

CELEBRATING
THE LIFE OF

Ava G.
STEELE



APRIL 15, 1964 - AUGUST 22, 2026

Saturday, August 29, 2026 | 2:00 PM

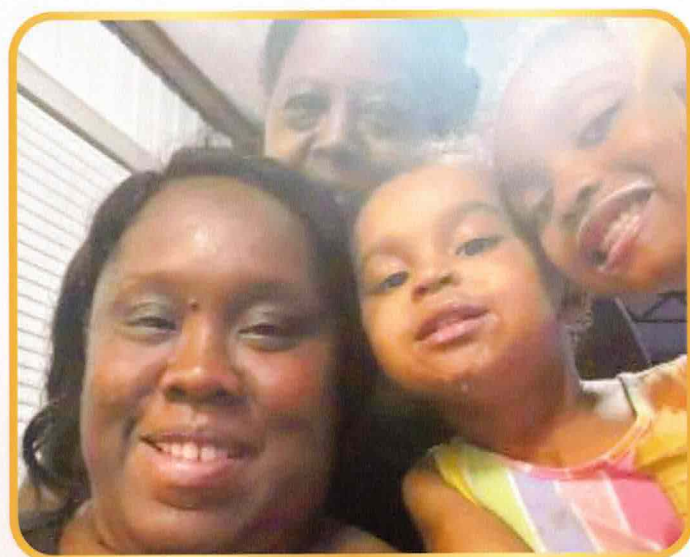
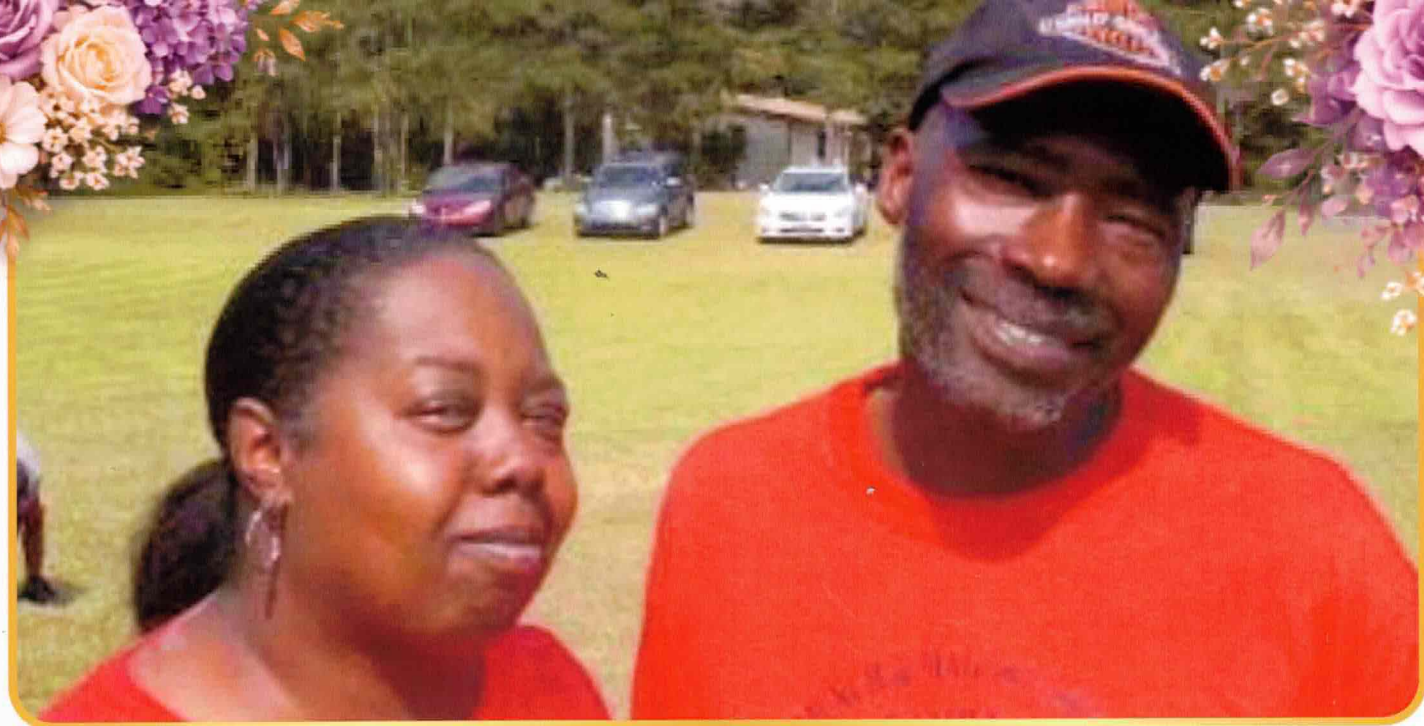
Popular Springs M.B Church

