



*- Pathbearers -*

Nephews

*- Flower Bearers -*

Nieces

*- Acknowledgment -*

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers, if so, we saw them there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all. Just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts.  
We thank you so much, whatever the part.*

*A special thank you to all the homes she were raised in.  
A special thank you to the staff of Ivy Creek Hospice.  
A special thank you to Mr. Matt, Rachel Montgomery and Vera (Winston) Smith T.  
A special thank you to all the Doctors, Nurses and Caregivers.  
A special thanks to ARC Eastern Elmore Facility and Sugar Berry Group Home.  
A special thanks to all of you for taking care of Ruth Benford.  
A special thanks to Harris Funeral Home for your professional service.*

**The Family**

**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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**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**



*Ruth*  
**BENFORD**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2026 | 1:00 P.M.**

**HARRIS FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL**  
515 South Sixth Street  
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**BISHOP JOHNNIE HILL, OFFICIATING**

*- The Obituary -*

Ms. Ruth Benford, daughter of the late Mr. Willie Bruce and Mrs. Henrietta Riddle Benford, was born July 3, 1949, in Lee County, Alabama.

Ruth was a loving, sweet person, who loved browsing through photo albums and magazines. She loved clapping her hands and smiling.

On Wednesday, March 18, 2026, she departed this life peacefully, at the ARC of Eastern Elmore Facility in Wetumpka, Alabama. She was preceded in death by: three brothers, David Lee Benford, Oscar Benford and Jim Benford; three sisters, Lizzie Wilson, Martha Benford and Mary Benford.

She leaves to her memory: two sisters, Ella Lee Benford and Mattie Benford both of Opelika, AL; one sister-in-law, Thelma Benford of Auburn, AL; two adoring nieces, Nadine Porter of Birmingham, AL and Shirley Benford of Washington, DC; one caring great-nephew, Desmond Andrews; a beloved cousin, Walter (Delois) Varner; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



*- The Order of Service -*

- Scripture Reading ..... Brother Michael Holmes
- Prayer of Comfort ..... Elder Felix Watts
- Musical Selection.....Desmond Andrews
- Reflections..... Two Minutes Each (Please)
- Musical Selection..... Minister Shirley Benford
- Eulogy.....Bishop Johnnie Hill
- Committal
- Benediction

*- Remember Me -*  
By: Joey Beighley

*Fill not your hearts with pain and sorrow,  
But remember me in every tomorrow.  
Remember the joy, the laughter, the smiles,  
I've only gone to rest a little while.  
Although my leaving causes pain and grief,  
My going has eased my hurt,  
And given me relief.  
So, dry your eyes and remember me,  
Not as I am now, but as I used to be.  
Because I will remember you all,  
And look on with a smile.  
Understand in your hearts,  
I've only gone to rest a little while.  
As long as I have the love of each of you,  
I can live my life in the hearts of all of you.*