

- *Order of Service* -

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Scripture Readings

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection ..... Rising Star Baptist Church Choir

Expressions of Love ..... Two Minutes Each Please

Musical Selection ..... Rising Star Baptist Church Choir

Eulogy ..... Reverend Rodney Adkins

Recessional

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

- *Pallbearers* -  
Family and Friends

- *Flower Bearers* -  
Family and Friends

- *Interment* -  
Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery  
908 Hughley Road  
Opelika, AL 36804

- *Acknowledgment* -

The family of the late Mr. Willie Ferrell Reese wishes to express our sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness, love, and support shown during our time of bereavement. Your prayers, calls, visits, flowers, and every gesture of sympathy have brought us comfort and strength. We are deeply grateful.

- *Repast* -

Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

- *When Life Is Done* -

*I'd like the memory of me  
To always bring a smile,  
And leave a gentle afterglow  
That lingers for a while.  
Let echoes speak of happy days,  
Of laughter, warmth, and sun;  
And may those tears be softened  
By memories when life is done.*



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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.



*"Sonny"*  
WILLIE FERRELL REESE

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026  
1:00 P.M.

RISING STAR MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
21935 U.S. Highway 80  
Opelika, AL 36804

REVEREND RODNEY ADKINS, OFFICIATING

# - Obituary -

Mr. Willie Ferrell Reese, son of the late Mr. Will and Mrs. Zora Eiland Reese, was born December 7, 1940, in Jefferson County, Alabama.

At an early age, he confessed Christ and united with Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church in Opelika, Alabama.

Willie, a proud graduate of Sanford High School in the Beauregard community, was known for his multifaceted talents and enthusiastic spirit. An industrious man with skilled hands, he found joy and purpose in repairing large tractors. His warm smile and amiable nature made him a friend to many, as Willie cherished every opportunity to greet people and brighten their day.

Beyond his mechanical talents, Willie's life was enriched by his love for animals. Those who knew him could attest to his devotion in taking care of his pets. An avid outdoorsman, his passion for hunting was well-known, showcasing his appreciation for nature and the serenity it provided him. Willie's musical inclination shone brightly as he skillfully played the drums for many years with the Gospel Airs. Further embodying his commitment to community and camaraderie, Willie was an esteemed member of the Masonic Lodge. His memory will continue to inspire and resonate within the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to have known this remarkable man.

On Sunday, March 22, 2026, he departed this life at the East Alabama Medical Center in Opelika, Alabama. He was preceded in death by: siblings, Patricia Reece Hawkins, Amuria Richardson, Zora Reece, Joe Winston Reese and Connie Reese; one bonus son, Alfred Lewis.

He leaves to cherish his memory: seven children, Brenda (Leon) Beard, Linda Reese, Ronald (Jackie) Reese, Michael (Pamela) Reese all of Opelika, AL, JoAnne Reece of Auburn, AL, Quanetta (Roderick) Johnson of Montgomery, AL and Makiya Reese of Camp Hill, AL; fifteen grandchildren, Antonio Reese, Anntionetta Reese, Andreas Card, Charnetta Reese, Chiquita Reese, Kawandra Reese, Chasman Reese, Lamarcus Reese, Roderick Johnson, Jr., JaQuena Johnson, Jayln Johnson, Jorlyn Johnson, Jakylei Johnson, Ronald Reese, Jr. and Danielle Wilborn; a host of great grandchildren; two sisters, Carolyn Reece of Opelika, AL and Brenda (Dave) Ashby of East Orange, NJ; one brother, Willie James Reese of Bronx, NY; three bonus children, Doroithine Vaughn, Barbara Jackson and Janice Edwards; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

