



God Looked

God looked around His garden
 and found an empty place.
 HE THEN LOOKED DOWN
 UPON THE EARTH
 AND SAW YOUR TIRED FACE.
 He put His arms around you
 AND LIFTED YOU TO REST.
 God's garden must be beautiful;
 HE ALWAYS TAKES THE BEST.
 He saw the road was getting rough
 and the hills were too hard to climb,
 so, He closed His weary eyelids
 AND WHISPERED
 "PEACE, BE THINE".
 It broke our hearts to lose you
 BUT YOU DIDN'T GO ALONE,
 for part of us went with you
 THE DAY

God called you home.



*Gone from our sight but never from our hearts.
 Your love and memory will forever remain.*
MRS. QUEEN ESTHER WHITE
 "Mama Queen" | 1942 - 2026

EARTHLY PLACE OF REST
Israel Cemetery

PALLBEARERS
 Mr. Alfred Moore Mr. Tyler Moore
 Mr. Quintrel Williams Mr. Jantwan Twiggs
 Mr. Michael Moore Mr. Lonnie Goodwin

FLOWER ATTENDANTS
 Friends of the Family

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 condolences and other sympathetic gestures are deeply appreciated. May God bless and keep each of you.

REPAST
 The Koinonia Farm Dining Hall
 1324 GA Highway 49 South, Americus, GA 31719

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:
Barnum Funeral Home, Inc.
 217 Ashby Street, Americus, Georgia 31709
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ESCORT COURTESY:
 Americus Police Department
 Sumter County Sheriff's Office

In Loving MEMORY of



Queen Esther White

Sunrise: February 22, 1942 Sunset: April 8, 2026

Services
 Saturday, April 18, 2026 | 2:30 p.m.
 Zion Hope Baptist Church
 1681 US Highway 19 South, Americus, GA 31719
 Pastor - Rev. Wesley Ashton

Eulogist | Rev. Norris Harris
 Oglethorpe Circuit A. M. E. Church

Remembering "MAMA QUEEN"

MRS. QUEEN ESTHER WHITE

Obituary

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. Donylla 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.



REST IN PEACE



our loving and caring matriarch



Celebrating "MAMA QUEEN"

MRS. QUEEN ESTHER WHITE

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

led by Rev. Wesley Ashton, Rev. Norris Harris and Pulpit Guests

Last Glance and Final Sealing

Hymn

Deacon Stanley White

Prayer

Rev. Norris Harris or Appointee

Scripture

Rev. Norris Harris or Appointee

Selection

Sister Bridgett Stevenson

Reflections | limit 2 minutes | Open to Friends

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Eulogist

Rev. Norris Harris

Oglethorpe Circuit A.M.E. Church

**Acknowledgements
and Presentation of the Family Bible**

Barnum Staff

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