



*Celebrating the Life and Legacy of*



*Sunrise*  
May 22, 1947

*Sunset*  
July 13, 2025



*Margaret Ann*  
**Griffin Gage**

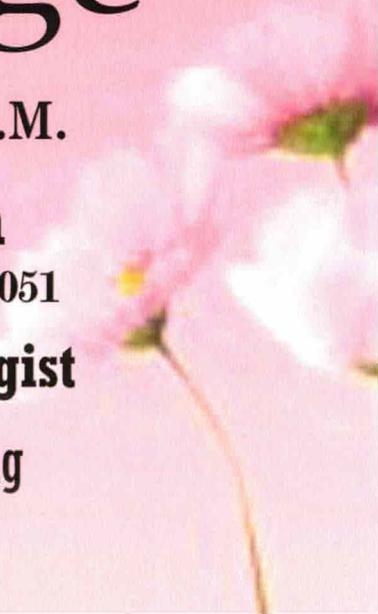
Sunday, July 20, 2025 • 1:00 P.M.

**Galilee M.B. Church**

1867 Galilee Road • Carthage, MS 39051

**Pastor Marvin K. Myles, Jr. - Eulogist**

**Beck Funeral Home, Inc. - Directing**





# ~ Order of Service ~

Sister Gloria Hadley, Mistress of Ceremony

*Processional* ..... *Ministers & Family*

*Solo*..... *Sister Meece Spivey*

## *Scripture Readings*

*Old Testament*..... *Pastor Marvin K. Myles, Jr.*

*New Testament*..... *Reverend Jermeka Johnson*

*Prayer*..... *Reverend Jermeka Johnson*

*Words of comfort*..... *Reverend Charles Griffin*

*Obituary*..... *Read Silently*.....

*Solo*..... *Sister Kashica Stewart*

*Reflections*..... (2 minutes please)

*Sister Julia Evans ~ Neighbor*

*Sister Mary Ann Vivians ~ Colleague*

*Dr. Shaunta Fortune-Wilson ~ Student*

*Sister Bernice Williams Body ~ Friend/Classmate*

*Brother Samuel E. Hoye ~ Administrator*

*Solo* ..... *Sister Mary Ann Vivians*

*Acknowledgements*..... *Sister Youlanda Sanders*

*Eulogy*..... *Pastor Marvin K. Myles, Jr.*

## **Funeral Directors In Charge**

*Final Viewing*

*Recessional*

**Interment: Morrow Cemetery - Philadelphia, MS**

**Repast: Galilee M.B. Church Fellowship Hall**

*God has spoken, so let the Church say "Amen"*

# ~ Obituary ~



**Margaret Ann Griffin Gage** was born on May 22, 1947, to Garnett and Queen Ester Graham Griffin. She joined Galilee Missionary Baptist Church at an early age and continued to serve the Lord faithfully until she transitioned to be with the Lord on July 13, 2025.

**Margaret** graduated from O.E. Jordan School in Carthage, Mississippi in 1965. After high school, she enrolled at Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena, Mississippi, where she graduated and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education.

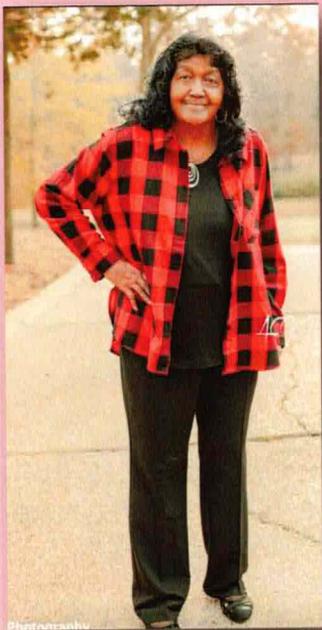
On September 15, 1967 Margaret married her high school sweetheart, R.L. Gage. From this union two children were born, Robert Lance and Kendra.

