Marshall of Auburn, AL; two bonus sons, Torianno Roberts of Cusseta, AL and Keith Stringfellow of Alpharetta, GA; twenty grandchildren, Chris Evans, Jade McKinnon, Andre McKinnon, Jr., Jamon Gary, Darell Spinks, Harmonee Knight all of Auburn, AL, Malik Sistrunk, Tamall Calloway both of Opelika, AL, Denzel Oliver, Desmen Cook, Jasmine Dorman all of Atlanta, GA, Brittany McCullough of Norfolk, VA, Tavion Early of Washington, D.C., Kenae Early of San Antonio, TX, Jessalyn Smith of Birmingham, AL, Taylor Robinson of Augusta, GA, Ashlyn Belle of Huntsville, AL, Eboney Johnson of Phenix City, AL, Capria Cook of Cincinnati, OH and Aleshia Dowdell; a host of great-grandchildren; one brother, Columbus "Larry" (Laderne) Oliver of McDonough, GA; a bonus sister, Diane Ambus of Opelika, AL; two devoted friends, Rosie Gary of Salem, AL and Christine Dillon of Atlanta, GA; her extended family the Cook family; host of sisters and brothers-in-law; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The Heart of Our Family

*Grandma Lillie, my fellow Aries flame,
We loved hard and stood our ground.
Yes, we bumped heads sometimes—
But that fire in me came from you.
Your strength lives in my spirit,
Your boldness in my heart.
Even when we clashed,
Our love never fell apart.
I'll carry your spark forever.
Rest easy, Grandma.
Your fire still burns in me.*

*Love always,
Jade*

*A Daughter's Goodbye,
A Mother Love*

*Before she ever saw her face,
She loved her child with stubborn grace.
Through every trial, through every son,
She knew her story wasn't done.*

*"My daughter," she would softly say,
"I know you're coming—find your way."
And when at last that girl was born,
Her baby child, her only one,
She held her close and knew it true.
Some blessings are fought hard for you.*

*The youngest, cherished from the start,
The only girl, her mother's heart.
That love still lives; it has not ceased.
It rests in heaven, now at peace.*

*Love always,
Your Grandchildren*

- *Order of Service* -

Processional Clergy and Family
Scripture Readings Reverend Otis Tyner, Jr.
Prayer of Comfort Reverend Otis Tyner, Jr.
Musical Selection Raquavious Pitts
Obituary Read Silently
A Letter to My Mother Ready by Deidre Gibbs Henry
From Son and Daughter-in-Law, Felix (Tracy) Cook
Reflections of Love Two Minutes Each Please
Final Words from Her Son Pastor McArthur Cook, Jr.
Greater Works Our Lord Ministry
Musical Selection Joanne Boyd
Eulogy Elder Michael Goodwin
First Seventh Day Adventist Church, Bessemer, AL
Musical Selection Gabriel Stringfellow
Interstellar by Hans Zimmer
Recessional

Our Mema, Our Heart

Mema, you were our sunshine, our laughter, our guiding light. We'll always hear you saying, "Your favorite word," and smiling at us with love. Your hugs, your stories, and your kindness will live in our hearts forever. Though we can't see you, we know you're watching over us. We love you always, Mema.

Love always, Your Grandchildren