

Honorary Pallbearers

Mario Harper Michael Burnett
Tyler Purvey Ulysses Underwood
Chris May Martavious Adams

Active Pallbearers

Andre Scott Darryl Cuyler
Demetrius Wadley Arcelious Purvey
Tyree Burnett Keldricus Tucker

Flower Bearers

Granddaughters & Nieces

Acknowledgement

With grateful hearts and our sincere thanks, the family of the late Mother Lizzie Mae Purvey extends our sincerest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for the many acts of kindness, love, prayers, and visitations during our time of bereavement. May God bless and keep you.

~The Purvey Family

Repast

The Family Retreat
1884 Hwy 68 North
Tennille, GA

A Service of Comfort Rendered by:



L.M. Pierce Funeral Home
427 Floyd St
Sandersville, GA

Celebration of Life and Legacy Mother Lizzie Mae Purvey



*Sunrise: 6 November 1938 – Sunset: 27 July
2026*

Sunday, 2 August 2026

4:00 p.m.

Samuel Grove Baptist Church
Tennille, Georgia

Obituary

A Time to be Born: Mrs. Lizzie Mae Purvey was born November 6, 1938, in Tennille, GA, to the parentage of the late Mr. Jim and Mrs. Versanory Burnett.

A Time to Grow: Mrs. Purvey was a jewel in her community, a master of soul food whose meals nourished both body and spirit, and a devoted usher and the Mother of Smith Grove Baptist Church. She lived a life rooted in unwavering faith in God and exemplified the principle of service before self. Whether through a warm meal, a kind word, or a helping hand, she gave selflessly to those around her, believing that loving and serving others was one of life's greatest callings. She was affectionately known as the "Queen of Carter's" due to her seamstress proficiency and natural leadership talent at keeping people in line. Her compassion and quiet strength touched countless lives, leaving a legacy of faith, love, and community that will continue to inspire all who knew her.

A Time to Mourn: Mrs. Purvey was an obedient servant of God until her final moment on earth. She leaves to cherish a lifetime of memories of enduring love and fond memories to her surviving children: Margaret Bailey, Joseph (Juanita) Purvey and Thomas Purvey of Tennille, GA; her devoted sisters-in-law: Dollie Mae Roberts of Macon, GA and Geneva Gregory of Tennille, GA; and brother-in-law Johnny (Helen) Roberts of Pensacola, FL, son-in-law Harvey Wadley Jr., her best friend Zora Lee Braswell of Davisboro, GA. She also leaves behind her "earthly angels" who selflessly and consistently rendered love and support, going above and beyond, in her time of need; her dedicated nieces Pat Darrisan, Louise Whitaker, Betty Burnett and Bernise Lawrence and her cousin Shanona Settles, all of Tennille, GA. Mrs. Purvey is also survived by 24 grandchildren, 51 great-grand children & 18 great-great grand children, and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was welcomed into eternal rest by her husband Guss Purvey, her sons Robert Scott, James Davis and Phillip Purvey and daughters Jeannette Watts, Frances Wadley and Pamela Burton. Her two brothers: Emmett Burnett and Jimmy Lee Burnett; four sisters: Lestell Asberry, Lilly Ruth Adams, Odessa Lawson, and Daisy Rogers; and four grandchildren: Annette Burnett, Miranda Scott, Antonio Purvey and Joyce Stephens also preceded her in death.

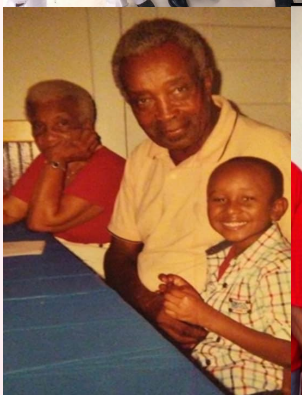


The Kitchen at Rest

*The kitchen is quiet now,
its familiar sounds stilled —
no gentle clatter,
no warmth rising from her hands.*

*Yet her presence lingers
in recipe cards softened by time,
in the shine of a spoon she loved,
in every corner she once filled
with quiet, steady care.*

*The kitchen rests,
but her love continues —
moving with us,
living in the spaces she made home.*



Sequence of Events

PROCESSIONAL

ORDER OF SERVICE

Reverend Eric Adams

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Minister Lillian Burnett

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Deacon Derrick Dunn

PRAYER

Elder Charlene Walden

SELECTION

Deacon Lee Evans

REFLECTION

Family & Friends

OBITUARY READING

SELECTION

Mrs. Cheryl Cordy

EULOGY

Pastor Willie Brown

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mrs. Jackie Maze

RECESSIONAL



Reunited in Eternal Light



*The earthly shadows fade away, the weary journey ends,
As golden morning breaks the dark and holy light descends,
I leave the lonely world behind, the kitchen now at rest,
Where love was served in every meal and every guest was blessed.
I see you waiting by the shore, beneath a brighter sky,
Where crystal waters gently flow and heavy sorrows die.
I felt you waiting in the peace beyond the veil of time,
With casting line and quiet patience in a land sublime,
You stood upon the glassy lake and reached your hand to mine,
To guide me through the pearly gates where endless glories shine.
And now our fingers lock once more, so firm and true and warm,
We stand together, safe and healed, beyond the earthly storm.
No more goodbyes to break the heart, no bitter tears to fall,
No ache of empty, silent rooms when evening shadows call,
The distance that once kept us part is vanished like a breath,
For love has won the final day and triumphed over death.
Just heart to heart and soul to soul, wrapped in a sweet embrace,
We walk together side by side in heaven's perfect grace.*

Memories (Wife & Mother)