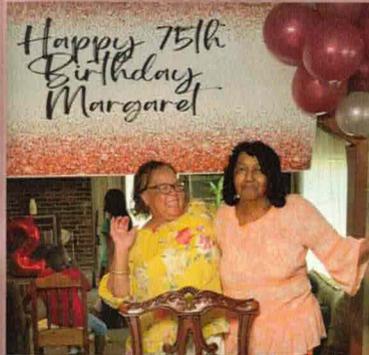
For twenty-eight and a half years, she nurtured and taught students at South Leake Elementary in Walnut Grove, Mississippi and nine years at Pearl River Elementary in Choctaw, Mississippi.

For over 50 years Margaret lived in the Dixon Community in Philadelphia, Mississippi. Together with her husband, she farmed the land and shared their love of cooking by feeding friends, neighbors and the wider community. She was also an avid baker and was especially known for her caramel and pound cakes. Her hospitality and kindness were hallmarks of her generous spirit.

She was preceded in death by her husband, R.L. Gage; son, Robert Lance; father, Garnett Griffin; mother, Queen Ester Graham Griffin; and sister, Freddie Campbell.

**Margaret** leaves to cherish in her memory, her devoted daughter, Kendra (Ray) Gibson; a bonus son, Nicholas Triplett both of Philadelphia, MS, two grandsons, Jalen Gage of Philadelphia, MS and Kenderrion Burks of Dekalb, MS; four granddaughters, Ja'Bria and Ja'Naysia Gibson of Union, MS, Rayven and Raygan Gibson of Philadelphia, MS and six beloved great-grandchildren; her brother, Charlette (Vernell) Griffin, two sisters, Claudette Greer and Bobbie Ruth Owens, all of Carthage, MS; two brothers-in-law, Reverend Roosevelt (Chyleen) Gage of Holly Springs, MS and Larry (Monica) Gage of San Antonio, TX; one sister-in-law, Brenda Gage Jones of Philadelphia, MS; aunts, Patricia Graham Ragsdale, Judge Ruby Graham and Cora Graham all of Carthage, MS, Cynthia Graham of Philadelphia, MS, Florine Crouther of Chicago, IL and Irma Stowers of Milwaukee, WI; uncles; Perry Graham of Carthage, MS, Jerry (Shelia) Graham of Lake Charles, LA, and Albert Graham, Jr. of Chicago, IL; special friends, Leon Wells of Philadelphia, MS, Julia Vivians Crouther of Clearwater, FL, Bernice Williams Body of Jackson, MS, and Susie Hutchins of Carthage, MS; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.





## "Tribute To My Mother"

*Heaven gained the most beautiful soul when my Momma left this earth.  
She lived her life with grace, with fierce love, and with unwavering faith.  
Even in pain, she smiled; even in hardship, she gave thanks. Her hands held mine  
through life's storms and joys, and her prayers lifted me when I couldn't stand.  
I will forever miss our late-night talks, our shopping trips, and your unfiltered  
words. Though I ache for one more moment, no more pain, no more suffering.*

*I know she's finally at peace. I imagine her laughing in Heaven,  
wrapped in light, surrounded by those she missed. Until we meet again,  
I'll carry her with me - her voice, her lessons, her love. Fly high, my "Gurl".*

*You were my angel on earth, and now you're one in Heaven.*

- **Your Daughter, Kendra**

A wife, a mother, a grandma too,  
This is the legacy we have from you.  
You taught us love and how to fight,  
You gave us strength, you gave us might.  
A stronger person would be hard to find,  
And in your heart, you were always kind.  
You fought for us all in one way or another,  
Not just as a wife not just as a mother;  
For all of us you gave your best,  
Now the time has come for you to rest.  
So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,  
Your love in our hearts, we'll eternally keep.

- **The Grandchildren**



## "We Will Miss You"

*We will miss you and your sweet special way you made each of us feel.*

*We will miss your cakes, cornbread dressing, and chitterlings  
to just name a few... oh they were the real deal.*

*We will miss your phone calls and the questioning to find out just what you wanted to  
know. We will miss the warmth of your smile and the gentleness of your voice.*

*We will miss your encouraging words that touched our souls.*

*We will miss you, Aunt Margaret and we will hold on to your memory forevermore!*

- **The Griffin Grands**

## **"I Remember"**

*As long as I can remember, Margaret was part of my life. We slept in the same bed as girls. We played in the playhouse and made mudcakes.*

