

To My Children

My dear children, please do not cry,
For I did not truly say goodbye.
Though you cannot see me anymore,
I am just beyond heaven's door.
Remember the love I gave to you,
In everything you say and do.
Carry my lessons in your heart,
For even in death we are not apart.
When life feels heavy and days are long,
Think of my smile and remain strong.
I am the whisper in the breeze,
The rustling of the autumn leaves.
I live within your memories,
Within your hearts is where I'll be.
So when you think of me, smile instead
For love like ours is never dead.

- *Palbearers* -
Family and Friends

- *Flower Bearers* -
Family and Friends

Interment
Evergreen Cemetery
1409 Monroe Avenue
Opelika, AL 36801

- *Acknowledgment* -

The family of the late Mrs. Bessie Ruth Ingram 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.

Repast

Deb's Place
1534 2nd Avenue, Suite 2
Opelika, AL 36801

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

Bessie
RUTH INGRAM

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026 | 1:00 P.M.

GALILEE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
2259 County Road 290
Opelika, AL 36801

REVEREND RODNEY JONES, OFFICIATING



- The Obituary -

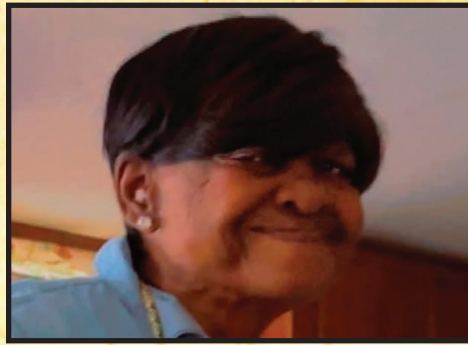
Mrs. Bessie Ruth Ingram, daughter of the late Mr. Homer and Mrs. Hattie Mae Knight Maddox, was born June 7, 1944, in Tallapoosa County, Alabama.

At an early age, she confessed Christ and united with Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Opelika, Alabama, where she remained a faithful member for many years. During her time there, she faithfully served on the Usher Board.

She cherished spending time with her family and loved the moments they shared together.

On Friday, March 6, 2026, she peacefully departed this life at Baptist South in Montgomery, Alabama. She was preceded in death by: one daughter, Anita Maddox; two sons, Cleveland Mackey and Melvin Maddox; one grandson, Quayshon Williams; one granddaughter, Tiffany Mackey; five siblings.

She leaves to cherish her memory her children, John Maddox of Long Island, NY, Ronald Maddox, Phillip (Nikesha) Maddox both of Auburn, AL, Charles Morris of Opelika, AL and John Townsend of Hartsville, SC; thirty grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren; one brother, Jimmie Lee Maddox of Farmingdale, NY; two sisters, Emily Williams of Birmingham, AL and Catherine Pearson of Opelika, AL; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who will miss her dearly.



- Order of Service -

- Processional.....Clergy and Family
- Scripture Readings..... Apostle Bruce Gunn
- Prayer of Comfort
- Musical SelectionCharlotte Truitt
- Expressions of LoveTwo Minutes Each (Please)
- Musical SelectionCharlotte Truitt
- Eulogy.....Reverend Rodney Jones
- Recessional

Our Mother, Our Angel

*You were our first home,
 Our first teacher,
 Our first friend.
 You held our hands when we were small
 And stood beside us as we grew tall.
 Your love was patient, kind, and true,
 A guiding light in all we do.
 Though our hearts are heavy
 And tears may fall,
 Your love will forever surround us all.
 We will carry your strength,
 Your wisdom, and your grace,
 And see your reflection in every place.
 Mom, you may be gone from our sight,
 But never from our hearts.
 Your love will live within us always.*