

CELEBRATING THE
LIFE AND LEGACY
OF A BEAUTIFUL SOUL



SUNRISE

March 22,
1938

SUNSET

August 9,
2026

Georgie Mae
GOODEN



VISITATION

JW WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME
407 17TH AVE W, CORDELE, GA 31015
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

NEW BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH
140 WRIGHT ROAD, DESOTO, GA 31743
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026
11:00 AM



ETERNAL REST

SUE WALKER CEMETERY
BUCK NELSON ROAD
BLACKSHEAR, GA 31735
(FOLLOWING SERVICE)

HER LIFE WAS A BLESSING,
AND HER MEMORY, A TREASURE.



REMEMBERING THE LEGACY OF

Georgie Mae



Georgie Mae (Robinson) Gooden was born March 22, 1938, in Lee County, GA, to the late Rev. Earlie Roberson and Ceola Roberson. She peacefully departed this life in her home surrounded by her loving family on August 9, 2026. From an early age she learned survival skills, determination, and resilience that would serve her throughout her life. She had an unwavering spirit to help others — whether you asked her or not. Her love was shown in her own unmistakable way. One of a kind for sure, made and designed to be exactly who she was, unapologetically Georgie Mae!

After graduating from Ballard Hudson Industrial High School in Macon, Ga., with a cosmetology degree, she quickly realized that success might be a little easier in a place with a population greater than 100 people. Her lack of patience told her the “big city” was the answer — “Miami, Florida here we come”! Along with her parents and siblings, Georgie Mae tackled the Florida culture shock head-on. Before long, she became known as the “Press & Curl Queen”. Those of us living in the house weren’t exactly fans of smelling burning hair 24/7, but we endured it because we were, apparently, her unpaid assistants!

Years later after settling into the “big city” of Miami she met the love of her life, Freddie Gooden (who preceded her in death). Freddie loved to fish and Georgie Mae loved Freddie, so eventually she loved to fish, with or without a catch.

Her desire to care for others later in life led her to one of the best nursing schools in North Miami Beach, Fl. This career fulfilled her the most because it wasn’t a profession; it was her calling. She was able to impact lives in ways that truly made a difference, and of course, her pocketbook smiled a lot more.



At home, Patrolman Gooden was always on duty. Dating in her home came with military rules and curfews — and absolutely no age limit. Broken rules were met with embarrassment and prayers for mercy from the enforcer!

Her Christian foundation was paramount to her, she knew the Bible better than most, quoted scriptures on demand, and was a faithful member of Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church and later New Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church. Yet, among her many memorable qualities was her remarkable ability to curse. She could quote scripture in one breath and, without pausing, let out a few choice words, which made her minister father and sweet mother very proud!

Although she loved singing in the church choir, her gospel singing at home was on another level. Always giving the neighbors a frustrating, free concert. Her mood of the day determined if she would be a soloist, a quartet, or a mass choir, regardless of choice. Don't even think about singing along; apparently no one else met her standards. Great job encouraging others!

No day was complete without talking to her favorite family members or friends and catching up on the latest news. For decades, her yellow landline kitchen phone with an extremely long cord allowed her to talk from any room in the house... or in the front yard while watering the grass... or while doing laundry in the garage. She never had to replace the cord until she had to say hello to the cell phone, which never impressed her.

Some people knock on the door of your life and strut in; she bulldozed into everyone's heart and made herself at home. Leaving memories of laughter, love, wisdom, and stories that will be told for generations.

Left to carry her legacy forward are her two daughters Jacqueline Gooden (Eric Rucker) and Patricia Hooks; four grandchildren, Chasity, Kristan, Dennea, and Omarri; eight great-grandchildren, Layton, Paighton, Kaighton, Klayton, Haighton, Braighton, True Reign, Aighton; two surviving sisters, Inez and Ceola "Mary Alice"; and one brother, McArthur. She was preceded in death by brothers, Quinnie, Steve, Earlie Jr, Frankie, and Iverson; and sisters, Ella Bee, and Pinkie. She also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, loved ones, and devoted caregivers, as well as anyone who experienced the joy of being loved — and sometimes corrected — by Georgie Mae.

Her unmistakable spirit made her one of a kind. One of her was plenty, and just as unforgettable.

ORDER OF SERVICE

OFFICIATING MINISTER

Pastor Westlet I. Aston

PRELUDE

Soft Instrumental Music

PROCESSIONAL

Family Entrance

OPENING PRAYER

Minister Rose Coar

MUSICAL SELECTION

Deacon Bobby Robinson Jr.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-3

Psalm 23:1-4

TRIBUTES

Kristan Dennis

Erma Gean Harvey

Chasity Dennis

MUSICAL SELECTION

EULOGY

Rev. Ossie Thomas Brown Jr.,

Retired Lt. Col.

MUSICAL SELECTION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

JW Williams Funeral Home Staff

MUSICAL SELECTION/ RECESSIONAL





Pallbearers

Christopher Robinson

Eric Rucker

Gerald Styles

Keith Timmons

Omarri Wallace

Roy Wright



*Georgie Mae, you've listened, ministered, opened your heart
and home to anyone in need of shelter, your service is done.
We know God has requested your presence, because you have
been set free. We can all live our lives with joy and peace
because we know you're in a better place.*



Acknowledgement

The family of the late Georgie Mae (Robinson) Gooden wishes to extend our heartfelt gratitude to those who have shown us kindness during this time of sorrow. Your prayers, comforting words, and thoughtful gestures have been a source of strength. We deeply appreciate it and will always remember your compassion.

Thanks for honoring Georgie Mae's memory. Your support cannot be expressed with words. Thank you. May God bless you with His peace and grace.

~ Lovingly ~

THE FAMILY

Service Entrusted To

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A close-up portrait of a woman with voluminous, dark, curly hair. She is smiling broadly, showing her teeth. She is wearing a black, double-breasted coat with silver-toned buttons and a zipper. The background is dark and features a pattern of black roses. In the upper left corner, there is a small, ornate, gold-colored decorative element.

*“Though our hearts may
be full of pain and sorrow,
we will remember you in
every tomorrow.”*

— ♦ —

“Loved beyond words, and missed beyond measure.”

