



“ Pallbearers ”
Family and Friends

“ Flower Bearers ”
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“ Interment ”
Evergreen Cemetery
1409 Monroe Avenue
Opelika, AL 36801

“ Acknowledgment ”

The family of the late Mrs. Thomasine Donna Whitlow 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.

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR “DAWN”



Thomasine
DONNA WHITLOW

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026 | 1:00 P.M.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF OPELIKA
702 Avenue A | Opelika, AL 36801

DR. NOLAN DONALD, SENIOR PASTOR
REVEREND RICK LANE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR AND OFFICIANT

Obituary

Mrs. Thomasine Donna Whitlow, daughter of the late Mr. Roy and Mrs. Mary Lela Walton Thomas, was born February 2, 1970, in Macon County, Alabama.

At an early age, she confessed Christ and united with Fitten Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Opelika, Alabama, she later united with First Methodist Church of Opelika in Opelika, Alabama.

“Dawn”, as she was affectionately known by family and friends, graduated from Opelika High School with the Class of 1988. Following her graduation, she continued her education at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in Birmingham, Alabama, and later attended Southern Union State Community College in Opelika, Alabama, where she earned an associate degree in Early Child Care. Her commitment to learning reflected the same determination and purpose that guided her throughout her life.

For more than thirty years, Dawn served in the childcare field, where she touched countless lives through her compassion, patience, and steady presence. She approached her work with a sincere heart and a genuine concern for the well-being of others. Her years of service were a testament to her strength, her work ethic, and her desire to help those in need.

Dawn found great joy in reading, and she treasured the quiet moments that allowed her to enjoy a good book. Above all else, she deeply loved her children. She was a constant source of encouragement and support in their lives and remained actively involved in their sports and many other endeavors. Her devotion as a mother was evident in the time, energy, and love she poured into her family each day.

Thomasine Donna Whitlow leaves behind a legacy of devotion to family, service to others, and a life well-lived. Though she will be deeply missed, her influence and example will remain a lasting blessing to her family, friends, and all whose lives she touched.

On Friday, April 3, 2026, she departed this life at the Bethany House in Auburn, Alabama.

She leaves to cherish her memory: two children, Justin Whitlow of Opelika, AL and Cameron Whitlow of Opelika, AL; one sister, Geraldine Barrow of Auburn, AL; two brothers, Clifford (Pauline) Thomas of Hendersonville, TN and Timothy (Dana) Thomas of Union City, GA; grandmother, Sadie Mae Williams of Salem, AL; two aunts, Mary Askew of Opelika, AL and Gloria Dunklin of Salem, AL; a special niece, Kenyetta Barrow of Opelika, AL; a nieces, Katina Barrow, Tyshekia Jackson both of Opelika, AL, Vanessa Thomas and Amanda (Albert) Burris of LaVergne, TN; nephews, Royal (Miranda) Barrow of Murfreesboro, TN and Darian Jackson of Dunwoody, GA; great nieces, Za'leria Barrow, O'layiah Barrow, Kaylynn Smith, Kayleaha Smith, Oliva Barror, Opehlia Barrow, AvaMarie Burris and Anessa Burris; great nephews, Albert Burris III and Levi Smith; great-great niece, Madison Trammell; a host of relatives and friends.



Order of Service

- Prelude Mrs. Teresa Ryhne
- Greetings Reverend Rick Lane
- Hymn of Praise Amazing Grace
- Scripture Reading Reverend Michael Burton
- Prayer Reverend Michael Burton
- Musical Selection Mia Chadwick
“Jesus Promise Me”
- Reflections of Love Two Minutes Each (Please)
- Gospel Reading Reverend Rick Lane
- Musical Selection Demetriace “Chee Chee” Jordan
- *Benediction Reverend Rick Lane
- *Postlude Mrs. Teresa Ryhne

Held by the Savior

*When my days on earth had ended
 And my time had finally come,
 Do not think that I have left you,
 Rejoice, my battle has been won.
 In the quiet, distant moments
 When I seemed so far away,
 My Savior sat right beside me,
 Preparing me for this day.
 He calmed my fears and eased my pain;
 There was no suffering at the end.
 What felt so long and hard for you
 Was peaceful as He took my hand.
 I know you did all you could do,
 And God heard every cry,
 For He reached down with gentle love
 And softly closed my eyes.*