

*Celebrating The Life
of
Allie Mae Irene Arnold*



Sunrise

December 6, 1932

Sunset

December 18, 2020

Family Service

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

1:00 PM

Obituary

Composing this obituary was a struggle. How do you condense a tribute to a beautiful soul to just a few paragraphs? These words are just a feeble glimpse of the life of someone dedicated to loving others. Her love for us was deep. Her love was sacrificial. Her love was truly unconditional.

Allie Mae Irene Johnson Arnold was born on December 6, 1932 to the late Johnnie and Mae L. Johnson. She was one of 10 children. Later in life, she married Vernell Arnold and together they had six children. Allie accepted Christ at an early age and lived her life dedicated to Christ, her family, and the church.



Allie graduated from Montgomery High School as Valedictorian of her class. She said that her dream was to have a family of six children and to farm. That dream has richly blessed generations.

For many decades, Allie was passionate about sewing, cooking, growing different fruits, vegetables, and flowers, and raising chickens. She would sew and design clothes for others. Allie Mae made men's dress shirts and suits, choir robes, wedding dresses, and children's and women's clothing. She enjoyed adding her own personal flair to items.

Her love for cooking, gardening, and loving others fed souls and generated fond memories of family and church gatherings. Her siblings share stories about Allie's meals and special desserts. Years later, she would get up before dawn to cook full course homemade breakfasts, get ready for work, get her six children ready for school, swing by to pick up co-workers, drop the children off for school, and then go to her hard labor full-time job. Her evenings included gardening, canning, more full course homemade meals, supporting extra-curricular school activities, and loving family and friends. She spent years loving on her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was always doing, giving, and being resourceful.



This beloved woman was so much to so many. Allie Mae was a humble, faithful Christian and a member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. For many years, she was a dedicated usher. Allie Mae was an unconditionally loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, and friend.

She was preceded in death by both parents, her siblings: Mamie Mayo, John Johnson, Novella Ross, Dorothy Sanders, and Pearl Johnson, and two children, Larry Arnold and Ella Conway.

She leaves to cherish her presence on this earth her high school sweetheart and husband, Vernell Arnold; her siblings: William (Sue) Johnson, James (Bennie Sue) Johnson, Geneva (Lynn) Brown, and Edna Robertson; her children: Diane (Tommy) Brown, Vernita (James) Smith, Terry D. Arnold, and Theresa Sparks; her grandchildren: Pam, Jason, Kenyatta (Robert), Javina (Jared), Jamont, Larissa, Tequila, Michelle, Tyson, Jennifer, Taryn, Jesse, and Alisha (Kris); a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Thanks, Mom, for all the sacrifices you graciously made to provide for the needs, desires, and dreams of your children. We love you.

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture and Prayer

Acknowledgements

Selection “I Done Made Up My Mind”
Recording by Aaron Neville

Obituary (Read Silently)

Words of Comfort: Pastor Shaffer Williams
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church
Lexington, TN

Closing Prayer

Recessional



Acknowledgements

The family of Allie Mae Arnold lovingly acknowledges all your calls, cards, prayers, visits, flowers, food, and other expressions of love and kindness. We are very grateful for you during the passing of our loved one. May God continue to bless you.

Sincerely,
the family of Allie

Pallbearers

Children and Grandchildren

Flower Girls

Children and Grandchildren

Interment

Lexington Cemetery

Service Entrusted to

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