

- *Pallbearers* -
Family and Friends

- *Flower Bearers* -
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- *Interment* -
Church Cemetery

- *Acknowledgment* -

The family of the late Mrs. Johnie Pearl Ward Knight 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

“COO”



Johnie Pearl
WARD KNIGHT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026 | 2:00 P.M.

CREEKSTAND FREEWILL
NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH
672 Lee Road 40 | Opelika, AL 36804

BISHOP HENRY LIGON, PASTOR AND OFFICIANT
REVEREND JOHNNY FREEMAN, EULOGIST

- Obituary -

Mrs. Johnie Pearl Ward Knight, daughter of the late Mr. Johnny and Mrs. Pearlie Mae Cooper Ward, was born July 1, 1947, in Lee County, Alabama.

At an early age, she confessed Christ and united with Creekstand A.M.E. Zion Church in Salem, Alabama. Later in life, she became a member of Creekstand Freewill Non-Denominational Church in Opelika, Alabama, where she faithfully sang in the choir.

Affectionately known as "Coo" by her family and friends, she was a proud graduate of J.W. Darden High School, Class of 1965. Coo was employed with Walmart and retired after twenty-two years of service. She enjoyed traveling, sewing, and preparing taxes, but above all, she cherished her family. She was a devoted and loving grandmother who took great pride in her grandchildren, and her love, warmth, and kindness will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

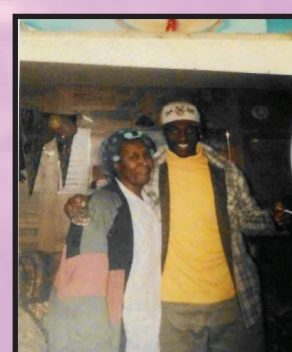
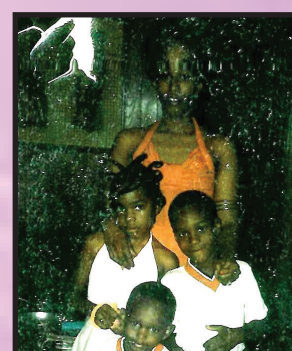
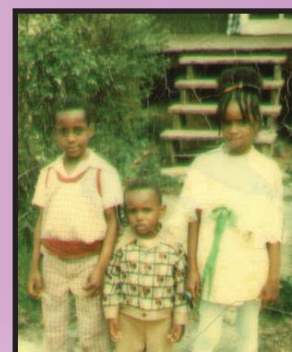
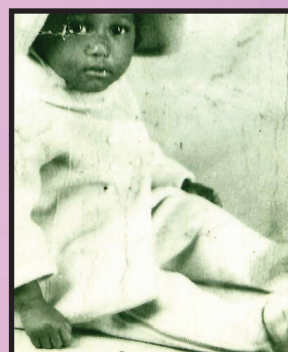
On Thursday, July 23, 2026, she departed this life at the Bethany House in Auburn, Alabama. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Willie L. "Ronnie" Knight and two devoted cousins as siblings, Annie Maxie Fuller, Ocie "Bayann" Brooks and a devoted cousin, Tonia "Bay Bay" Wilson.

She leaves to cherish her memory: three children, Krystal Staples, Stephen "Bubba" (Kavia) Staples both of Opelika, AL and Jonathan (Bobbi) Staples of Salem, OR; seven grandchildren, Antoine Staples, Anthony "Quay" Gardner, Jaquavious "Tae" (Catorsha) Frazier, Kenneth Williams, Kelsey Staples, Zynique Staples and Serenity Staples; great-grandchildren, Kaleb Frazier and Cashtyn Edwards; four cousins as siblings, Lizzie "Sister" (Johnny) Porter, Robert "Tig" Wilson both of Salem, AL, Walter "Oogie" (Georgia) Wilson and David "Smug" (Virginia) Wilson both Opelika, AL; goddaughter, Linda Porter of Salem, AL; five sisters-in-law, Barbara Howard of Cincinnati, OH, Ella (Rex) Huffman, Patricia (Fred) Bennett, Diane (Lester) Whitlow all of Auburn, AL and Rita Black of Phenix City, AL; two brothers-in-law, Kenneth (LaShawna) Black of Chattanooga, TN and Spencer Black of Opelika, AL; one uncle, Elder (Doris) Knight of Opelika, AL; a host of other relatives, classmates and friends.

- Our Mother Kept a Garden -

*Our mother kept a garden, a garden of the heart.
She planted all the good things that gave our life its start.
She turned us to the sunshine and encouraged us to dream.
Fostering and nurturing the seed of self-esteem.*

*And when the winds, and rain came, she protected use enough,
But not too much she knew we needed to stand up strong and tough.
Her constant God example always taught us right from wrong.
Markers for her pathway, to last our whole life long.*



- Order of Service -

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Scripture Readings:
Old TestamentEvangelist Dorothy Freeman
New Testament.....Bishop Henry Ligon

Prayer of ComfortBishop Henry Ligon

Musical SelectionChoir

Expressions of LoveTwo Minutes Each (Please)

Musical SelectionChoir

Eulogy..... Reverend Johnny Freeman

Recessional