11230 Road 739

Philiadepia, MS 39350

Pastor Jermaine Simmons, Officiating





ORDER OF *Service*

A CELEBRATION OF
A BEAUTIFUL LIFE

MISTRESS OF CEREMONY
LaMonica Calloway

PRELUDE
Soft Music

PROCESSIONAL

SOLO
Ayana Whitlock

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT
Pastor Thermon Brazzle

PRAYER
Pastor Linsey Kidd

MUSICAL SELECTION

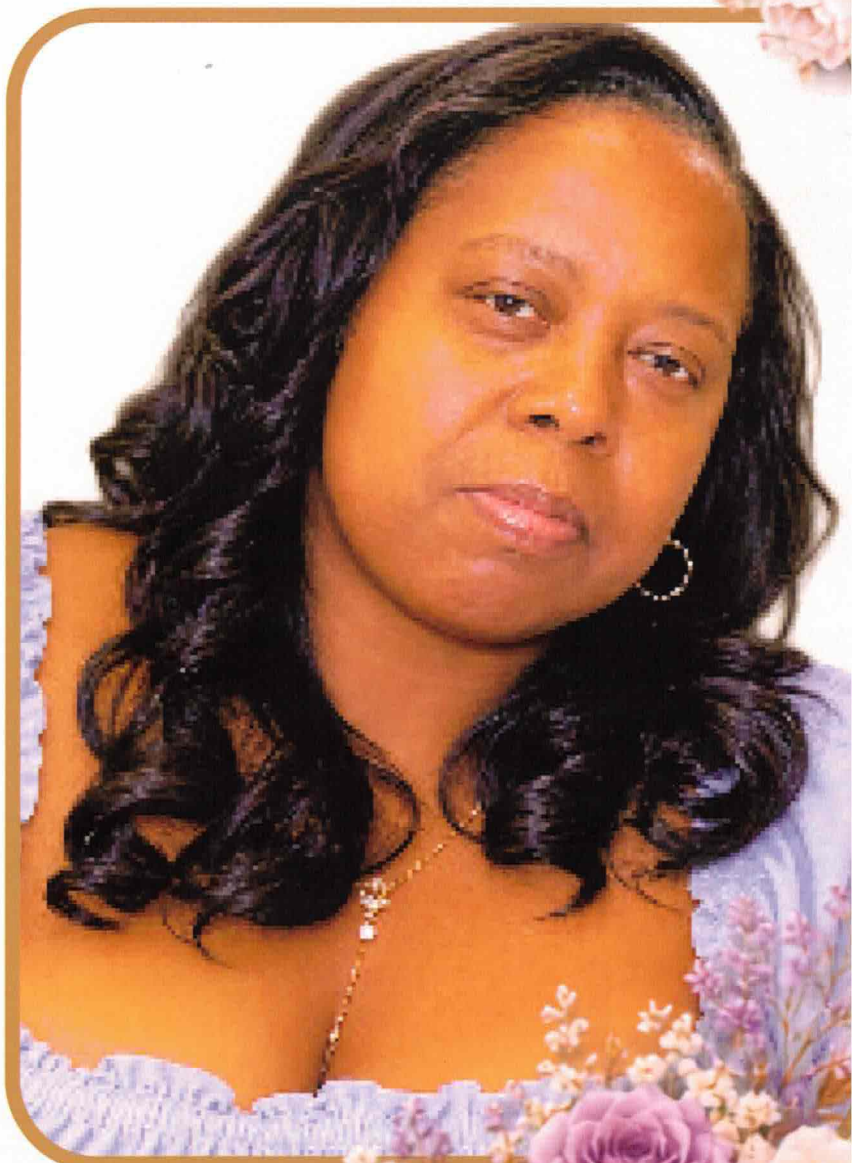
READING OF OBITUARY
Read Silently

TRIBUTES
Two Minutes, Please

SONG
Pastor Linsey Kidd

EULOGY
Pastor Jermaine Simmons

RECESSIONAL



"The Lord is close to
the brokenhearted
and saves those who
are crushed in
spirit."

