



## Mr. Jim Benford

July 12, 1943 - July 31, 2021

Funeral service for Mr. Jim Benford, Sr. 78, of Auburn, Alabama will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, August 7, 2021 at New Spirit Missionary Baptist Church with interment in Evergreen Cemetery. Rev. Tyrone Edwards will officiate. Masks are required for the service.

Mr. Benford passed away Saturday, July 31, 2021 at his home. At an early age, he joined Thompson Chapel AME Zion Church. Later in life, he worshipped at New Spirit Missionary Baptist Church. For many years, he sang with the Evening Stars Gospel Singers and served as their manager.

Public viewing will be held Friday from 2:00-6:00 pm. His remains will lie in state at the church one hour prior to the service.

He is survived by: his wife, Thelma Benford of Auburn, AL; six children, Oscar (Vickie) Andrews of Auburn, AL, Carolyn (Larry) Harper of Opelika, AL, Mae Lizzie Benford of Auburn, AL, Eugene (Daisy) Benford and Willie (Justina) Benford both of Opelika, AL and Shirley Benford of Washington, DC; seventeen grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; four sisters, Mary Benford, Mattie Mae Benford and Ella Lee Benford all of Opelika, AL and Ruth Benford of Tallassee, AL; one niece, one nephew; a special friend, Mary Bynum of Opelika, AL; other relatives and friends.



# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

1409 Monroe Avenue  
Opelika, AL 36801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 6. 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

AUG 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Spirit Missionary Baptist Church  
3302 Dale Avenue  
Opelika, AL 36801

## Service

AUG 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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3302 Dale Avenue  
Opelika, AL 36801



# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Jim Benford*

January 29, 2023 at 11:13 AM



“ *RUTH DOWDELL lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jim Benford*



**RUTH DOWDELL** - August 06, 2021 at 08:41 AM



“ *I Angela Screws and my brother Jonathan Screws were members of the Twin City Silverstone. We song with Jim Benford and family for many years. He would always have a story tell us about traveling the road, not only did we have friendship thru our family group, but as I myself moved on to another group called The Pilgrim Travelers. I thank God that had the pleasure of knowing Jim and his family and that he will be missed. We send our prayers to his wife and children. We pray God will continue to keep you all .*

**Angela Screws** - August 06, 2021 at 04:36 AM