

Mrs. Queen E. White, affectionately known as “Shorty” or “Mama Queen,” was called home by the Lord on the morning of April 8, 2026. She was born on February 22, 1942, to the late Mrs. Emma Lue Gipson Johnson and the late Mr. William Hayes.

Mrs. White was the eldest of five children and a woman whose life reflected love, service, and faith. She was a devoted mother, a talented seamstress, and a retired cook who dedicated 35 years of service to Koinonia Farms. During her time there, she prepared meals for many, including notable guests such as Congressman Sanford Bishop, Koinonia founder Mr. Millard Fuller and his family, and volunteers from around the world. All who experienced her cooking were blessed by her gift and her generous spirit.

Known for her kind heart and radiant smile, Mama Queen had a presence that could light up any room. She possessed a Godly nature and embraced everyone she met as family—becoming “Mama Queen” or “Auntie” to many. She found joy in reading her Bible, admiring photos of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, completing crossword puzzles, assembling jigsaw puzzles to display in her home, watching her favorite soap opera, *The Young and the Restless*, playing bingo, and spending time in conversation with dear friends, including Mrs. Bessie Reynolds Thomas, Mrs. Gloria Hurley, and Mrs. Betty Jean Burton.

She also cherished the love, care, and comfort she received from the staff of Magnolia Manor in Buena Vista, Georgia, and the third-floor staff at Phoebe Sumter Medical Center. Above all, her greatest joy came from connecting with her family through visits, calls, and heartfelt conversations.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving companion, Mr. Johnny Smith, Jr., and her sister, Mrs. Mattie Pearl “Cookie” Johnson.

Mrs. White leaves a beautiful legacy through her children: Mr. Solideen (Darlene) Hayes of Stone Mountain, Georgia; Mrs. Janice (David) Williams of Jonesboro, Georgia; Mrs. Joyce White, Mr. Mark (Bernadette) Smith, and Mrs. Geraldine Ware, all of Americus, Georgia.

She is also survived by her brother, Mr. Joseph (Lola) Johnson, Jr. of Douglasville, Georgia; her sisters: Mrs. Willa Rutland of Americus, Georgia, and Mrs. Sally Johnson of Washington, D.C.; and her devoted aunt, Mrs. Ruthie Dowdell.

Her legacy continues through her thirteen grandchildren: Mrs. Angela Harvey of Killeen, Texas; Mrs. Ayanna Hayes and Ms. Alexis Hayes of Stone Mountain, Georgia; Mr. Thomas Johnson of Atlanta, Georgia; Mrs. Shanika Yearby (Terry) Tatum of Americus, Georgia; Mrs. Jalisa (Donyall) Aldridge Ingram of Warner Robins, Georgia; Mrs. Seconya White, Mrs. Kim Jones of Warner Robins, Georgia; Mrs. Rodneshia (Derrick) Sampson, Mrs. Akevia Roberts, Mrs. Yolynda Brown, Mr. Lonnie Goodwin, and Mr. Jantwan Twiggs, all of Americus, Georgia.

She is further survived by thirteen great-grandchildren: Mr. LaMarion Smith, Mrs. Ameryia Smith, Mr. Terrius Tatum, Mrs. Taraji Tatum, Mr. Donyall Ingram, Jr., Mr. Donjavion Ingram, Mrs. Donnyla Ingram, Mrs. Donlicia Ingram, Mr. Dontravious Ingram, Mr. Donnell Ingram, Mr. Kade Roberts, Mr. Mason Gordon, and Mr. Zyon Jones, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.