PSALM 34:18



Family REFLECTIONS

Ava, we may have been called cousins,
but that word could never describe the bond we shared.
We grew up together, laughed together,
and loved each other like brothers and sisters.

From childhood memories to the years that followed,
you were always a special part of our lives.
The bond we shared was built through family,
strengthened through time,
and held together by love.

Though our hearts are heavy,
we are grateful for every memory,
every laugh, and every moment we shared.

You weren't just our cousin, Ava.
You were our sister, our family, and a piece of our hearts.

Rest peacefully, Ava.
Your place in our family can never be filled,
and your memory will forever live within us.

With all our love,

Your Cousins—Your Brothers & Sisters at Heart Barbara, Jackie, Willis, Jennifer, Tonya, and Kelli's



Aunt Ava, you were more than an aunt to us.
You were a second mother, a protector, a teacher,
and a safe place we could always call home.

You helped raise us, guided us, corrected us,
laughed with us, and most of all, you loved us.
Your love helped shape the people we are today.

Some of life's greatest blessings
don't always come with the title of "Mom."

Sometimes they come as an aunt
who steps in, opens her heart,
and loves you as if you were her very own.

We will forever be grateful for the sacrifices you made,
the lessons you taught us,
and the love you gave so freely.

Aunt Ava, a piece of you lives in each of us,
and we promise to carry your love forward.

You helped raise us,
you helped shape us,
and we will forever love you.

