

Obituary

Mother Essie Lee Almon began her life of service on October 18, 1931, to her parents, the late Frank and Lillian Almon in Ohatchee, Alabama. Although Essie was not a biological mother, she was the eldest of seven siblings and one of the eldest cousins. Essie soon took on the affectionate name "Aunt Essie," and the role of a mother figure to numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and so many other generations.

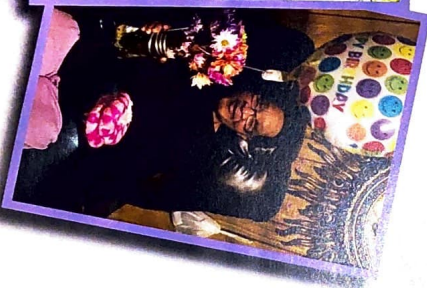
Essie Lee attended the Bruntonville School in Bruntonville, Alabama. She spent her years dearly close to her mother, Lillian, picking cotton and housekeeping. It was then when Essie gained her passion for gardening, flowers, and cooking for her family.

Essie Lee was a faithful member of Hopewell Baptist Church in Wellington, Alabama, and served in various capacities until her health declined. She spent her years devoted to service by serving God and being a caretaker for her mother, Lillian, sister, Ollie, and aunt, Lillie Mae, until their passing.

Essie completed her assignment of service on April 1, 2022, when she transitioned from labor to reward.

"Well done thy good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord." Matthew 25:23. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Lillian and Frank Almon; sisters, Florence Almon, Virginia Elston, and Ollie Frazier; brothers, Willie and James Almon; and brothers-in-law, Collie Chatman and Byron Frazier.

Essie Lee will always be cherished in the hearts of: her sister, Dovie Chatman; sisters-in-law, Priscilla Almon and Edna Almon; a special niece, Frieda Russell (Ray) and her children; a devoted cousin, caretaker, and daughter figure, Annie Joe Kirby (Dan); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and community friends.



Order of Service

Processional
 Scriptures
 Old Testament Pastor Julius Woods
 New Testament Brother Henry L. Elston

Prayer Brother Henry L. Elston

Musical Selection Family Choir

Obituary (Soft Music Plays)

Reflections (Two Minutes, Please) Mother Maude Davis, Church Member

Sonya Nwankwo, Niece
 Ruby Davis, Cousin
 Aerial Northard, Great-Niece

Musical Selection Family Choir

Words of Encouragement Bishop Johnnie L. Woods, Jr.

Solo Brother Kendra DeAngelo

Psalmology Pastor Keith Davis

Floral Tributes Gadsden Memorial Funeral Home Staff

Recessional

Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones: Oh so happy and so bright!
 There is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light.
 All the pain and grief is over, every restless tossing passed;
 I am now at peace forever,
 Safely home in Heaven at last. - Unknown



Paternalists
Nephews

Flower Bearers
Cousins

Interment

Union Methodist Church Cemetery
249 Union Church Road, Wellington, Alabama

Repast
Mt. Ararate C.M.E. Church Fellowship Hall

Acknowledgement

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for every act of kindness shown during this difficult time. Although our hearts are saddened, we rejoice for a life well-lived of 90 years with our beloved Aunt Essie. We are looking forward to the grand reunion at the great celebration around the throne. A special thanks to Amnison Health & Rehabilitation, Hopewell Baptist Church, and Mt. Ararat C.M.E. Church. May God continue to bless each of you is our prayer.

The Family

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Father
LEE ALMON
Essie

Sunrise
October 18, 1931

Sunset
April 1, 2022

Saturday, April 9, 2022 | 1:00 PM

MT. ARARAT C.M.E. CHURCH
1166 Brutonville Road, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265

Richard C. Willis - Pastor
Bishop Johnnie L. Woods, Jr. - Officiant
Pastor Keith Davis - Eulogist