## ~ Acknowledgements ~

*The family wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness, love, and compassion shown during our time of bereavement.*
*Your prayers, comforting words, phone calls, visits, flowers, cards, and other expressions of sympathy have been a source of strength and encouragement.*

*May God Bless each of you is our prayer.*



## ~ Pallbearers ~

*Charles A. Gardner Jr.*
*JaMarques Green*
*LaJarrius Green*
*Andrew L. Foster Jr.*
*Harrison Carr*
*Cayson A. Gardner*
*Jordan Foster*
*Harold Green Jr.*
*Jeremiah Fields*
*Jimmy Carr III*

## ~ Hower Bearers ~

*Granddaughters & Nieces*

## ~ Interment ~

*Porter Grayson Memorial Garden*

## ~ Repast ~

*Rising Star M.B. Church*

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# Celebration of Life

**SUNRISE**
**MAY 31, 1956**

**SUNSET**
**OCTOBER 15, 2026**

# Edna Earl GARDNER GRAY

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026 | 2:30PM**

**RISING STAR M.B. CHURCH**
**1408 NORTH MADISON STREET | TUPELO, MS 38804**

**DR. MELVIN LEWIS, PASTOR**
**DR. HAROLD B. WILSON, EULOGIST**

REMEMBERING

# Edna Earl Gardner Gray

***Edna Earl Gardner Gray passed away on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at North Mississippi Medical Center, with her family by her side. She was a beloved mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, and friend. Edna was born May 31, 1956, in Tupelo Mississippi to Frances and Earlie Gardner. She attended Carver High School and obtained a GED from ICC Tupelo.***

***In 1972, Edna and James Larry Jackson brought into the world a son Charles A. Gardner Sr. whom she loved more than anything (anything)!! She was employed at Walmart Super Center from 1989-2020, where she met so many people that became extended family (Nancy, Lisa, Tee, Casandra, Regina, Howard, Debra, Rhonda) and a host of others until her health would no longer allow her to fulfill her duties.***

***Edna professed hope in Christ at an early age and united with Rising Star M.B. Church she was a faithful member and served in many roles within the church (usher board, choir, BTU, Golden Circle Group). She loved doing work for the Lord and it brought her a ton of joy. She "Loved People" her signature greeting was a kiss on the cheek leaving her red lipstick stain. 💋 She always said what she meant and meant what she said but with Love!***

***She was married twice; Otis Hill Sr. and Sammie T. Gray. She leaves to cherish her memories, one son Charles A. Gardner Sr. (Terra); additional sons, Willie E. Poster (Kelon), Jimmy Carr II (Tanisha); sisters: Delois Hamilton, Claudia Howard, Earlie Johnson (Odis), Jannie Martin, Mary Perkins, Greta Perkins, all of Tupelo MS , Yvonne McCary of Chicago II, and Shirley Sanders of Ripley TN; brothers, Neal Garmon and John Perkins both of Tupelo MS; grandchildren, Charles A. Gardner Jr. aka (CJ), Kennedi N. Gardner and Cayson A. Gardner, two great-grandchildren, Mason A. Gardner and Kori Ann Garnder; two additional daughters, Candria Lewis, and Kimberly Foster; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.***

***She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Jimmy Carr, Earlie Gardner Jr., Ben Gardner, James Garmon, and Frank Gardner; sisters, Ruthy Pearl Long, and Esperuinzeta Lauderdale.***

# Order OF SERVICE

***'Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die' ~ John 11:25***

***Musical Prelude***

***Processional ..... Minister & Family***

***Selection ..... Bro. JaMarques Green***

***Scripture Readings:***
***Old Testament ..... Pastor Lowell Walker***
***New Testament ..... Rev. Willie Lewis***

***Prayer ..... Min. Gary Long Jr.***

***Selection ..... Sis. Carolyn Brown***

***Words of Comfort ..... Dr. Melvin Lewis***

***Selection ..... Sis. Nikki Edwards Barnes***

***Reflections ..... Please limit 2 minutes***

***Acknowledgements ..... Sis. Danielle Howard***

***Obituary ..... Soft Music ..... Read Silently***

***Selection ..... Bro. William Kohliem***

***Eulogy ..... Dr. Harold B. Wilson***

***Recessional ..... Agnew & Sons Funeral Directors***