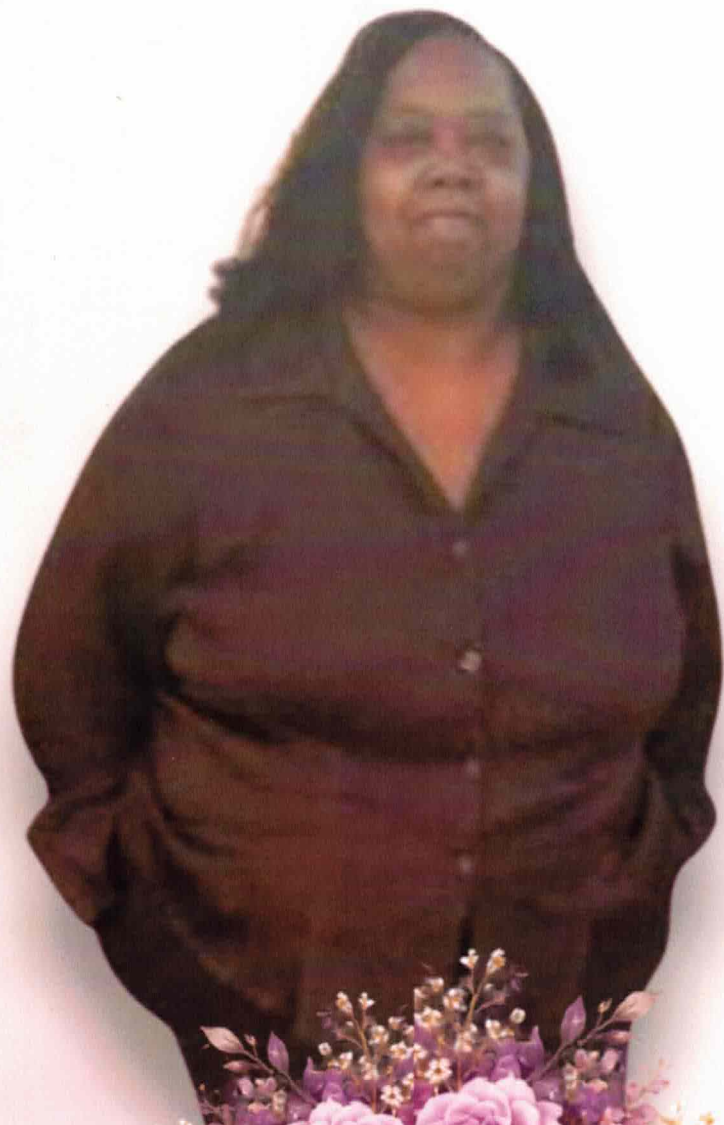
*Love Always,
Your Nieces & Nephews*





Always With Us

A Heart Remembered . A Love That Never Leaves



Ava, you were more than our sister—you were a part of our hearts, our family, and our story.

We shared memories, laughter, good times, and hard times, but through it all, one thing never changed: you were our sister, and we loved you dearly.

Although we weren't ready to say goodbye, we find comfort knowing that your love and giving spirit will continue to live on, not only through the memories we hold close, but through the life you helped save.

Ava, no matter how much time passes, you will always be our sister, and we will carry you in our hearts wherever life takes us.

*Rest peacefully, Sis.
Until we meet again,
we will forever love and miss you.*

*Your brothers,
Randolph & Stanley*

*Those we love remain with us in
every beautiful memory.*





Her Beautiful JOURNEY

Mrs. Ava "Greer" Steele earned her eternal wings and took flight into the heavens on Saturday, August 22, 2026, after completing her 62-year assignment here on Earth. Ava was a precious gift born to the late Johnny Louis Greer and Cennie Mae (Love) Greer on April 15, 1964, in Philadelphia, Mississippi. She was the oldest sibling of three brothers.

Her walk with Christ began at an early age. She was an active and faithful member of Poplar Springs Missionary Baptist Church, where she lovingly served in hospitality, Vacation Bible School, and Sunday School. Her faith was an important part of her life, and she faithfully shared her gifts in service to others.

Ava graduated from Neshoba Central High School, Class of 1982. She also attended Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi.

On November 25, 1983, Ava was united in holy matrimony to Vaughn "PeeWee" Steele. Together, they shared more than 42 years of love, companionship, and cherished memories. Through her husband's military service, Ava was blessed with the opportunity to travel the world and experience life in many different places, including Korea, Germany, and many more. These travels allowed her to experience different cultures, create unforgettable memories, and see parts of the world that became a special part of her life's journey. For those who knew Ava, knew she loved talking about her time in Germany. Their bond remained strong and devoted throughout the years, until Vaughn's passing preceded her own. Ava possessed a special kind of love and a heart that touched the lives of so many. Her gentle spirit, loving heart, and kindness toward others will forever be remembered by those who had the privilege of knowing and loving her.

Ava was a devoted and caring sister, a cherished caregiver and nurturer, and a mother figure to many. Though she never had children of her own, her heart for children knew no boundaries. She opened her heart and home to many, helping to raise, nurture, and guide nieces, nephews, family friends, and others who were blessed to experience her love. Through the years, she poured love, wisdom, guidance, and support into generations of children, many of whom came to know and cherish her as a mother figure. Her nurturing spirit created a legacy of love that will live on through the many lives she helped shape.

Ava was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Vaughn "PeeWee" Steele; her parents, Johnny Louis Greer and Cennie Mae (Love) Greer; her brother, Louis Jay Greer; and her two nephews.

