

*M*rs. Irene Volley-Tabor was born in Americus, Georgia on February 2, 1963. She was the daughter of the late Lynwood “Sang” Volley, Sr. and Mrs. Catherine Munns-Volley, who survives. She received her education in the public school system of Sumter County. She later received a bachelor’s, master’s, and specialist’s degree in Education from Albany State University.

At an early age, Irene knew that she wanted to teach and preach. She became a member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Plains, Georgia. She joined the Interdenominational Youth Choir of Americus, Georgia while in high school. She went on to be a part of the Religious Life Organization at Albany State University and continued evangelizing for many years. In her final days, she became the Exhorter at Cray Chapel C.M.E. Church in Albany, Georgia.

She taught school throughout Georgia for nearly 30 years. Her final teaching days were spent at Oak Tree School in Albany, Georgia doing what she loved the most.

She was married to Mr. Eric John Tabor, Sr. for 24 years and to their union, four children were born. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother to her four wonderful children and one loving grandson, “Lil Man”, whom she devoted most of her time.

She is also preceded in death by her grandparents: Mr. Carl (Irene) Munns, Sr. and a sister, Ms. Barbara Ann Volley-Davis.

In addition to her mother, her husband, and her children: Miss Blossom Claudia Tabor, Miss Kate Lucy Tabor, Mr. Eric John Tabor, II, and Miss Jennifer Irene Tabor, she leaves to cherish her memories a goddaughter, Ta’Niya Robinson; a special son, Bre’On DeVontae Robinson, Sr.; one grandchild, Bre’On DeVontae Robinson, Jr.; seven siblings: Mr. Lynwood (Belinda) Volley, Jr., Atlanta, GA; Mr. Larry (Mytrice) Volley, Mrs. Linda (Luther) Johnson, all of Americus, GA; Mrs. Jennifer (Hollie, Jr.) Williams, Valdosta, GA; Mrs. Tanya (David) Tyson, Americus, GA; Mr. Dexter (Faye) Volley, Byron, GA, and Mrs. Diane (Johnny) Willis, Americus, GA; one sister-in-law, Eve Tabor-King, Albany, GA; aunts and uncles: Susie (Johnnie) Wafford, Pastor Carl (Shirley) Munns, Jr., all of Americus, GA; Jimmy (Annie) Munns, Tampa, FL; Willie Lou (Charlie) Josey, Belleglade, FL; special friends, Mrs. Lillian (James) Coleman, Albany, GA; nieces and nephews: Tamika, Michael, Brian, Kareem, Kimberly, LaTrell, Raymond, Rayetta, Quintin, Tyler, David, Jr., Shikerra, Hollie, III, Courtney, Shantavier; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives, and many friends.