



## Mr. Ingram Lilly Sr.

March 16, 2024

Deacon Ingram Benjamin Lilly, Sr. passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 16, 2024, in Opelika, AL, at the age of 96. He was born on August 25, 1927, in Marvyn, AL, to the late Tommie Lee Lilly and Susie Ingram Lilly.

Deacon Ingram was a devoted husband, loving father, and faithful member of the Rising Star Baptist Church in Marvyn, AL.

On January 6, 1952, he was united in holy matrimony to Mary Francis Holcey, and together they were blessed with four children. Ingram was a dedicated deacon of the Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church, where he served with unwavering commitment and devotion. He worked at Opelika Foundry for an impressive 29 years until his retirement, after which he continued to serve as a groundskeeper for the Scott Family for many years.

Ingram was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 53 years, Mary Francis Holcey Lilly, his daughter Ms. Martha Nell Jones, grandsons Geoffrey Lyles and Tamichael Jones, and several brothers and sisters.

He leaves behind a legacy of love, faith, and devotion that will be cherished by all who knew him. His memory will live on in the hearts of his children, Adele (Mitchell) Wilborn, JoAnn Lyles, Ingram (Shirley) Lilly, Jr, and Henry (Wanda) Lilly. His grandchildren, Tomeeka (Edward) Sibley, Krista (Thomas) Collins, Joe (Kuwaunda) Holmes, Jr., Dawayne Lilly, Valeria Mott, Melissa Lyles, Janequa Lilly, Brandon Lilly, Dasjah Lilly, Anthony Coad, Mikeya Jones, Christopher (Melanie) Maragh, and Curtis (Quientieria) Maragh; twenty-three great-grandchildren, ten great-great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Rev. Mattie

Chatmon, Jeanette Holcey, and Martha Lilly; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends, and all those who had the privilege of knowing him.

\n\nDeacon Ingram Benjamin Lilly, Sr. will be remembered for his steadfast dedication to his family, his unwavering faith, and his selfless service to the church and community.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **22**. 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

MAR **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church  
21935 US Highway 80  
Opelika, AL 36804

## Service

MAR **23**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church  
21935 US Highway 80  
Opelika, AL 36804

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ *My heart, thoughts and prayers for the families of Deacon Lilly. May the Lord guide you during your journey in his memory.*  
*Dr. James W Strickland*

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**James W Strickland PhD** - April 06, 2024 at 01:09 PM

RS

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Lily family.*  
*Reggie and Priscilla Strickland*



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**Reggie Strickland** - April 01, 2024 at 02:52 PM

CE

“ *Constance Echols lit a candle in memory of Ingram Lilly*



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**Constance Echols** - March 24, 2024 at 05:29 PM

BH

“ *Mr. Lily was just a sweet and gentle man. Very helpful and kind!*  
*Beulah*

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**Beulah Heard** - March 23, 2024 at 12:25 PM

BH

“ *Mr. Lily was just a sweet and gentle man. Very helpful and kind!*  
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Beulah Heard - March 23, 2024 at 12:24 PM

HC

“ *To my brother-in-law Ingram and entire family. My prayers are with you during this difficult times and days ahead. I pray God strengthen and keep you and the family. Helen Flakes Chapman, Colorado Springs, Co*

Helen Chapman, Colorado Springs, CO - March 23, 2024 at 01:04 AM

IP

“ *Sadden by loss of our love one. Sincere condolences. Ingram Parker*

Ingram Parker - March 22, 2024 at 05:46 PM

RC

“ *YOU fought a good fight. Enter thy master's joy.*



Rising Star Baptist Church - March 22, 2024 at 02:10 PM

RC

“ *Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church ministers, deacons, and members send our warmest heartfelt condolences to the Lilly family. Deacon Lilly was a longstanding Deacon whose presence will forever be a void in our church. There is a deem light at the Star where he shined so bright. May the family have peace knowing that he was a beacon at the Star.* ”



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**Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church** - March 22, 2024 at 12:12 PM

MF

“ *Michelle Pitts And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ingram Lilly Sr.* ”



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**Michelle Pitts and family** - March 22, 2024 at 09:52 AM

SL

“ *1 file added to the album Forever Memories* ”



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**Shirley Lilly** - March 22, 2024 at 09:14 AM

HC

“ To my brother-in-law, Ingram and the entire Lilly family. I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your love one. I pray God’s strength for the family during these days and after.

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matt. 5:4*



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**Helen Flakes Chapman**, - March 22, 2024 at 08:35 AM

JJ

“ Jerry Jackson lit a candle in memory of Ingram Lilly



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**Jerry L. Jackson** - March 22, 2024 at 06:24 AM

VA

“ To our granddaddy/great granddaddy, we thank God for the years you were here on earth with us. We are Blessed to have been able to be your grands. We were always met with "You a Lilly?" And that's what we are. Your stories were priceless, even if we didn't know the people, lol. Your smile would light up a room. You were respected by so many and that's an honor. I'm so glad my babies were able to be around you and enjoy your presence. It won't be the same without you here on earth with us but i know God needed you more. We miss you Granddaddy. Tell Nana and Geoffrey we miss them too.

*Love Valeria, Kelsey and Kensley* ❤️

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**Valeria** - March 22, 2024 at 12:56 AM

TA

“ We're so sorry for your loss and we're praying for the families.



Tyner Families, Beauregard AL - March 20, 2024 at 09:55 PM

TA

“ Praying for the families and sending our condolences. Mr. Lilly were such a kind, gentle and friendly person. Continue to rest in peace. 🙏🙏



The Tyner Families, Beauregard AL - March 20, 2024 at 09:52 PM

MA

“ To the Lilly family:we are so saddened for the loss of your love one , Revelation.21:3-4 will give the family much comfort of knowing death,pain, suffering will be no more . Sending love to all Macy&Linda Adkins.

Macy&Linda Adkins - March 20, 2024 at 04:24 PM

DH

Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.

Love,  
Donald & Debbie Adkins Hunter

D. Hunter - March 22, 2024 at 05:40 PM

AH

“ Audrey Henry lit a candle in memory of Ingram Lilly



Audrey Henry - March 20, 2024 at 03:33 PM

JL

“ We had a wonderful grandfather. One who never really grew old. We'll always remember that special smile, that caring heart, and your memorable stories from your childhood to current time. Thank for time here, and always having kind words for Cody and myself. Love, Jan and Cody.



Jan Lilly - March 20, 2024 at 10:05 AM

RH

“ Ruth Heard lit a candle in memory of Ingram Lilly



Ruth Dowdell Heard - March 20, 2024 at 09:48 AM

CE

“ Constance Echols lit a candle in memory of Ingram Lilly



Constance Echols - March 19, 2024 at 05:30 PM

BH

“ Offering my condolences for the Lilly family.



**Betty Heard** - March 18, 2024 at 02:19 PM

AH

*My family and I send our desire for comfort and hope to your family during this time of sorrow, and we pray and hope you all feel the joy of having have had a very, very nice and kind soul as your earthly father. Mr. Lilly will be missed for sure. It is nice to have had a gentle spirit like him to cross our path. Sincerely, Audrey Henry and family*

**Audrey Henry** - March 20, 2024 at 03:29 PM

IP

*Ingram Parker and family. Saddened by the loss of our love one. Offering my sincere condolences to the Lily family.*

*Ingram Parker and family*

**Ingram Parker** - March 21, 2024 at 09:47 AM

RH

*So sorry for the loss of your father but God knew best. Sending up prayers for the family. Robert & Shelly Holston*

**Robert Holston** - March 21, 2024 at 07:08 PM