

*To Our Mother*

We miss your *smile*, your gentle face  
and all the things you did with *grace*.  
We miss the *love* from your BIG heart  
and all the *joys* you did impart.  
Each day we fold our hands in prayer  
and hope that you are HAPPY there,  
where all is *peaceful* and *serene*  
and where you reign as HEAVENLY QUEEN.

*Earthly Place of Rest*

**Oak Grove Cemetery**  
101 West Lamar Street, Americus, GA 31709

PALLBEARERS

Correll Dowdell	Devon Dowdell	Danyel Dowdell
Tyler Dowdell	Deante Dowdell	Jeylyn Dowdell
Joshua Monts	Terrence Edwards	Andreas Edwards

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

**Granddaughters and Friends of the Family**

*Our Gratitude*

Because you cared, you came to share  
beautiful flowers and words of prayer.  
Because you cared enough to do,  
words of comfort on cards came, too.  
Because you cared, we're grateful indeed.  
You've been a comfort and a friend in need.  
Because you cared, we're able to bear the grief  
and sorrow in time of despair.  
Because you cared, we're praying, too,  
for God's richest blessings for each of you.

~THE FAMILY

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# HOMEGOING

SERVICE

*A Heart of Gold*

**FOREVER  
IN OUR  
HEARTS**

*"Ms. Dot"*



*Lavany*  
**WOODSON DOWDELL**

JUNE 10, 1946 - OCTOBER 25, 2023

Monday, October 30, 2023 | 1:00 p.m.

Union Tabernacle Baptist Church  
900 Adderton Street, Americus, Georgia 31709

Officiant: Rev. Antwion Yowe  
Pastor, Oakridge Baptist Church | Albany, GA

The Order of Service  
*Mrs. Lavans Woodson Dowdell*  
“Ms. Dot”

Processional.....led by Pastor Larry B. Sims, Sr.  
Rev. Antwion Yowe

*Last Glance and Final Sealing*

Selection.....Mrs. Kourtney Latimore Shelly

Prayer.....Deacon Eric D. Bryant

Scripture

Old Testament.....Deacon Dwight Harris

New Testament .....Pastor Larry B. Sims, Sr.

Union Tabernacle Baptist Church

*Reflections*

Correll Dowdell and Joshua Monts | Grandchildren

Kalisha Dowdell | Daughter

Joseph Monts, Jr. | Son

Selection.....Mrs. Kourtney Latimore Shelly

Eulogy.....Rev. Antwion Yowe

Oakridge Baptist Church | Albany, GA

Acknowledgements

and Presentation

of the Family Bible.....Barnum Staff

Recessional.....“Walk with Me Lord”

Mrs. Kourtney Latimore Shelly

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

The Obituary  
*Mrs. Lavans Woodson Dowdell*  
“Ms. Dot”

*Mrs. Lavans Woodson Dowdell* was born in Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida on June 10, 1946, to the parent of the late Ms. Jessie Woodson. She received her education in the Palm Beach County School System. Later in her life, she moved to Americus, Georgia with family. At an early age, she joined the Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church. She fellowshiped with the Prayer, Praise, Preach & Deliverance under the leadership of the late Minister Vernell Carter, where she received her Missionary license. She was a dedicated mother, grandmother, sister, sister-in-law, daughter-in-law, aunt, and friend.

On May 3, 1970, she was joined in Holy Matrimony to the late Mr. J. S. Dowdell, Sr. who was affectionately called “Jake.” She is also preceded in death by her sister, Daisy Carracter; brother, Walter Sonny Carracter; mother-in-law, Susie Monson; brothers-in-law, Ronald Boatwright and Angie Monson .

Left to cherish her memories are her children: Mr. Justice (Rachel) El-Bey, Warner Robins, GA; Mr. Joseph (Diane) Monts, Jr., Ms. Alnita Dowdell, Ms. Pertina Dowdell, Ms. Kalisha Dowdell and Johnny Leverett, all of Americus, GA and Mr. Jacob (LaKimberly) Dowdell, Jr. of South Carolina; her sister, Ms. Freddie Mae West, Albany, GA; her grandchildren: Terence Edwards, Andreas Edwards, Bishop Charlie James, Jr., Joshua Monts, Breanca Denmark-Grant, Diamond Denmark, Shaquanna Denmark-Cook, Jeremy Fuller, Olivia (Ethan) Harris, Deante Dowdell and fiancé, Jtajah Akins, Jeylyn Dowdell, Correll Dowdell and fiancé, Ashley Woodson, Devon Dowdell, Danyel Dowdell, Tyler Dowdell, and Chelsey Harvey; her brothers and sisters-in-law: Mr. Lloyd Monson, Ms. Deborah Monson, Mr. Darryl (Terri-Jo) Monson, Mrs. Deborah (Ronald) Cunningham, Mrs. Shirley (Gary) Davis, Ms. Dell Jones, Ms. Eula Boatwright, Mrs. Fanita (Larry) Taylor and Ms. Linda Smith; a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including a dedicated friend and cousin, Ms. Kaye Bivins; dedicated friend and caregiver, Ms. Betty Austin and her caregiver, Ms. Keyshawn Watson also survive.