



- *Pallbearers* -  
Family and Friends

- *Flower Bearers* -  
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CEELEBRATING THE LIFE OF "GG"

*Minnie Virginia*  
**DRAKE HODGE**

SUNRISE: MAY 17, 1947

SUNSET: DECEMBER 6, 2021

- *Love and Go On* -

You can shed tears that she is gone  
Or you can smile because she has lived.

You can close your eyes  
And pray that she will come back,  
Or you can open your eyes  
And see all that she has left,  
Your heart can be empty  
Because you can't see her,  
Or you can be full of the  
Love that you shared,  
You can turn your back on tomorrow  
And live yesterday,  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow  
Because of yesterday,  
You can remember her  
And only that she is gone,  
Or you can cherish her memory  
And let it live on,  
You can cry and close your mind,  
Be empty and turn your back,  
Or you can do what she would want:  
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

Love,  
Ra'Keem and Destiny

- *Acknowledgment* -

The family of the late Mrs. Minnie Virginia Drake Hodge acknowledges with grateful appreciation all acts of kindness, prayers, cards, telephone calls, flowers and words of comfort extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless you all.

- *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.

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted To:



515 South 6th Street • Opelika, AL 36801  
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## *- The Obituary -*

Mrs. Minnie Virginia Drake Hodge, daughter of the late Mr. Robie Lee Drake and Mrs. Mamie Clayton Buckhannon, was born May 17, 1947, in Lee County, Alabama.

At an early age, she confessed Christ and united with Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church in Opelika, Alabama. She graduated from J.W. Darden High School Class of 1969.

“GG” as she was affectionately known, enjoyed poetry, music, cooking, family gatherings, fellowshiping with friends and attending concerts. She retired from East Alabama Medical Center in Opelika, Alabama, after thirty-seven years of dedicated service.

On Monday, December 6, 2021, she departed this life at the East Alabama Medical Center in Opelika, Alabama. She was preceded in death by: four sisters, Mamie Bernice Buckhanon, Helen Buckhanon, Rosa Louise Buckhanon and Mary Lizzie Johnson; two brothers, Robie Lee Drake, Jr. and John Henry Drake.

Her precious memory will be cherished by: two children, Albert Randolph Hodge, Jr. (Patricia Turner) and Trenton Clayton Drake Wright both of Opelika, AL; two grandchildren, Rakeem Jamahl Hodge and Destiny Khadijah Hodge both of Opelika, AL; one great grandchild, Tailen Kamere Hodge; one brother, Charlie Lee (Barbara) Drake of Atlanta, GA; two sisters-in-law, Thurdell Drake and Eloise Drake both of Decatur, GA; two devoted nieces, LaTarsha (Kim) Billingsley of Opelika, AL and Mamie Tiwanna Richardson of Salem, AL; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



## *- The Order of Service -*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021 • 1:00 P.M.**

### **GARDEN HILLS CEMETERY**

1218 Frederick Road • Opelika, AL 36801

**REVEREND S. DEWAYNE DRAKEFORD, OFFICIATING**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**  
Old Testament and New Testament

**PRAYER OF COMFORT**

**MUSICAL SELECTION**

**EULOGY**  
Reverend S. Dewayne Drakeford

**COMMITTAL**

**BENEDICTION**

**RECESSIONAL**