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## Honorary Flower Attendants

Classmates & Friends

## Pallbearers

Gregory Hadley  
Isaiah Hinton  
Floyd Hinton

Jaydon Gay  
Andrew Hinton  
Tony Bradley

## In Appreciation

We are extremely grateful to you for all expressions of Love, words of Encouragement, Services provided beyond the call of duty and the Joy you've shared to enlighten us during our time of bereavement. Cookie showed us that inclusion isn't about making room for someone. It's about recognizing that they have always belonged. May God bless and keep each of you in a very special way.

## The Senia Merita Minter Family

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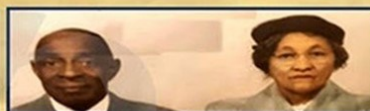
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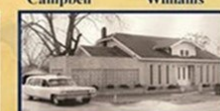
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# *In Loving Memory*

**Senia Merrita Minter**, lovingly known simply as Cookie, was an extraordinary woman whose radiant smile, vibrant spirit, and unconditional love touched everyone she met. Born on July 28, 1964, Cookie lived a life filled with joy, faith, friendship, style, and purpose.

Cookie was raised in a home where love, acceptance, and inclusion were a way of life. Through the steadfast advocacy and unwavering love of her mother, Cookie was afforded the same opportunities, expectations, and encouragement as her four sisters. She was never defined by her disability; instead, she was defined by her unwavering spirit, loving heart, and the countless lives she inspired.

Cookie attended **Eastview Elementary School, Furlow Middle School**, and proudly graduated as a member of the **Class of 1984 at Americus High School**. Her educational journey reflected not only her determination but also her family's belief that every child deserves the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.

After high school graduation, Cookie worked with **Wild Street Daycare** for over 10 years as an Early Childhood educator where she touched the lives of many young preschool children. She had also been employed at **Kids Kastle Day Care**. Cookie was currently working side by side with her sister Deborah with **Minter Consultants LLC**. as an Inclusion Trainer where she traveled the State of Georgia, Mississippi and Alabama training Early Childhood Educators about Inclusion of Special Needs Children.

To know Cookie was to love her. **She never met a stranger**. Her larger-than-life personality filled every room she entered. Cookie had a remarkable gift for making people feel welcomed, valued, and loved. Her warm smile, and genuine concern for others created lasting friendships wherever she went.

Affectionately known as a true **Diva**, Cookie loved dressing up, wearing beautiful makeup, carrying stylish purses, and surrounding herself with pretty things. She enjoyed expressing herself through fashion and always carried herself with confidence, grace, and flair. Whether attending church, family gatherings, or community events, Cookie loved looking her best.

A devoted woman of God, Cookie was an active and faithful member of **Friendship Baptist Church**. She participated faithfully in the **Women's Ministry, Deaconess Ministry**, and was also a member of the Silver Circle Civic & Social Club where she served alongside her mother. Her church family was a treasured part of her life, and she enjoyed every opportunity to worship, fellowship, and serve alongside those she loved. Cookie's life can best be described by this simple truth: **"Her life was defined by the love she shared, the lives she touched, and the joy she brought to everyone around her."**

Cookie was preceded in death by her loving parents, **Albert and Ruby Minter**; her siblings, Linda Floyd, Jesper Gay, Albert Glen Minter III, and Wanda June Minter; as well as her beloved grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other family members who welcomed her into eternal rest.

Left to cherish her precious memories are her devoted sister and caregiver, **Deborah Minter**; her beloved sister, **Kelly Minter Pittman (devoted brother-in-law Andre)**; brother-in-law, Ron Gay; her devoted nephews, **Gregory Hadley**, whom she considered as her son, and **Jaydon Gay**; her cherished nieces, **Loren Pittman** and **Shakenna Floyd**; special cousins, **Earnestine Mercer, Viola Fann, Penny Bradley, Betty Sanders, Ann Grover, Lisa Grover, and Doris Grover**.

Cookie was also blessed with many treasured friendships that became family. Those who will forever cherish her memory include **Minister Gwen Harris, Valarie Harp, her godmother, Deaconess Alice Green and friends, Deborah Hinton, Jazmon Simmons, Jackie Jones** along with a host of other relatives, church members, friends, and loved ones whose lives were touched by her kindness, warmth, and unconditional love.

Cookie's legacy of faith, inclusion, joy, compassion, and unconditional love will live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her. Her radiant spirit, beautiful smile, and loving heart will never be forgotten.



## *A Place Prepared*

*God saw your weary steps grow slow,  
And gently called you home.  
To a place of endless beauty,  
Where pain and sorrow cannot roam.*

*Though our hearts are left to grieve,  
And we miss you every day,  
We find comfort in God's promise  
That you've only gone ahead to stay.*

*Your love remains a guiding light,  
A beacon strong and true.  
In every cherished memory,  
We still find pieces of you.*

*The laughter shared, the kindness shown,  
The lives your heart has touched,  
Are gifts that time can never take,  
For they are loved too much.*

*Rest now in Heaven's perfect peace,  
Beneath God's watchful care.  
Until we meet on that glorious day,  
Know we'll find you waiting there.*

*Forever loved, forever missed,  
forever in our hearts.*

# *The Celebration of Life*

Saturday | July 18, 2026 | 10:00 AM

## **Friendship Baptist Church**

411 Cotton Avenue | Americus, Georgia

**Bishop Melvin McCluster | Pastor**  
**Minister Gwen Harris | Officiant**

**Musical Prelude**  
Brother Lynn Tyson

**Processional**  
Led by Clergy

**The Final Viewing**  
**The Final Sealing of the Batesville Carnation Blush Casket**

**Prayer of Comfort**  
Minister Gwen Harris

**Scriptures**  
Old Testament | Minister Gwen Harris  
New Testament | Ms. Jean Grover

### **Musical Selection**

**“Our Cookie”**  
Ms. Deborah Minter

**Reflections**  
**Family & Friends**  
(Limit Two Minutes, Each)

### **Musical Selection**

**Eulogy**  
Minister Gwen Harris

**Acknowledgements, Heirloom Bible  
and Memorial Blanket Presentation**  
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### **Recessional & Postlude**



# *The Committal Service*

## **Staley Memorial Garden**

Americus, Georgia



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