*I remember when we were little girls, daddy made biscuits and I said, "Daddy this biscuit is too big!" He said, "Break it in two and give Margaret Ann a piece", and I did. You were always with me. I remember Mama making teacakes and cakes and we would lick the spoon and pan.*

*We had fun with Charlette, Claudette, Freddie, cousins, and friends walking and talking in the community, eating plums, blackberries, pears, watermelon and chewing cane.*

*I remember people calling you me and me you! The times we shared at school, church, and you even followed me to Valley. I will forever treasure our talks, calls, jokes, visits, and our love. Thank God for all that you added to my life. For being my sister, friend.*

**Love, Bob!**



### **To Our Sister ...**

**By Allison Chambers Coxsey**

*We're blessed to call you sister, We also call you friend;  
You've loved us unconditionally, and stood through thick and thin.*

*You've shared our joys and sorrows, our laughter and tears.*

*You've been our inspiration, as we grew up through the years.*

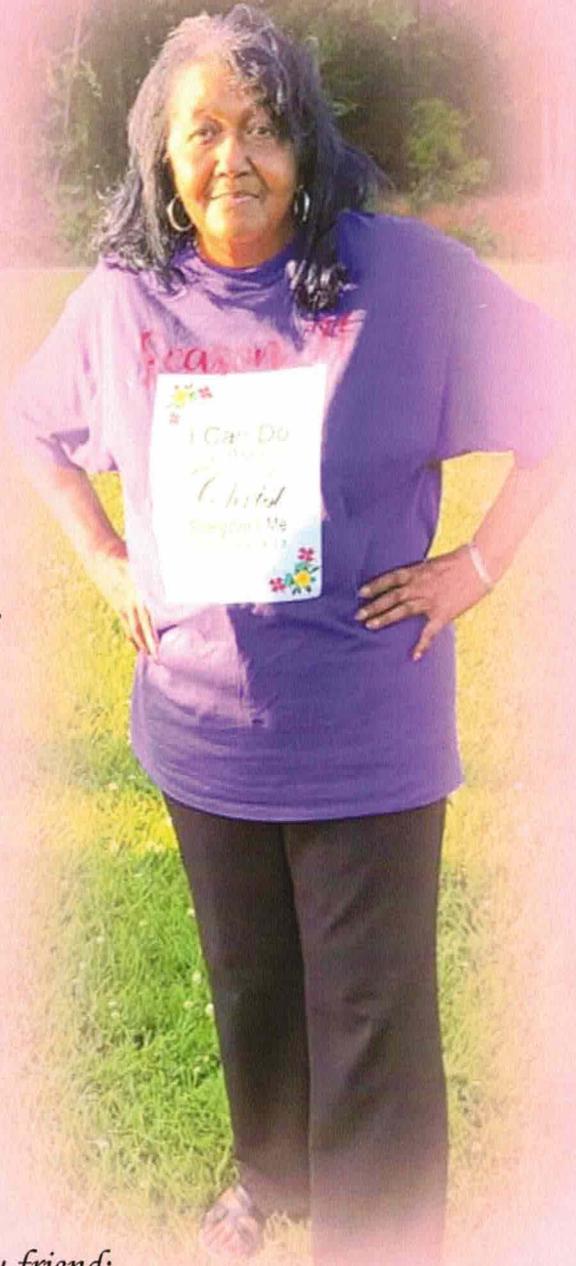
*When we were little children we laughed and played together;*

*Then growing up you stood by us, Through good and stormy weather.*

*There's something God has given us, That's more than family;*

*He's placed a love for you, my Sister, Deep down in the heart of me & me!*

**Love to our Sister Margaret,  
Charlette & Claudette**



*Flower Bearers*  
*Family and Friends*

*Honorary Pallbearers*

*Antonio Edwards*  
*Joshua Griffin*  
*Alex Jones*

*Donovan Gage*  
*Lamont Griffin*  
*Timmy Owens*

*Khalil Whitfield*

*Active Pallbearers*

*Montavious Griffin*  
*Kenyon Jones*  
*Trent Truss*

*Montreal Griffin*  
*Kawan Stewart*  
*Carmello Whitfield*

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**Margaret's unwavering love, gentle guidance, and quiet strength  
will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.**

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