

- Order of Service -

Processional Clergy and Family
Prayer of Comfort..... Reverend Jonathan Benton, Sr.
Scripture Readings Reverend Roger Jones
Musical Selection St. Mark A.M.E. Choir
Resolution St. Mark A.M.E. Church
Musical Selection St. Mark A.M.E. Choir
Eulogy Reverend Jonathan Benton, Sr.
Recessional

Safe in His Loving Care

*When faithful hearts grow tired on earth,
God gently calls them home.
To rest beneath His loving care,
No longer now to walk alone.
Her faith was steadfast, calm, and true,
She shared His promises with love.
And though we grieve her absence here,
We trust His purpose from above.
For in His Word, He gives us hope,
A paradise with life anew.
Where pain and sorrow pass away,
And joy returns in morning dew.
So, we shall hold her memory dear,
Until that blessed waking day,
When by God's mighty hand,
Death's shadow shall be swept away.*

- Pallbearers -

Grandsons and Nephews

- Flower Bearers -

Nieces and Friends

- Interment -

Garden Hills Cemetery
1218 Frederick Road
Opelika, AL 36801

- Acknowledgment -

The family of the late Mrs. Katie Mae Hughley 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. Special thank you to St. Mark A.M.E. Church, Fresenius Kidney Care, and Compassus Hospice. 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.

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:



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IN LOVING
MEMORY OF

Katie Mae Hughley

BORN
October 26, 1947

♥

PASSED AWAY
April 16, 2026

*Your love, strength and kindness
will live in our hearts forever.
You will be deeply missed
and never forgotten.*

FUNERAL SERVICE
Sunday, April 26, 2026
2:00 P.M.
St. Mark A.M.E Church
4141 Anderson Road
Opelika, AL

REVEREND JONATHAN BENTON, SR.
OFFICIATING

- Obituary -

Mrs. Katie Mae Shorter Hughley was born October 26, 1947, in Lee County, Alabama, to the late Mr. Emmanuel and Mrs. Mollie Shorter Clark.

At an early age, she confessed Christ and became a devoted member of St. Mark A.M.E. Church, where she remained faithful until her health declined. Her life was a reflection of her faith and the love she had for her family and people.

She found joy in the simple and meaningful moments of life. Whether dancing with a smile that lit up the room, enjoying lively games of Bingo with her family, or preparing large meals that brought everyone together—especially on Sunday, she created an atmosphere filled with love, laughter, and fun.

In her younger years, she enjoyed playing softball at Covington Recreation Center, and treasured the companionship of her Liberty Social Club sisters.

Katie was a dedicated and hardworking woman. She jumped into the workforce at Diversified Products before committing over 30 years of service in dietary at Lee County Hospital, currently East Alabama Health, where she later retired. Her strong work ethic was matched only by her steadfast and unwavering love for her family.

Above all, she adored her children, grandchildren, siblings, nieces, nephews, and extended family. Being in their presence brought her immense joy, and her love for them was evident through her hugs, kisses, meals, and every moment spent together. She was indeed a joy to be around. She was full of life, love, jokes, and always ready to break out in dance.

On Thursday, April 16, 2026, surrounded by family, she departed this earthly life at the East Alabama Medical Center in Opelika, Alabama. She was preceded in death by: her companion Joe Holloway; grandson, Timothy Carr; great-granddaughter, Ashley Marie Hughley; great-grandson, Jacquavious Hughley; four siblings, Elmore Shorter, Charlie Lee Shorter, Wardell Clark, and Joseph Kindred.

She leaves to cherish her memory: five children, Wanda (Gary) Kilgore of Riverdale, GA, Regina (Thomas) Preston of Cusseta, AL, Katherine Hughley (Cleave Morgan) of Opelika, AL, Fannie (Kurvin) Streeter of Montgomery, AL and Michelle Hughley of Cusseta, AL; fifteen grandchildren, Tomeika Hughley, Luevenia Hughley, LaBrande Hughley, LaTangela Carr, Calvin Hughley, Sufear Carr, Christopher (Turri) Hughley, Janataka Hughley-Holmes, Toneitha Hughley, Naesha Hughley, Tambra Hughley, Angena (Jeremy) Tisdell, Naequarius Hughley, Delesha Hughley, and Kearston McCants; forty-two great-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; six brothers, Emmanuel Shorter, Jasper Shorter, Henry (Eloise) Shorter, Henry Clark all of Opelika, AL, Lorenzo (Wiltha) Haynes of Columbia, OH, Amos Haynes of Youngstown, OH; four sisters, Dorothy Parker of Opelika, AL, Geraldine (Joe) Tinsley of Opelika, AL, Elizabeth Hodge of Cincinnati, OH, Juanita Haynes of Cleveland, OH; one sister-in-law, Fannie Clark of Opelika, AL; three special nieces, Rosetta Shorter of Decatur, GA, Carrie Carr and Lillie Shorter both of Opelika, AL; seven special nephews, Lakeith Shorter, Derrick O'Neal, Brandon Foreman, Angelo Shorter, Tyrone Foreman, Anthony Foreman and Tony Tidwell; goddaughter, Sandra Hutchinson of Loachapoka, AL; five devoted friends, Lucille Dooley, Ida Lou Melton, Hazel Dowdell, Geraldine Bailey all of Opelika, AL and Florine Pitts of Loachapoka, AL; a host of other relatives and friends.

