

Her Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of her as gone away-- her journey has just begun.

Life holds so many facets. This earth is only one.

Just think of her resting from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort where there are no days and years.

Think how she must be wishing that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness can really pass away.
and think of her as living in the hearts of those she touched--
for nothing loved is ever lost, and she was LOVED so much.

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Deaconess Ira Lee M. Tullis

Earthly Place of Rest | Old Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery

1153 US Highway 280 West, Plains, Georgia 31780

Pallbearers and Flower Attendants

Friends of the Family

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Family acknowledges with grateful appreciation
all acts of kindness rendered 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.

With Love ~ The Family

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:

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IN LOVING
Memory
OF



Deaconess Ira Lee
MERRITT TULLIS
"MISS IRA"

Grace: October 4, 1957

Glory: September 23, 2025



Deaconess Ira Lee M. Tullis
"MISS IRA" | 1957 - 2025

SERVICES: Saturday, September 27, 2025 | 2:30 p.m.
Old Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
1153 US Highway 280 West, Plains, Georgia 31780

Officiant | Kenneth Gouch
Pastor, Old Antioch Missionary Baptist Church

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional	led by Rev. Kenneth Gouch
	<i>Last Glance and Final Sealing</i>
Hymn	Deacon Alvin Young
Prayer	Deacon Alvin Young
Scripture	Minister Michael Cunningham
Selection	Deacon Edward Jackson
Poem	Sister Renae Volley
Remarks	<i>limit 2 minutes</i> Open to Family and Friends
Selection	Sister Brenda Alford
Eulogy	Rev. Kenneth Gouch
Acknowledgements and Presentation of the Family Bible	Barnum Staff

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

OBITUARY

DEACONESS IRA LEE MERRITT TULLIS was born in Sumter County, Georgia on October 4, 1957, to the late Mrs. Azzie Lee West Merritt and the late Mr. Clarence Merritt. She received her education in the Americus City Schools. Later, she attended South Georgia Technical College and earned certification as a CNA and worked at both Sumter Regional and Phoebe Sumter Hospitals for 37 years before her health failed. "Miss Ira," as she was affectionately called

by so many, is preceded in death by her husband, Deacon John Tullis, Jr., a son, Andre Keith Merritt; two sisters, Orzola Mathis and Linda Davis; a brother, Samuel Merritt; her mother-in-law, Eddie Jo Tullis; a brother-in-law, Alton Davis; and two sisters-in-law, Joann Harris and Carolyn Carruthers.

She leaves to cherish her memories: a beloved daughter, Mrs. Latondra Tullis (Michael)

Volley; a beloved son, Travis Tullis; all of Americus, GA; her sister, Mrs. Oveda (Robert) Jackson, Americus, GA; her father-in-law, Mr. John C. Tullis, Sr., Americus, GA; two brothers-in-law, Mr. George (Barbara) Tullis of Buena Vista, GA and Mr. Willie Carruthers, Americus, GA; one sister-in-law, Ms. Peggy Tullis and friend, Jerry Myrick of Smithville, GA; nine grandchildren: Quandarius Tullis, Trinity Tullis, Tiana Tullis, Tierra Tullis, Tiffany Tullis, Shandrea Merritt, Lataya Carter and two devoted grandsons, Michael Volley, Jr. and Carmelo Volley; four great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including Florine Johnson, Sister Linda Young, Deacon Alvin Young, Willie Bell Walton, Diane Smith, Marie Walker, Rebecca Johnson, Yameia Bolden, Patricia Holt, Edna Whitehead, Kat Rembert, Donnie Brown and the Hospice family.



Deaconess Ira Lee M. Tullis