



## Mrs. Bertha L. Pearson

January 8, 1937 - October 22, 2023

On January 8, 1937, in Opelika, Alabama, the late Mr. Robert, Sr. and Mrs. Dollie

Johnson Reed became proud parents of Bertha Louis Reed Pearson.

Bertha, better known as “Sister” was the second oldest out of her five siblings. Although, she was the second oldest, she was considered the “mother hen” in the family as she never hesitated to take care of others. She was highly educated earning her Bachelors and Masters from Troy State University. She grew up in a Christian home and was a member of Bethel #2 Missionary Baptist

Church in Marvyn, Al. She was united in holy matrimony to Samuel Pearson and

from this union she became the proud mother of two children, Sam and Angel. She spent most of her career working for the Housing Authority and Section 8. She was the definition of a business woman. When she stepped into a setting she controlled the room naturally. Her presence alone would speak for itself as she would be dressed from head to toe. Bertha never met a stranger and her smile would light up the room. She loved singing, dancing, and having a good time! She was serious minded, but she could make anyone laugh! After a period of illness, Bertha answered peacefully to her Master’s call early Sunday morning on October 22, 2023.

Bertha leaves to cherish her memory and rejoice in her homegoing: one son, Samuel (Christine) Pearson, one daughter, Dee Angel Pearson Garrett; three

grandchildren, Samuel (Monica) Carter, Samara Pearson (Romero), and Raven Garrett; two great-grandchildren, Elijah and Naomi Carter; four sisters, Betty Reed of Burlington, NJ, Bobby Reed Crabb of Opelika, AL, Dorothy Reed (Willie J.) Burton of Phenix City, Al, and Carrie Reed (Claude) Foushee of Columbus, GA.; nieces and nephews, Michael (Darlene) Burton, Monica Burton (Herman) Foster, Bonita Reed Thomas, Dorothea Reed, Al Reed, Jacqueline Reed, Tammy Crabb (Larry) Calhoun, Sonya Crabb, Rev. Sheila Crabb, Edward Crabb, Jr. and Steven (Catena) Crabb; a host of great nieces, great nephews, other relatives and friend.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

1409 Monroe Avenue  
Opelika, AL 36801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (cst)

Peterson and Williams Funeral Home  
1016 McCoy Street  
Opelika, AL 36801  
(334) 745-6473  
pw1016mccoy@hotmail.com

## Graveside

OCT **27**. 3:00 PM (cst)

Evergreen Cemetery  
1409 Monroe Avenue  
Opelika, AL 36801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Condolences and prayers for the family - friends - and love ones of the Pearson and Burton families*

**Ruby James** - November 13, 2023 at 01:10 AM



“ *My Condolences to the family. You all are in my prayers. Love you guys.*

**Jacqueline Smith** - October 29, 2023 at 02:47 AM



“ *Jacqueline Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha L. Pearson*



**Jacqueline Smith** - October 29, 2023 at 02:35 AM



“ *Ms. Pearson was a great person. I can recall Ms. Pearson saying things to me that made me think positive. I recall Angel and I had a project that we worked on together in a mathematics class, and while working on the project, Ms. Pearson gave us a motivational speak that helped influence my thoughts. Since Ms. Pearson had a long history with the Opelika Housing Authority and I grew up in the projects, it was like being in the present of a celebrity.*

**MrOutspoken Tsu** - October 27, 2023 at 12:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bertha L. Pearson.*



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October 27, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bertha L. Pearson.*



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October 27, 2023 at 12:35 PM



“ *Melissa Bynum lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha L. Pearson*



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**Melissa Bynum** - October 27, 2023 at 03:33 AM



“ *Love, BeBe and Foxx purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Bertha L. Pearson.*



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**Love, BeBe and Foxx** - October 26, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Bertha L. Pearson.

October 26, 2023 at 01:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bertha L. Pearson.



October 26, 2023 at 01:20 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bertha L. Pearson.



October 26, 2023 at 01:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bertha L. Pearson.



October 26, 2023 at 11:56 AM

JJ

“ May God continue to grant His peace and comfort during this time. Mrs. Bertha was a pillar in our community and her presence was stellar. I always knew she was in the room because she had such a powerful presence. I will miss her candid conversations and her encouraging words.



Jerry L. Jackson - October 26, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Bertha L. Pearson.

October 26, 2023 at 06:51 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bertha L. Pearson.



October 26, 2023 at 06:51 AM

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“ Lee, Bridget, and the Griffin family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Bertha L. Pearson.

Lee, Bridget, and the Griffin family - October 25, 2023 at 10:06 PM

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“ Lee, Bridget, and the Griffin family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Bertha L. Pearson.



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**Lee, Bridget, and the Griffin family** - October 25, 2023 at 10:06 PM

CD

“ Fly with the "Angels" in beauty Ms. Bertha. You will be missed. Christine Driver and family.



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**Christine O Driver** - October 24, 2023 at 06:22 PM

SG

“ STANLEY DOC GARRETT planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Bertha L. Pearson.

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**STANLEY DOC GARRETT** - October 24, 2023 at 04:40 PM

SG

“ STANLEY DOC GARRETT purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mrs. Bertha L. Pearson.



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**STANLEY DOC GARRETT** - October 24, 2023 at 04:40 PM