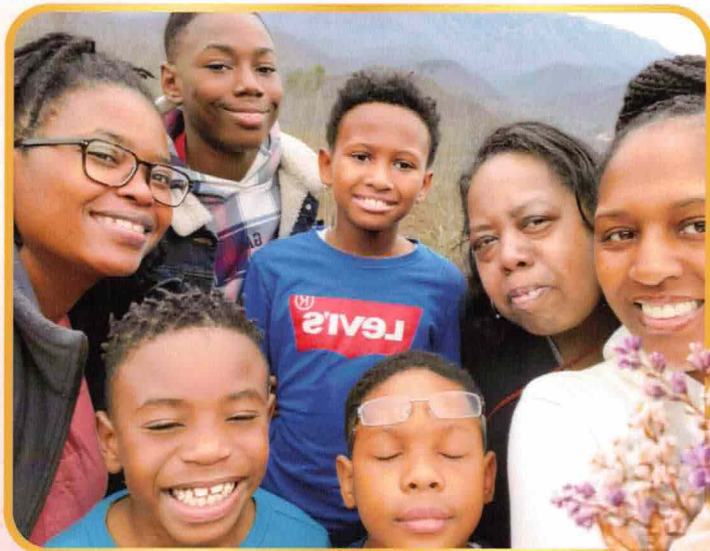
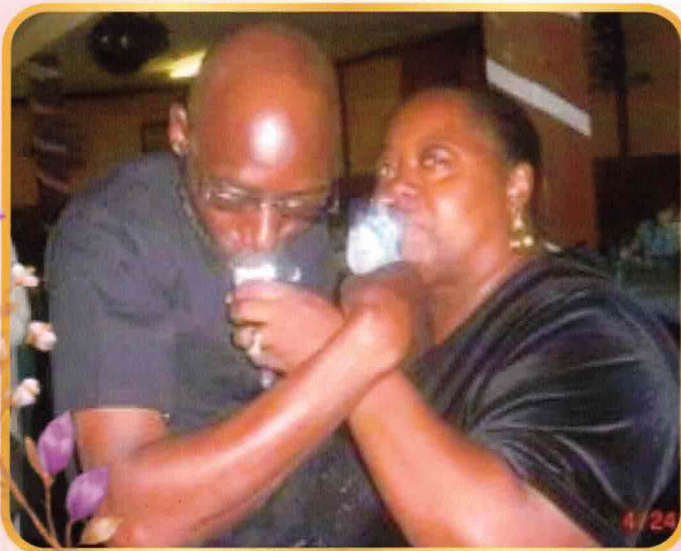
She leaves to cherish her loving memory her two brothers, Randolph (Diane) Greer and Stanley (Shonda) Greer; her goddaughter, Eryn McBeath (Mumkin) along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and dear friends whose lives were touched by her love and presence.

Even in her passing, Ava's loving and giving spirit continued to shine. As an organ donor, she gave the precious gift of life, allowing another person the opportunity to live on. Her final act of generosity became a beautiful reflection of the way she lived—always giving, always caring, and always touching the lives of others. Though her earthly journey has ended, a part of Ava continues to live on through the life she helped save, making her legacy of love truly everlasting.

Ava's earthly assignment may be complete, but the love she gave, the faith she lived, and the lives she touched will continue to speak for generations to come. Her beautiful spirit and precious memories will forever remain in the hearts of her family, friends, church family, and all who knew and loved her.



A Legacy in Pictures





Pall Bearers

NICHOLAS HILL

MAURICE WILLIAMS

WILLIS GREER

CEDRIC STEELE

CHRIS GREER II

REGINALD STEELE

Honorary Pallbearers

CHARLES RAY ADAMS

CHESTER GREER

PHILLIP ADAMS

ADOLPHUS STEELE

KELLIS GREER

LARRY STEELE

A Heartfelt Thank You

The family of Ava G. Steele would like to extend our sincere love and gratitude for all of your kind gestures displayed during our time of sorrow.

A special thank you to Neshoba General Hospital and Staff, The University of Mississippi Medical Center, Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency (MORA), Beck Funeral Home, and the Poplar Springs Church Family for the care, compassion, kindness, and support shown to Ava and our family.

Your prayers, calls, visits, words of comfort, acts of kindness, and expressions of love have meant more to our family than words can say.

May God richly bless each of you for the love and support shown to our family during this difficult time.

With Love,
The Family of Ava G. Steele

COMMITTAL INTERMENT

W.C. Calloway Cemetery
11230 Road 739
Philadelphia, MS 39350

SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO:

Beck Funeral Home
10460 Co Rd 561
Philadelphia, MS 39350

REPAST

Popular Springs Church Fellowship Hall

OBITUARY BY: ETRAREO WARREN 601-917-5948

Her memory

Those we love become a
part of us forever.

Their love lives on in every
memory,
every smile, and every
heart they touched.