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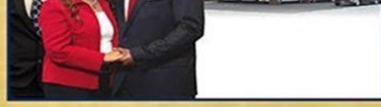














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Celebrating the Life and Love of

Mrs. Ida Mae Cross Hicks

October 6, 1945 | July 19, 2026

Sunday | July 26, 2026 | 2:00 PM

J. W. Williams Funeral Home Chapel

407 West 17th Avenue | Cordele, Georgia

Reverend Westley Ashton | Officiant

Escort Courtesy of
The Dooly County Sheriff's Office



The Obituary

Ida Mae Cross Hicks, a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 19, 2026. Born on October 6, 1945, in Vienna, Dooly County, Georgia, Ida was the cherished daughter of the late Sanford Cross and the late Ola Mae Rogers Cross. She was educated in the public schools of Dooly County.

She accepted Christ as Lord of her life and united with the Beulahland Baptist Church in Cordele, Georgia.

Ida was a dedicated worker who spent 28 years as a faithful employee at the Cordele Uniform Clothing Factory, where she worked faithfully until her well-deserved retirement.

Beyond her hard work, Ida had a vibrant spirit and a deep passion for life. She found great joy in the quiet pleasures of fishing and gardening, as well as the lively comfort of music. True to her nature, Ida was always the life of the party—bringing warmth, laughter, and light to every room she entered. She truly loved having fun and celebrating every moment with those around her.

In addition to her parents and her siblings, Ida was preceded in death by her beloved son, John Wayne Cross.

Precious memories of Ida's vibrant life will forever be treasured by her children: Ida Maria Watson (James Edward) of Macon, Georgia and Cozie Ray, Sr. (Maryland) of Cordele, Georgia; her grandchildren, Sharita Cross, Otis Cross, Courtney Cross, Cozie Ray, Jr. (Latoya), Kerry Ray (Olivia), Karisha Ray Dopson (Micah), Johnathan Ray, Lashonda Cross, John Cross, II, and Kim Cross; 28 great grandchildren; her sister, Ola Mae Hall (Dennis) of Albany, Georgia; her aunt, Ruby Rogers of Sylvester, Georgia; her sister-in-law, Lena Cross of Cordele, Georgia; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other extended relatives, her best friend, Rosie McKenzie of Cordele, Georgia and many sorrowing friends, who will miss her dearly.

A Fallen Limb



*A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says,
"Grieve not for me!"
Remember the best times,
the laughter, the songs,
the good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun
will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small.
Go on with your lives; don't worry about falls.
I miss you all dearly so keep up your chin
until the day comes we're together again.*

The Order of Service

Reverend Westley Ashton
Officiant

Musical Prelude
Brother Curtis Mathis

Processional | "I Shall Wear a Crown"
Led by Clergy

The Final Viewing
The Final Closing of the Casket

Prayer

Scripture

Words of Comfort
Reverend Westley Ashton

**Echoes of Sympathy, Heirloom Bible
and Memorial Blanket Presentation**
J. W. Williams Funeral Home Staff

Recessional | "The Battle Is Not Yours"

Postlude

The Committal Service

Bethel Cemetery
Cordele, Georgia

The service may be viewed
on the J. W. Williams Funeral Home
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