

Stella DEACONESS HOWARD

Order of Service

Processional.....led by Rev. Terrell Carter

Last Glance and Final Sealing

Hymn

Prayer

Scripture.....Evangelist Jewel Wise-Alaman

Reflections | limit 2 minutes

As an Aunt.....Ms. Thelma M. Williams
Ms. Willie Mae James

As a Friend
As a Sister-in-Christ
As a Grandmother

Selection.....Rev. Terrell Carter

Eulogy.....Rev. Terrell Carter
Shady Grove Baptist Church

Acknowledgements and
Presentation of the
Family Bible.....Barnum Staff

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or to silent mode during the services. Thank you.*

Acknowledgements

Jesus promised us they who mourned would be comforted. During our hours of bereavement, this promise has been fulfilled by, our kind and loving friends and neighbors. THANK YOU each for coming to help us bear our grief. Your calls, visits, prayers and kindness in acts and deeds during the passing of our loved one shall never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF
Deaconess Estella Howard
June 7, 1931 - November 9, 2025

Earthly Place of Rest
SHADY GROVE CHURCH CEMETERY
714 GA Hwy 195, Leesburg, Georgia 31763

Pallbearers

Valdis Howard Zaniel Howard
Keion Hugley Keiwan Howard
Terron Small

Flower Attendants
Friends of the Family

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Celebrating the life of



Stella DEACONESS
HOWARD

Grace: June 7, 1931

Glory: November 9, 2025

Services

Saturday, November 29, 2025 | 11:00 a.m.

Shady Grove Baptist Church
1658 Hooks Mill Road, Leslie, Georgia 31764

Eulogist: Rev. Terrell Carter

Stella DEACONESS HOWARD

Obituary

Deaconess Estella Howard was born on June 7, 1931, in Leslie, Sumter County, Georgia, to the late Mr. Wash Girven and the late Mrs. Rosie Lee Hooks Girven. She received her education in the Sumter County public school system.

Estella devoted her life to caring for others. She worked for many years as a nurse in the Mercy Hospital District of South Miami, Florida, and also served as a private duty nurse, providing compassionate care to elderly patients in their homes.

She and her husband, Henry Howard, built a beautiful life together and created a lasting legacy that now spans three generations. Their union was blessed with nine children—five sons and four daughters—followed by a loving lineage of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Estella was a gifted cook and baker, widely known for her delicious cakes and pies. She also had a great love for shopping; those who knew her best would say it was her favorite pastime outside of caring for her family.

A devoted servant of Christ, Estella was an active member of Shady Grove Baptist Church, where she served faithfully as a deaconess alongside her husband. Affectionately known by her childhood nickname, “Sugarlump,” she was cherished for her gentle spirit and generous heart. Estella consistently put others before herself. She was not the typical wife and mother—she was loyal, steadfast, and unwavering in her commitment to her family and her faith. She encouraged everyone around her to take care of themselves and to remain uplifted, even when life became challenging. She was also known for her elegant and sophisticated style.

She is preceded in death by her children: Leon Howard, Rose Elaine Howard, and Cary Lamar Howard; her grandchildren: Brittany Y. Howard, Shaina R. Small and Gabriel Howard; one great grandchild, Elijah J. Fields; and her siblings: Gertrude Girven, Wash Girven, Jr., Louise Girven-Wilson, and Melvin Girven, Sr.

Left to cherish her memories are her children: Lawrence K. Howard, Clarence Howard, Pamela Howard (Timothy) Martin, Anthony Howard, Kimberly (Kelvin) Hugley, and Sherri (Devon) Gayle.

She also leaves behind her grandchildren: Lawrence K. Howard, Franchel (Lysa) Swain, Tavarious (Tiffany) Williams, Laquinta (Michael) Rogers, Keiwan (Eboni) Howard, Sherrell Howard, Tomasina (Jessie) Liverman, Marquita McClain, Niketia Fudge, Tia (Larry) Bynum, Staria Howard, Terron (Brittney) Small, Shakira Howard, Shacory (Marisa) Fudge, Valdis Howard, Leon Howard, Jr., Trinnard Fudge, Simone Howard, Leah (Marques) Trice, Keion Hugley, Shekinah Howard, Kelea Gayle, Deante Willis, Zaniel Howard, Patrice Hugley, Savannah Howard, Delana Gayle, Devon J. Gayle, Josiah Gayle, Travarus Foster, Cary Howard, Jr., Lashe Howard and Kelvin Hugley, Jr.; along with a host of great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.



Beyond Life's GATEWAY

There's an open gate
at the end of the road through
which each must go alone,
and there in a light we cannot see,
our Father claims His own.

Find happiness and rest
and there is comfort
in the thought that
a loving God knows best.

forever in our hearts

DEACONESS

*Estella
Howard*
1931 - 2025