



## Mrs. Ozell Preston

October 10, 1933 - December 1, 2018

Funeral service for Mrs. Ozell Preston, 85, of Opelika, AL will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, December 8, 2018 at Thompson Chapel AME Zion Church with interment in Evergreen Cemetery. Rev. Charles Adams will officiate.

Mrs. Preston passed away Saturday, December 1, 2018, at her home. She was a member of Thompson Chapel AME Zion Church. While actively serving, she served as Treasurer of the Sunday School and Secretary of the Trustee Board. Mrs. Preston also served as a member of the choir, WHOMS, as a Deaconess and as the church librarian. She was a conference worker for the Opelika District of the Alabama-Florida AME Zion Church. She was a graduate of JW Darden High School and received her BS and MS Degrees from Troy State University. She was a golden life member of Auburn Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Mrs. Preston was also affiliated with the Red Hat Society and was the Founder of the Back to School Pizza and Prayer events. She retired from RBD Libraries at Auburn University.

Her remains will lie in state at the church one hour prior to the service.

She is survived by: two sons, Donald W. (Brenda) Preston and Jeffery L. (Yvette) Preston both of Opelika, AL; four grandchildren, Brianna Preston, Raven Preston, Jasmine Preston and YaShica Johnson; one great grandchild, X'Zavier Maddox; one sister, Essie Torbert of Opelika, AL; four aunts, Mazell

Campbell of Atlanta, GA, Sadie Williams of Salem, AL, Mary Abrams and Lillie Johnson both of Opelika, AL; two sisters-in-law, Shirley (Clyde) Reed of Little Rock, AK and Alice Preston of Auburn, AL; a brother-in-law, Walter (Helen) Preston of Opelika, AL; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

1409 Monroe Avenue  
Opelika, AL 36801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 7. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Lie in state

DEC 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Thompson Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church  
187 Columbus Parkway  
Opelika, AL

## Service

DEC 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Peterson and Williams Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Ozell Preston*



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**Peterson and Williams Funeral Home** - December 07, 2018 at 05:43 PM



“ *Mrs. Ozell Preston*

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January 29, 2023 at 11:13 AM



“ *She was the best. I love her so much. I learned so much from her, she knew me all my life. She was my Supervisor while I worked in Acquisitions in the Library at Auburn University. I was a work study student. She was the best. I could tell her anything. She also took a good picture. Such a humble person, so kind and sweet. She will be forever missed but I know she's in heaven. Love you Mrs. Preston and Family, Doris Cooks and Family. She always encouraged me... You lived along time, I love You and appreciate you, my Girl In Christ*

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**Doris Cooks** - May 07, 2019 at 07:35 PM



“ Mac And Patsy Rudd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ozell Preston



Mac and Patsy Rudd - December 08, 2018 at 08:03 AM



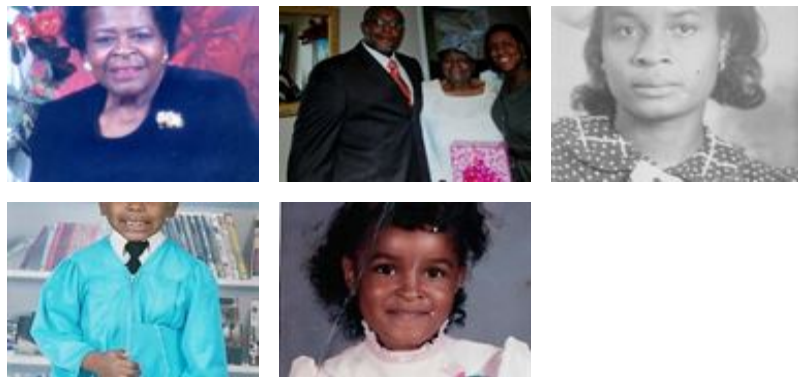
“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ozell Preston.



December 07, 2018 at 04:29 PM



“ 25 files added to the album LifeTributes



Peterson and Williams Funeral Home - December 07, 2018 at 09:53 AM

JG

“ I can not share enough about Mrs. Ozell and how she was an advocate for her community and how she was a public servant for her district. She never served on the City Council, but she was involved in everything surrounding her community and neighborhood that you would think she was a public servant. From the separate break rooms to voter suppression, Mrs. Ozell was there supporting. I will never forget the words or wisdom she poured in to my spirit and I am where I am today because of the things she taught me. Mrs. Ozell had a beautiful and quiet spirit, but when she spoke, her words were PARAMOUNT. I will miss your presence, but your words will forever live on. THANK YOU MRS. OZELL.



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**Jerry Jackson, Alpharetta, GA** - December 05, 2018 at 04:43 PM

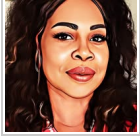
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**Jerry Jackson** - December 05, 2018 at 03:45 PM



“ Laurie Thomas purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mrs. Ozell Preston.



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**Laurie Thomas** - December 04, 2018 at 09:50 AM

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“ I have many fond memories of Ozell Preston from when she was Head of the Bindery operations at the Ralph Brown Draughon Library at Auburn University in the 1990's. She was very kind and knowledgeable.

*Tim Dodge  
Camp Hill*

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**Tim Dodge** - December 04, 2018 at 09:47 AM



“ My heart goes out to the family..May God bless you!



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**Laurie Thomas** - December 04, 2018 at 01:05 AM