

For My Grandmother

I never knew goodbye
Would hurt this much,
Or that I'd miss your voice,
Your smile, your gentle touch.

I wish I could have one more day,
One more hug, one more conversation,
One more chance to tell you
How much you meant to me.

You were more than my grandmother,
You were love, you were home,
A piece of my heart
I never thought I'd have to live without.

Although I cannot see you,
I feel you in so many ways—
In the memories we made,
In the lessons that you gave.

And when the tears begin to fall,
I'll remind myself somehow:
You may be gone from my sight,
Byou're still with me now.

I'll carry you in my heart
Through every year to come,
And when I speak your name,
I'll smile through what you've become.

Until we meet again, Grandma,
I hope you know this is true:
A part of who I am today
Will always belong to you.

Rest peacefully, Grandma Gin
Your love will never fade.
You may have left this world,
But the memories of you
Will never leave me.



Acknowledgment

The family of the late Ms. Virginia Antionette "Gin" Fears 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 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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Obituary

Ms. Virginia Antionette Fears, daughter of the late Mr. Brady and Mrs. Ella Lee Baldwin Fears, was born March 12, 1956, in Lee County, Alabama.

At an early age she confessed Christ and united with Shiloh A.M.E. Zion #2 Church in Opelika, Alabama.

“Gin,” as she was affectionately known by her family and friends, attended Smiths Station High School before transferring to Beauregard High School, where she graduated with the Class of 1973. Following graduation, she pursued her passion for healthcare by attending Southern Union, where she earned an Associate Degree in Nursing, as well as studies in Business and Clerical.

She had a genuine passion for healthcare and found great joy in caring for others. She was known for her ability to make people laugh and bring joy to those around her. She was also a former member of the Harris Funeral Home Angel Softball Team and enjoyed traveling. Above all, one of her greatest joys was spending time with and visiting her beloved grandchildren.

On Saturday, September 19, 2026, she departed this life at Bethany House in Auburn, Alabama. She was preceded in death by: three siblings, Brady Fears, Jr., Alvin C. Baldwin and Annie Fears; one nephew, Christopher Fears.

She leaves to cherish her memory: one son, Calvin (Danielle) Fears of Toledo, OH; two grandchildren, Jarren Thomas and Shyranez Fears both of Baton Rouge, LA; seven bonus grandchildren, Shanice Thomas, Shalaysia Thomas, Jaylin Thomas, Tereshia Thomas, Janay Thomas, DJ Toyer and Brayon Belton; nineteen great-grandchildren; two sisters, Patricia Fears of Salem, AL and Fannie Kate McBride of Smiths Station, AL; one uncle, William (Lonzia) Fears of Cleveland, OH; three aunts, Margie McGhee and Margie Fears both of Opelika, AL and Earnestine Thomas of Motts, AL; devoted friend, Linda McDaniel of Opelika, AL; one sister-in-law, Sharon Fears of Atlanta, GA; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



Order of Service

Processional Clergy and Family
 Scripture Readings Bishop Kenneth Carter
 Prayer of Comfort..... Pastor Johnny Freeman
 Musical Selection Virginia Graham
 ObituaryRead Silently
 Musical Selection Ramon Harris
 EulogyReverend John L. Johnson
 Benediction

Mom

Mom, your love was a gift
 I'll carry all my days.
 Your voice, your smile,
 your gentle heart
 Will never fade away.

Though today I have to
 say goodbye,
 You'll never truly leave.
 You'll live forever in my
 heart,
 In every memory.

I love you, Mom.
 Until we meet again.