



## Mrs. Lucy Pollard Kirk

August 7, 1945 - April 27, 2026

Mrs. Lucy Pollard Kirk, daughter of the late Mr. Ed Pollard and Mrs. Rebecca Pollard,

was born on August 7, 1945, in Lee County, Alabama.

Mrs. Kirk made history as the first Black female officer of the Opelika Police Department, dedicating 19 years of faithful service to the citizens of Opelika.

She began

her career in 1975 as a parking control officer in downtown Opelika and later became a

certified traffic officer after graduating from the Southwest Alabama Training Academy in

Bay Minette in 1979.

Throughout her distinguished career, Sergeant Kirk completed specialized training in

pursuit driving, Doppler radar operation, hazardous materials response, emergency

medical care, and interviewing and interrogation techniques. She also completed

advanced training at the Institute of Police Technology and Management at the

University of North Florida in 1987. In recognition of her leadership and commitment to

public safety, she was promoted to Corporal in 1988 and Sergeant in 1989.

She was further honored as the first female recipient of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary S404 Certificate of Appreciation and served as one of the area's early hostage negotiators. She retired from the Opelika Police Department in 1994, leaving a legacy of courage, professionalism, and trailblazing leadership. In recognition of her historic service and lasting impact, the City of Opelika publicly honored Sergeant Kirk for her pioneering role and dedication to the community.

As a pioneer in local law enforcement, Mrs. Kirk helped open doors for future generations of women and African Americans in public service, and her example continues to inspire those who follow in her footsteps.

Mrs. Kirk was a devoted member of Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Opelika, AL. She continued her love for service by leading the Sick and Shut In Ministry.

She was also an active member of the Missionary Ministry.

On Monday, April 27, 2026, Mrs. Kirk departed this life. She was preceded in death by her father, Mr. Ed Pollard; her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Pollard; and her son, Merlin Kirk.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her daughter, Jerrilyn (Ronnie) Flowers of Waldorf, Maryland; her precious granddaughters, Chelsea, Chieva, and Carley Flowers of Waldorf, Maryland. Her siblings, Mary Williams, Paul Pollard, Sallie Heard, and Ethel

(Joe) Whitt, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. Her life was a blessing, her memory a treasure, and her legacy of service, strength, and pioneering leadership will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

There will be no public viewing of Mrs. Kirk. Family of Mrs. Kirk will be receiving visitors at 1506 Kilgore Circle in Opelika, AL

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

1409 Monroe Avenue  
Opelika, AL 36801

# Previous Events

## Lie in state

MAY 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church  
2000 S Uniroyal Road  
Opelika, AL 36801  
<http://www.pleasantgrove-opelika.org/>

## Service

MAY 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

AG

“ *Atoska Gentry lit a candle in memory of Lucy Kirk*



Atoska Gentry - May 03 at 06:40 AM

RB

“ *Mrs Lucy Kirk will be missed*💔

Rodriguez Barnes - May 01 at 09:26 AM



“ *Condolences and prayers to the Pollard and Kirk families. So very sorry for your loss.*



Ruby James - April 30 at 01:29 PM

MM

“ *Melissa Moody lit a candle in memory of Lucy Kirk*



Melissa Moody - April 30 at 12:19 PM

JB

“ *Joann Baker lit a candle in memory of Lucy Kirk*



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**Joann Baker** - April 30 at 12:18 PM

JF

“ *Joann Baker and Baker Famij lit a candle in memory of Lucy Kirk*



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**Joann Baker and Baker Famij** - April 30 at 12:16 PM

TJ

“ *The Family of The Late James Baker, Jr lit a candle in memory of Lucy Kirk*



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**The Family of The Late James Baker, Jr** - April 30 at 12:13 PM

CE

“ *Constance Echols lit a candle in memory of Lucy Kirk*



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**Constance Echols** - April 29 at 07:08 PM

CJ

“ *Chez Floyd & Liza Jacobs purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Lucy Pollard Kirk.*



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**Chez Floyd & Liza Jacobs** - April 29 at 05:42 PM

KW

“ *My condolences and prayers to the Pollard/ Kirk family. Karen L. Williams*



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**Karen L Williams** - April 29 at 05:40 PM

MF

“ *Margie Maddox & Family lit a candle in memory of Lucy Kirk*



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**Margie Maddox & Family** - April 29 at 02:59 PM

WB

“ *To the pollard and kirk Family , We light a candle For Mrs Lucy Pollard , Family, Love, Guidance , Memories shared with Family and Friends ( Priceless ) Spoke kindly , Cared Deeply , Loved be on Words , Praying For You All The Bryant's And Calloway Family*



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**Winson Bryant** - April 28 at 03:11 PM

AP

“ *Condolences and prayers for the family. I'm going to miss her coming into the Pig and us conversing. Rest in Peace Mrs. Kirk*

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**April Preston** - April 27 at 02:51 PM

WL

*rest. in. peace. cousin. lucy. may. the. lord. god. keep. this. arms. around. the kirk. family williard. Lewis*

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**williard. Lewis** - April 29 at 06:16 PM