

- *My Mom* -

You have loved me as your own my entire life. Having you as my aunt has been such a blessing. I looked forward to our daily talks, whether they were long or brief. I could literally talk to you about anything. Since I was born, you've been there. I remember riding with you to run errands as a little girl. You always had somewhere to go because you helped so many people. I loved when we went to Bay Service Station to get a Peach Nehi and a few RCs.

You always had such a good sense of humor, and you loved to dance. You always kept us laughing. I remember you would turn up the radio when songs you liked were on. Then you would start dancing, saying "Wait! I'm about to stop this car." You would pretend that you were going to get out and dance in the middle of the road. We laughed every single time. I remember when you actually got out and did a little two step in front of the headlights. I think we were in the driveway, but you got out. So, it counts! That dancing spirit never left you, at every family function, we had to play Chubb Rock "Treat 'Em Right" so you could tear the floor up one time! Watching you do your dance brought joy to us every time. You had so much joy and so much strength.

You were given a hand that most couldn't handle. But you took the cards you were dealt with and played them like a pro! You brought joy to places that would have others down. I loved hearing you tell us stories about how you kept everyone at dialysis cracking up. You went through dialysis, countless surgeries and other health issues. You had several reasons to give up but you never did. You kept praying, singing and dancing your way through. Despite all that you were going through, you remained selfless. You called and checked on everybody in the family. If it was something you could do for someone, you would do it.

God truly made you a special gem. There are so many memories that I will cherish...the countless games of 5,000 that were played, listening to you sing random songs on the telephone, helping you order clothes from your Woman Within catalogs, watching how much a simple gesture such as giving you a card would make your day, and helping you figure out how to use "modern technology". Just simply being around you and talking to you. I will cherish it all.

You were truly one of God's greatest creations. I'm so thankful that He allowed you to be a part of our lives. I pray you're dancing in the middle of the streets paved with gold, because the beautiful life you lived is definitely worth celebrating.

I will love you forever,
Bree

- *Pallbearers* -
Family and Friends

- *Flower Bearers* -
Family and Friends

- *Interment* -
Evergreen Cemetery
1409 Monroe Avenue
Opelika, AL 36801

- *Acknowledgment* -

The family of the late Mrs. Kimberly Michelle Driver Benford 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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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR
"BUTTERCUP"

Kimberly Michelle
DRIVER BENFORD



THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026
1:00 P.M.

SOUTHSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
405 Carver Avenue | Opelika, AL 36801

BROTHER WILLIE WHACK, OFFICIATING

- Obituary -

Mrs. Kimberly Michelle Driver Benford, daughter of Mr. Melvin and Mrs. Mary Tidwell Driver, was born December 24, 1970, in Lee County, Alabama. She was the first living doll received into this loving family.

At an early age, she confessed Christ and united with Southside Church of Christ in Opelika, Alabama.

“Buttercup”, as she was affectionately known by her family and friends, graduated from Opelika High School. She worked in the healthcare field as a certified nursing assistant. She united in holy matrimony with Mr. Arthur Charles Benford, and they shared over twenty years together. She was a loving wife, daughter, sister and friend.

Kimberly’s memory will live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her. Her life was a beautiful example of love in action, and her legacy will continue through the many lives she touched. Though she will be deeply missed, the love she shared and the kindness she showed will never be forgotten.

On Thursday, August 20, 2026, she went home to be with our Father at the East Alabama Medical Center in Opelika, Alabama.

She will be missed so much by: her husband, Arthur Charles Benford of Opelika, AL; her loving parents, Melvin and Mary Driver of Opelika, AL; three sisters, Arnicia Driver of Birmingham, AL, Ayanna Card of Stone Mountain, GA and Shwanda Buchanon of Hoover, AL; two special sisters, Amelia Doolittle and Cindy Caldwell both of Opelika, AL; two brothers, Dominic (Lorraine) Driver of Monroe, GA and Sam (Sarah) Trammell of Opelika, AL; a special niece that she considered a daughter, Courtney (Justin) Baker of Birmingham, AL; a godsister, Marley Jackson of Opelika, AL; a special cousin that she considered a niece, Crystal (Shawn) Sanford; two step-sons, Cortez (Alice) Brundage and Gary (Kanesha) Robinson both of Opelika, AL; three aunts, Lynda (Roy) Morris, Daisy Tidwell and Christine Driver all of Opelika, AL; four uncles, James Driver, Randy (Faye) Driver, John Tidwell and Eddie (Juniel) Tidwell all of Opelika, AL; her ride or die friend, Sandra Miles; a host of cousins, friends, family and the Fresenius Dialysis family.



- Order of Service -

Processional Clergy and Family

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Scripture Readings

Musical Selection

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

Solo Ramon Harris
“I Trust in God”

Eulogy Brother Willie Whack

Recessional

- The Kindest Soul -

To know you was to love you. You were selfless, genuine, kind and true. God’s love truly shined through you. No matter what trials you faced, you carried it with grace. You took everything to God in prayer, which was a testament to your faith. You checked in on your loved ones near or far, whether sick or well, just to let them know that someone cared. Your daily check ins (check and see) were the biggest display of God’s love. You were truly an Angel sent from above. You were a living example of Matthew 5:16 – “Let your light shine before others so they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Your light shone so brightly on all of those around. You brought so much joy into every space. Your great sense of humor could brighten up any day.

You were simply the best. Thank you for sharing your gift with us. Thank you for being an example of how to love others. Thank you for bringing so much joy into our lives. Thank you for being you.

Your presence will be missed tremendously, but the impact you left on your loved ones will never fade. We will hold on to the beautiful memories that have been made.

Love you always our Kimbo, Kimberlynn, TT,
The Original Buttercup