

- *Palbearers* -

Family and Friends

- *Flower Attendants* -

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- *Acknowledgment* -

The family of the late Ms. Paula Dumas would like to express sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness during the passing of our loved one. For those that visited, prayed or sent condolences, we say "Thank You". Your kind words and/or deeds are greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten.

- *In Memoriam* -

May we take this opportunity to express sincere and deep appreciation for allowing us to serve you during this most difficult period. It is our constant aim to afford to the people of this community a service completed in all details and faultlessly executed with sympathy and understanding.

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A CELEBRATION AND REMEMBRANCE OF LIFE
FOR



Paula **DUMAS**

"PAM"

SUNRISE: MARCH 19, 1971

SUNSET: July 27, 2021

GRAVESIDE SERVICE:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021 • 11:00 A.M.

BETHEL #2 MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY
1785 LEE ROAD 29 OPELIKA, ALABAMA 36804

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- A Reflection of Life -

Ms. Paula Denise Dumas, daughter of the late Mr. Marvin Brooks and Mrs. Sandra L. Dumas Long, was born March 19, 1971, in Macon County, Alabama.

At an early age, Paula confessed Christ and became a member of Rock of Ages Baptist Church in Tuskegee, Alabama. When her work allowed, she enjoyed attending church and fellowshiping with her brothers and sisters in Christ.

“Pam” as she was affectionately known, attended Culinary School and became a Chef. She was employed at Monarch Estate Nursing Home as a cook.

Paula had a vibrant spirit and believed in celebrating life. She enjoyed baking, preparing dinner and grilling for family and friends. She always had a joyful personality and often told jokes and stories that would keep you laughing for days.

On Tuesday, July 27, 2021, she departed this life at the East Alabama Medical Center in Opelika, Alabama. She was preceded in death by a niece, Shakana Rayborn.

She leaves a lifetime of precious memories to be cherished by: her special friend, Derrick King; three children, Tearra Dumas, Leon Cannon, Jr. and Kobe Cannon; four children that she considered her own, Dankea King, MyKeshia Miles, Marcus Ellerbe and LaDarius (Yvante) Ezell; two father figures, Bruce Dowdell, Sr. and McArthur Baker; five grandchildren, Harley Ellerbe, Leon Cannon III, Journee Perry, Brooks Ellerbe and Malayiah Cannon; eleven brothers, (her twin) Paul (Brenda) Dumas, Tony Dumas, Dell (Faith) Brooks, Adrian (LaQuana) Brooks, Lance (Lanoya) Brooks, Christopher Montaque (Tasma) Turk, Jemario Williams, Darryl Grimmett, Marlin Brooks, Lopez Dowdell and Bruce (Brendnette) Dowdell, Jr.; eight sisters, Britteny Long, Twila Brooks, Tacara Brooks, Beverly Philpot, Marquita Tolbert, Bisa Peterson, Shondrea Taylor and Melissa Rowe; three devoted friends as sisters, Stephanie Crayton, Natasha Crayton and Shantella Crayton; six aunts, Drebra (Harry) Drake, Linda (Sylvester) Levett, Mildred Vann, Rosalind Dumas, Nikki Dumas and Earnestine (George) Thompson; one uncle, Carl Dumas; one great-aunt, Ermon E. Jones; two devoted nieces, Shaula Dumas and La'Shawna Edwards; three devoted nephews, Paul Derrick Rayborn, Padarius Dumas and Tay'Shawn Edwards; god-parents, Nathaniel and Sylvia Crayton; a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

- A Fallen Limb -

A limb has fallen from the family tree.

I keep hearing a voice that says,

“Grieve not for me.

Remember the best times,
the laughter, the song.

And the love we shared.

The good life I lived
while I was strong.

Continue my heritage,
I'm counting on you all.
Keep smiling and surely
the sun will shine through.

My mind is at ease,
my soul is at rest.

Remembering all,
how I was truly blessed.

Continue traditions,
no matter how small.

Go on with your life,
don't worry about falls.

I miss you all dearly,
so keep up your chin.

Until the day comes
we're together again.”

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:1-3



- *The Order of Service* -

Scripture Readings Reverend Daniel Wilborn

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection Felicia Martin

Obituary Read Silently

Poem “A Fallen Limb”

Musical Selection Felicia Martin

Eulogy Reverend Nelson Fears

Committal

Benediction

- *Mother* -

We are so grateful to God, for him giving you to us as our mom. You were the best Mom. You worked hard and took great care of us. We thank you for raising us to be strong men and women, for praying for us and teaching us how to take care of our family. Not only were you the best Mother for us, but you were an awesome grandmother to our children. You spoiled them rotten and was their protector. Of course, it is hard on all of us right now, but God chose you to bring us into this world so we will always be connected. Even death cannot destroy a Mother' love. We can still hear your words of wisdom, still feel your presence and each time we look in the mirror at our image we see you. We love you Mother. Sleep in peace without worry!

From Sons and Daughters to Their Mother

