



Ms. Harriet Celestine "Gaily" Dowdell

February 11, 1964 - July 10, 2024

On February 11, 1964 in Macon County, Alabama, the Harriet Celestine Dowdell, beloved daughter of Patsy Dowdell Goodloe began her earthly journey. She was lovingly called, "Gailey". Her stepfather, Willie B. Goodloe and her maternal grandfather, Mr. Charlie Joe Dowdell nurtured her as she grow up.

Early in life, she gave her heart, soul mind and body to the Lord in Jesus Name. and joined Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church where she sang in the choir. Later in life, she moved her membership to Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church. Until her health declined, she actively served as a member of the Matron's Department.

Her education was obtained in the Macon County School System. She attended Tuskegee Institute High School until health overcame her.

Gaily filled many of her good days with writing poetry, fishing, coloring, talking on the telephone and enjoying chewing chew-good (chewing gum). Taking rides out, shopping and eating good food enhanced her special days.

In the early morning hours of Wednesday, July 10, 2024, God relieved Harriet Celestine Dowdell from a life of constant battle with threatening illnesses. His love, grace and mercy is what has kept her; for she was a walking miracle.

There to welcome her home were her maternal grandparents, Charlie Joe and Katie Lee Dowdell.

Treasured memories will be shared by: her faithful and devoted mother, Patsy Dowdell Goodloe of Auburn, AL; caring brother, Charlie "Bo-bo" (Sandra) Dowdell, Sr. of Opelika, AL; two aunts, Fannie Shaw of Washington, DC and Mollie (Ricky, Sr.) Woodfin of Richmond, VA; an uncle; two nephews, Charlie Dowdell, Jr. and Teddy Huston both of Opelika, AL; two nieces, Chinelle Dowdell of Opelika, AL and Shermekkia Huston of Valley, AL; beloved god-mothers, Marjorie Watson, Minnie Black, Rita Washington and Geraldine Brown; God-father, Eddie Cloud; loving care givers, Lisa Smith, Rachel Autry and James Harford; a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church

4881 South College Street
auburn, AL 36832
<http://www.mtvernonauburn.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **15**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Lie in state

JUL **16**. 12:30 PM (CT)

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
4881 South College Street
auburn, AL 36832
<http://www.mtvernonauburn.com/>

Service

JUL **16**. 1:30 PM (CT)

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
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Auburn, AL 36830
<http://www.mtvernonauburn.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ Peterson and Williams Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Harriet Celestine "Gaily" Dowdell



Peterson and Williams Funeral Home - July 16, 2024 at 03:36 PM

DS

Gailey was a sweet soul and will truly be missed!

Deborah M Stinson - July 16, 2024 at 01:09 PM

AS

“ ❤️❤️❤️❤️ Pastor A. Shealey & the entire MTZBC of Loachapoka sends our condolences prayers & love

Anthony Shealey - July 23, 2024 at 02:26 PM

AN

“ Patsy and family. My deepest condolences. I was saddened when I heard that Gaily had passed. I'm sorry for your loss. Angela Dumas Nuckles and Kelvin Dumas

Angela Nuckles - July 18, 2024 at 11:41 AM

NA

“ I met Mrs. Goodloe while at work, she called and we started talking and created a bond! She always talked about her baby girl, although we've never met in person I could tell from the way she spoke of her, how deep her love for her is. Mrs. Goodloe, you will always be in my prayers. Rest well Harriett

Natasha Harmon

Natasha - July 17, 2024 at 02:55 PM

DJ

“ Continued prayers and condolences from the Sanford and Joseph families

Deirdre Joseph - July 17, 2024 at 11:28 AM

LF

“ Larry Fraizer lit a candle in memory of Ms. Harriet Celestine "Gaily" Dowdell



Larry Fraizer - July 16, 2024 at 03:41 PM

MW

“ I was Harriet's 9th grade Civics teacher. Over the years we lost contact. I am grateful that I was able to hear her voice and that cute little laugh of hers about a month ago when her Mother recognized me in the grocery store. She called Harriet. We talked on the phone and she remembered me. Thank you Lord for our reunion! She is home with you now. Mrs. Marian Quinn Williams (Retired Teacher)

Mrs. Marian Quinn Williams - July 16, 2024 at 11:22 AM

MW

“ Mrs.Marian Quinn Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Harriet Celestine "Gaily" Dowdell



Mrs.Marian Quinn Williams - July 16, 2024 at 11:06 AM

GJ

“ You will be missed rest now Harriet love ❤️ Glenda Jones

Glenda Jones - July 15, 2024 at 08:53 PM

CE

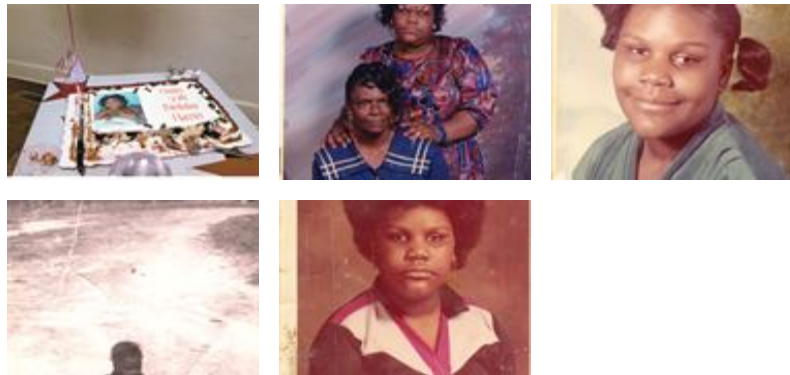
“ Constance Echols lit a candle in memory of Ms. Harriet Celestine "Gaily" Dowdell



Constance Echols - July 15, 2024 at 07:02 PM



“ 20 files added to the album LifeTributes



Peterson and Williams Funeral Home - July 15, 2024 at 03:37 PM

TF

“ Gaily was such a sweet lady, and Patsy was so devoted to her. I can't think of a better mother for Gaily; Patsy gave all she had to caring for Gaily for so many years. May God bless them both and give them peace.

Totsie Farr - July 15, 2024 at 10:57 AM

TS

“ Condolences And Prayers to the Dowdell Family 🙏
From Terrie J Stinson And Family



Terrie J Stinson - July 15, 2024 at 09:34 AM

SE

“ Prayers of comfort to the family of Ms. Henrietta Dowdell. Stacee Edwards-Nelms and family, Opelika AL



Stacee Edwards-Nelms - July 14, 2024 at 09:58 AM

MF

“ Sending condolences to Patsy and family. Going to miss you Gaily. Mary Finley-Edwards and family, Auburn AL



Mary Finley-Edwards - July 14, 2024 at 09:56 AM

NB

“ *Sending love and hugs and our most sincere condolences to the family during this time. May you find comfort in knowing that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. From the Bowen Family, Tuskegee, AL*

Nicole Bowen - July 12, 2024 at 11:22 AM