

## God's Garden

God looked around *His* garden and *He* found an empty place.  
*He* then looked down upon the earth and saw your precious face.

*He* put *His* arms around you and lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful. *He* always takes the best.  
*He* knew that you were suffering. *He* knew that you were in pain.  
So, *He* closed your weary eyelids and whispered, "Peace, be thine."  
And then *He* took you up to Heaven with hands gentle and kind.

It broke our hearts to lose you but you did not go alone  
for part of us went with you the day God welcomed you home.

*Associate Pastor*  
*Lora Pearl*  
WILLIAMS JACKSON  
**GAINES**  
"Pat"  
1948 - 2024

### Earthly Place of Rest

ANDERSONVILLE NATIONAL CEMETERY  
496 Cemetery Road, Andersonville, GA 31711

### Pallbearers

Mr. Marquis Jackson      Mr. Stephen Jackson, Jr.  
Mr. Ayden Jackson      Mr. Darron Jackson  
Mr. Robert Jackson      Mr. Ralph Williams      Mr. Mark Williams

### Flower Attendants

Friends of the Family and Ushers

### Acknowledgements

The Family acknowledges with grateful appreciation  
all acts of kindness rendered to them during the passing of their loved one.  
The many telephone calls, prayers, flowers, floral arrangements,  
cards of condolence and other sympathetic gestures are deeply appreciated.

**MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU.**

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## The Heavenly Times

Wednesday, December 18, 2024 | 11:00 AM

## IN CELEBRATION OF

*a life well lived*

GRACE  
October 14, 1948

GLORY  
December 9, 2024



*from the sanctuary of*

Old Corinth Baptist Church

425 Brown Small Road | Leslie, Georgia 31735

Eulogist: Rev. Dr. C. L. McKinstry

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## *Musical Prelude*

Processional.....led by Rev. Dr. McKinstry  
and Pulpit Guests

## *Last Glance and Final Sealing*

Selection.....Sister Alice Faye Bridges

Prayer.....Brother Willie Cooper, Jr.

## Scripture

Old Testament.....Rev. Charles Miller  
Big Bethel Baptist Church

New Testament.....Deacon Eldridge Mercer

Reflections | *limit 2 minutes*

Open to Family and Friends

Selection.....Sister Alice Faye Bridges

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. C. L. McKinstry  
Old Corinth Baptist Church

Acknowledgements and  
Presentation of the

Family Bible.....Barnum Staff

## *Recessional*

*Musical Postlude* ~ Sister Alice Faye Bridges

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or to silent mode during the services. Thank you.

# OBITUARY

*A*ssociate Pastor Lora Pearl Williams Jackson Gaines, affectionately called “Pat,” was born in Weston, Webster County, Georgia on October 14, 1948, to the parents of the late Mr. Robert Pete Williams, Sr. and the late Mrs. Evie Lee Dunning Williams. She was educated in the public schools of Sumter County. When she moved to Americus, she furthered her education at South Georgia Technical College and obtained a degree in cosmetologist. At an early age, she attended United Holiness Headquarters. Later, she became a member at Harvest Gathering, where she was Associate Pastor.

On August 13, 2011, she was joined in Holy Matrimony to Mr. Johnnie Lee Gaines, whom she loved dearly. Associate Pastor Lora Pearl Williams Jackson Gaines moved her membership to the Old Corinth Baptist Church to be with her husband.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her late husband, Monroe Jackson, Jr.; her brothers: Johnny Williams and Robert Pete Williams, Jr.; her in-laws: Jessie Lee White, Artis White, Florrel and Ozie Paschal, Inez Lockhart, Alphonia Leary, and Otis Holcomb.

Associate Pastor Lora Pearl Williams Jackson Gaines leaves behind a golden legacy of memories in the hearts of her loving husband, Johnnie L. Gaines; her children: Retired US Army SSGT Monroe (Sonya) Jackson, III, Sharon (Tony) Frencher, Darron (Yvonne) Jackson, Patricia “Patty” (Sammie) Jackson and Stephen (Kimberly) Jackson, Sr.; her siblings: Shirley Holcomb, Maudie Ree Leary, Cloris Diane (Frankie) Laster, Sally Lee (Ray) Lasiter, Roxie (Rudy) Dixon and Eliza (Sam) Williams; an uncle, Ernest Dunning; her grandchildren: Marquis (Kayla) Jackson, Darron Jackson, Jr., Stephen Jackson, Jr., Amethyst Williams, Ametrish Williams, Kyla Jackson, Zamarell Jackson, Robert Jackson, Jr., Christopher Jackson, Ayden Jackson, Moniyah Jackson, Brianna Williams, Lamark Manigault and Michael “Kobe” Terry; her great grandchildren: Jaidyn Williams, Aubree Jackson, Peyton Williams, Bentley Williams and Paxton Williams; four step children: Katrina (Marc) Waymon, LaShonda (Terrance) Allen, Lakeisha Bowens and Gerald (Edith) Greene; step grandchildren: Marc Waymon, Brandon Waymon, Christian Waymon, Terrance Allen, Kendall Allen, Cor’Shannon Bowens, JaQuan Bowens, LeShame Bowens, D’Adrianna Bowens, Ny’Leria Bowens, Cameron Bowens, Ny’Keria Bowens, Ivory Bowens, Gerald Greene, Jr., Bryan Greene, Christopher Greene and Tamera Greene; step great grandchildren: Mckenzley Waymon, Ashton Waymon, Kamiri Foster, Bryan Greene, II, Brendon Greene, Tonya Greene, Desiree Greene, Gerald Greene, III, Gianna Greene and Gia Greene; her brother-in-law, Otis (Berdia) White; sisters-in-law, Shelly Walker, Gracie Walker and Vatis Williams; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends also survive.