

Flower Attendants

Family & Friends

Pallbearers

Rodney Howell
Kalen Jackson
JaQuez Rumph

Jarius Rumph
Karl Rumph
Keith Rumph

Honorary Pallbearers

Eric Rumph Kerry Rumph Billy Parker, Jr.

Acknowledgements

The family of Katherine Rumph Ezell extends heartfelt thanks for the many acts of kindness, love, and support shown to us during this most difficult time.

We also thank the Gentiva Hospice staff—especially Anna, Kim, and Sherry—for their compassionate care and gentle attentiveness to our beloved. Their presence made it possible for her to remain comfortably at home, surrounded by the love of her family.

The Family

Interment

Willow Lake Memorial Gardens
1854 Willow Lake Road
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

Services and Arrangements Entrusted to

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



January 31, 1946 - June 14, 2025

Katherine Rumph Ezell

Saturday, June 21, 2025

1:00 pm

Allen Temple AME

1235 Jones Rd, Byron, GA 31008

Obituary

Katherine Rumph Ezell was born on January 31, 1946, in Fort Valley, Georgia, to the late Andrew Rumph, Jr. and Anna Goss Rumph. She was the ninth of seventeen children born into a loving and devoted family. Katherine received her education through the public school system of Peach County.

Faith was a cornerstone of Katherine's life from a young age. She began her spiritual journey as a devoted member of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church and later continued her walk with Christ at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Pastor Morris Hillsman, Sr., where she remained active until her health declined.

Katherine served the Peach County School System with dedication and pride, especially at Hunt Elementary - sharing her culinary talents with countless students and staff. She was equally known for preparing delicious meals for family and friends. Among her most celebrated dishes were her peach cobbler and her award-winning collard greens, which earned her first place in a collards cooking contest sponsored by Fort Valley State College (now University).

Beyond the kitchen, Katherine had a heart for children. She lovingly opened her home to provide a safe, nurturing space where children felt welcomed and deeply loved. Her home was often the heart of family gatherings, filled with laughter, storytelling, and lasting memories.

She was an avid lover of Gospel music. Katherine shared her gift of song as a member of the Starlets Quartet and the Senior Choir at Shiloh.

Katherine was preceded in death by her siblings: Charles King, Sr., Andrew Rumph III, Bennie Lee Rumph, Shellene Brown, and Anna Mae Howell.

Family was the cornerstone of Katherine's life. She was devoted, nurturing, loving, and steadfast in her roles as a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories in the hearts of her four children: Kelvin Rumph of Fairburn, GA; Pastor Gregory (Denise) Williams of Byron, GA; Antonio Rumph of Fort Valley, GA; Christianna (Eric) Carter of Montezuma, GA; siblings: Jimmie Lee Rumph, Stella Tucker, Marvin Rumph, Tommie Rumph, Willie James Rumph, Vera Jackson, Bobby (Shirley) Rumph, Elaine Rumph, Pastor Joseph (Penny) Rumph, Mary Williams, and Celestine Rumph (a very dedicated caregiver); grandchildren: Naia Williams, Kayla Rumph, Khadir Williams, Kiah Ezell, and Jayla Ezell; one Great-Grandchild, Zy'aire Jones. She is also remembered by a host of loving nieces and nephews, including devoted caregivers: D'Audra Dewberry and Keith Rumph; as well as a beloved cousin, Wincie Fuller along with many sorrowing friends.

Family
*Like a branches on a tree,
 WE ALL GROW
 yet our roots remain as one*



Order of Service

Pastor Gregory Williams, Officiating

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

FINAL VIEWING

SELECTION
EMBC Choir

PRAYER
Minister Audrey Ross

SCRIPTURES
Old Testament
Minister Avis Zanders

New Testament
Minister Ezekiel Harvey

SELECTION
EMBC Choir

Silent Reading of the Obituary

SELECTION
Naia Williams

EULOGY
Pastor Gregory Williams

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
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POSTLUDE

PROCESSIONAL



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