

*Mother Frankie Mae Griffin* was born in Sumter County, Georgia on September 15, 1920, to the parentage of the late Mr. Simon Covin and the late Mrs. Martha Ann Harvey Covin.

At an early age, she joined the Jerusalem Baptist Church, now the New Jerusalem Baptist Church, where she was a faithful member. She sang with the church choir and was also a member of the Emanon Gospel Singers under the direction of Mrs. Anne S. Witcher.

“Irene”, as she was affectionately called, was joined in Holy Matrimony on December 25, 1936, to the late Deacon Eugene Griffin and to their union, eleven children were loved.

She was a homemaker who loved to cook, dress up, work in her flowers, and sew, especially making quilts. She always wanted to be in the midst of things and her favorite saying was, “Nie, her I go”.

On October 3, 2021, surrounded by her family, Mama Irene received her calling and entered peacefully into *His* arms.

She is preceded in death by four children: Mr. Tommy Griffin, Mr. Johnny Griffin, Mr. Eugene Griffin, Jr., and Ms. Freddie Mae Thomas; six grandchildren and four in-laws: Mr. Sampson Wright, Mr. Mack Alford, Mr. Sylvester Jones, and Mr. Johnny B. Thomas.

She leaves cherished memories to her children: Mr. Kelvin Griffin, Americus, GA; Ms. Martha Alford, Ms. Vivian Grover, Ms. Kathy Jones, Mrs. Mandy (Fred) Jones, all of Americus, GA; Ms. Annie Wright, Cobb, GA, and Mrs. Peggy (Melvin) Chever, Cordele, GA; two daughters-in-law, Ms. Vivian Griffin and Ms. Frances Griffin, both of Americus, GA; a god-son, Mr. Charles (Doris) Furlow, Americus, GA; an always caring caregiver, Ms. Patricia Daniel; Mr. Odell Bacon, her “Meals on Wheel”; 214 grandchildren; great grandchildren, including a devoted great granddaughter, Ms. Destinee Robinson; great-great grandchildren and great-great-great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, including devoted cousins: Mary Neilson, Geraldine and Dollie; other relatives and friends, including the staff of Phoebe Sumter Hospice, Mrs. Shirley Polk, the Barnum Funeral Home Staff and her Hanson Drive community also survive.