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Ethan Warrior Gabriel Warrior

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#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The family of Minnie Bell (Shepherd) Peek wishes to express our sincere gratitude to all of you for your prayers, presence, love, food, flowers, phone calls, scholarship donations, and all other acts of kindness and support shown during his illness and our time of bereavement.

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Finally, we are deeply appreciative for all other family, friends, neighbors, and her Morgan County Church of Christ family. Your presence in our lives is gratefully acknowledged.

May God bless you all for your kindness.

Special Thanks to:
Bernard's Family Funeral Care, LLC
Your attentiveness to Minnie's care during this time is truly appreciated

## *In Lieu of flowers:*

On behalf of the Peek Family and Savannah State University, please consider making a donation to support establishing the Minnie S. Peek Endowed Scholarship Fund. Your donation will make a lasting impact on the lives of Savannah State University students in the College of Science and Technology and the College of Education, helping forward Minnie S. Peek's legacy of academic excellence and opportunity by empowering future educators and scientists – preparing them to lead, innovate and uplift their communities. Your donation to the Minnie S. Peek Endowed Scholarship Fund is tax deductible. Please either access the following online link https://igfn.us/f/5hxy/n or make a check payable to Savannah State University and send it to Savannah State University | University Advancement | 3219 College Street, Box 20439, Savannah, GA 31419; please add "Minnie S. Peek Endowed Scholarship Fund" to the "For" line.

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Minnie J. Peek





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Sunday, June 6, 1937 – Sunday, June 22, 2025

Friday, June 27, 2025 | 11:00 a.m.

MORGAN COUNTY CHURCH OF CHRIST 3541 Seven Islands Road Madison, Georgia 30650

Minister George White III, Officiating College Park Church of Christ



# Love is what I had to give I shared it with everyone I knew

A kind word that I passed along each and every day were words of encouragement to help you along the way

The smile that I wore was embraced with joy in my heart and this was a special blessing given from God

Remember the wonderful things we've done, the places we've been, the times we gathered in unity, and the memories we made.

This will always bring a smile to your face.

I've lived, learned, gave it my best and was blessed to share my knowledge throughout the years. I taught from my heart as well as the books.

I served God with everything I had and remembered that what I did for Christ will last.

My neighbors became my family too.
I instilled in everyone to give it their best,
trust in God, and he'll do the rest.
So always believe in yourself as I believed in you.

When I smiled, I gave you a reason to smile too. I thanked God for each and every one of you.

Whatever you do, remember to smile, enjoy life, and always be thankful for every blessing from God.

Never forget how much I loved you. My life was beautiful because I had Jesus and he blessed me with all of you too.

> In Loving Memory, Tammy Brooks



# Tribute To Minnie

(by Mark Faust

**Minnie Bell (Shepherd) Peek** will be remembered by all who knew her as a wise and caring woman. Her life was defined by a generosity of spirit that revolved around faith and family in a way that was utterly inclusive and beautiful to behold.



Getting to know her when I did, late in our respective lives, is a gift for which I am grateful beyond measure. There is no doubt that I am not alone in feeling this way about a person who quietly and unobtrusively led a truly exemplary life.

Minnie was born on June 6, 1937 to Emerson Shepherd and Louise Ingram and, after her father's untimely passing, she and her sister, Edith Thelma Smith (who proceeded her in death) were raised by their maternal grandparents, Ed Gooden Ingram and Mary Lucy (Mosley) Ingram who resided in what was then known as Madison's "East End Community." In 1958, she graduated from Savannah State College and embarked on a career teaching science in Monroe, Oconee, and Morgan County schools where she earned the respect and love of generations of students and their parents. Minnie earned a master's degree from the University of Georgia and after 40 years in the classroom, she retired. She then ran for a seat on the Morgan County Board of Education and served there for 12 years.

Minnie is a long-time faithful member of the Morgan County Church of Christ. Throughout the years, she participated in many civic organizations and served on numerous boards throughout the community. She left her footprint throughout the State.

My connection with her began when I retired and volunteered to sponsor a book club at the local Senior Center. From day one, Minnie's enthusiasm for reading was a source of great joy for me and all who participated in the group for eight years. Shortly after we met, Minnie asked me to assist her in writing a memoir to be shared at an upcoming family reunion. I hesitated but thankfully agreed to participate in a project that turned out to be a lively collaboration resulting in a published book: From the Cotton Field to the Education Field: People who Made My Journey in Life Possible (2019, Hidden History Publishers).

When I learned that the outset of Minnie's career as an educator had situated her among the first African American teachers to work in a de-segregated school, I was fascinated. Her vivid memories of being part of such a significant historical moment seemed to me like a perfect focus for her memoir. But she would have none of it. The book she wanted to write would not be about her as much as it would be an expression of gratitude to God and all the many people who supported her effort live a life worth living. To me that says it all.

At the point when declining health prevented her from attending activities at the Senior Center, the book club began meeting at her home. At about the same time a few of us started joining her for weekly Scrabble contests. All her life, Minnie loved to play Scrabble and was a nearly invincible opponent. Even as her aptitude faded and I actually won a game, her love for Scrabble and the fellowship it provided never faltered. In this context, as in every other throughout her life, Minnie's abiding love overshadowed all other concerns.

When we were working together on her book, she often remarked that she never imagined having a friend like me to which I had to reply that I could never have imagined a friend like her. She is and always will be a light in my life as I am certain she is for anyone who knew her. Now, her soul is with God and her legacy is with all who, like me, have been blessed by the way she embodied the eternal light of love.

To continue the celebration of her life, she leaves her Son, Reginald Dwayne Peek (Tammy Brooks, Fiancé); Daughter, Karen LaWuane Warrior (Dexter); Grandsons, Ethan Reginald Warrior and Gabriel Wesley Warrior; a host of Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, and Special Friends; in addition to others that she considered as "Her Children".

# Order of Service

	Processional	An Empty Mansion
Welcome		George White III
	Opening Prayer	Terry Hawkins
	Isaiah 40:28-31 (KJV) "Hast the everlasting God, the Lord, the coneither is weary? There is no set to the faint; and to them that he youths shall faint and be weary that wait upon in the Lord shall	Rodney Crawford nou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, earching of his understanding. He giveth power have no might he increaseth strength. Even y, and the young men shall utterly fall; But they all renew their strength; they shall mount up all run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and
	2 Timothy 4:6-8 (KJV) "For I and departure is at hand. I have fout have kept the faith: Henceforth	Jerry Boswell m now ready to be offered, and the time of my ght a good fight, I have finished my course, I there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, adge, shall give me at that day: and not to me t love his appearing."
	Congregational Selection	
	Poem	Tammy Brooks
	Tributes	Professional   A <mark>lfred M</mark> urray, <i>Retired Principal</i> Church   Hazel Walker, <i>Church Member</i>
	Congregational Selection	"Our God, He Is Alive"
	Tributes	Community   Fred Perriman, Mayor - Madison, GA Personal   Regenia Moreland, Friend Family   Ethan Warrior, Grandson
	Congregational Selection	"How Great Thou Art"
	Words of Comfort	Bruce Johnson, Minister Moreland Ave. Church of Christ
	Acknowledgements	Krystal Stovall-Dixon
	Benediction	Roosevelt Stripling
	Recessional	"I'll Fly Away"

Congregational Selections Led by Humphrey May