Pallbearers

Denardo Barron
Alex Barron
Edcardo Odom
Sacrial Howard
Scotty McKenzie, II
Lamar Howard
James Fegan
Travis Howard
Larico Howard

In Appreciation

Your kind expression of sympathy
is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.
May God bless and keep each of you is our prayer.

The Emma Jean Howard Family

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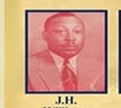
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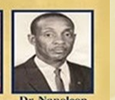
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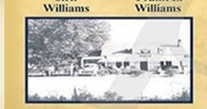

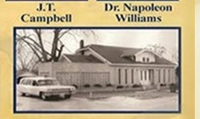

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The Obituary

Emma Jean Howard, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, entered peacefully into eternal rest on Monday, September 14, 2026, at her home, surrounded by the quiet grace of a life richly fulfilled.

Emma was born on June 11, 1945, in Dooly County, Georgia, to the loving union of the late Willie James Howard and Gussie Brinson Howard. She was a proud graduate of Vienna High School. At an early age, she gave her heart to Christ and united in Christian fellowship with the Reedy Branch Baptist Church in Byromville, Georgia.

Emma found her greatest joy in the simple and heartfelt treasures of life. She loved being surrounded by her family and friends, whose presence was her greatest comfort. An avid walker, she treasured pleasant strolls and conversations with companions, and spent peaceful afternoons relaxing and watching television. Her gentle smile, warm demeanor, and quiet strength brightened every gathering.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Willie James and Gussie Brinson Howard; her grandchildren, Daveyiale Howard and Yvette Bell; and brother, Willie "Snookie" Howard, Jr.

Loving memories will forever be cherished in the hearts of her devoted children: Reginald Howard, Sr. (Carla) and Linda Gail Howard, both of Byromville, Georgia; three beloved grandchildren, Shakonda Lindsey (Mario) of McDonough, Georgia, Reginald Howard, Jr., and Yamashetha Smith, both of Byromville, Georgia; 10 precious great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; her loving sisters, Dorothy McKenzie (Scottie) of Montezuma, Georgia and Ariebell Barron (David) of Byromville, Georgia; her caring brothers, Bennie Howard (Rose) of Cordele, Georgia, Tyrone Howard (Irene) of Miami, Florida, Eugene Howard (Julianetta) of Miami, Florida, and Willie Robert Howard of Warner Robins, Georgia; a special friend, Barbara Smith of St. Petersburg, Florida; her cherished circle of friends at the Gatwick Senior Village in Perry, Georgia; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and lifelong friends.

MISSING YOU

The lost of a loved one is so hard to face
You just want to move,
Go somewhere and escape!
But death is something,
We all must go through,
I know it's hard,
When its someone you loved so dearly
and knew so close.
Just know now she is in a better place,
No more hurt or pain shall she face.
It seems unfair and yes this is true,
but she is in Heaven now watching over
the love ones she left behind.
God has called her home to rest
and she's being well taken care of
because God always knows best.

The Celebration of Life

Sunday | September 20, 2026 | 2:00 PM

St. Mark Baptist Church

529 Georgia Highway 90 | Vienna, Georgia

Reverend James Jordan | Pastor
Reverend Jim Webster | Eulogist

Musical Prelude
Deacon Curtis Mathis

Processional
Led by Clergy

The Final Viewing
The Final Sealing of the Batesville Casket

Prayer of Comfort
Reverend James Jordan

Old Testament Scripture
Minister Ava Jordan

New Testament Scripture
Minister Joyce Ann Daniels

Musical Selection
Ms. DeShawnbra Barron

Reflections
Family & Friends

Musical Selection
Ms. DeShawnbra Barron

Eulogy
Reverend Jim Webster

Acknowledgements, Heirloom Bible and Memorial Blanket Presentation
J. W. Williams Funeral Home Staff

Recessional and Postlude

The Committal Service

Bethlehem Church Cemetery

Dooling, Georgia

The service may be viewed on the
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