

CELEBRATING OUR BELOVED

Lula Mae Gaines Harris

SERVICES: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 | 11:00 a.m.
Old Corinth Baptist Church
425 Brown Small Road, Cobb, Georgia 31735
Eulogist: Rev. Dr. C. L. McKinstry

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional.....led by Rev. Dr. McKinstry
and Pulpit Guests

Last Glance and Final Closure

Selection.....Sis. Jennie Mae Greene

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Gerald Harris
Mt. Creek A. M. E. Church | Andersonville, GA

Scripture.....Mr. Willie L. Cooper, Jr.
Nephew

Reflections

Open to Family and Friends | *limit 2 minutes*

Family Tribute.....Mr. Willie L. Cooper, Jr.

Selection.....Sis. Jennie Mae Greene

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. C. L. McKinstry
Old Corinth Baptist Church

Acknowledgements and
Presentation of the
Family Bible.....Barnum Staff

RECESSIONAL

*Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off
or to silent mode during the services. Thank you.*

*The Family will receive friends for the repast
in the annex of Old Corinth Baptist Church.*

Appreciation and Acknowledgements

The Old Corinth family was faithful and devoted to Lula during the final years of her life. The visits, the homemade meals, and other caring gestures and acts of kindness given unselfishly by so many of you will never be forgotten. You walked the walk with her.

You didn't just talk the talk.
Thank You with all our love!

THE FAMILY OF

Lula Mae Gaines Harris

“Bunch” | 1927 - 2026

Earthly Place of Rest
Eastview Cemetery

802 Ashby Street, Americus, GA 31709

Pallbearers:

Friends of the Family

Flower Attendants

Friends of the Family

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:

Barnum Funeral Home, Inc.

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IN LOVING
Memory



Lula Mae
GAINES HARRIS

November 29, 1927

February 10, 2026

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Lula Mae Gaines Harris was born on November 29, 1927, in Sumter County, Georgia, to the late Mr. Ben Hargrove and the late Mrs. Inez Gaines Roberts.

She received her early education at Welcome Baptist Church School in Sumter County.

At an early age, Lula joined Old Corinth Baptist Church, where she faithfully served for many years. She was a dedicated member of the Usher Ministry and served for a time as President of the Board of Ushers. Lula was also a Life Member of Habakkuk Chapter #70, Order of the Eastern Star.

She was employed for 37 years in housekeeping at Georgia Southwestern College, now known as Georgia Southwestern State University. Her strong work ethic and commitment were evident throughout her years of service.

Affectionately known as "Bunch," Lula loved her family and friends deeply. She had a special gift for storytelling, warming any room with her wit and humor as she shared cherished memories of loved ones who had passed decades ago. Lula was truly a living library of oral Black family history — a keeper of stories, lessons, and laughter that will forever echo in the hearts of those who were blessed to hear them.

On Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at the age of 98, Lula peacefully went home to be with her Savior.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Mr. James Harris; her son, Mr. Johnny Lee Mann; her brother, Mr. Richard Roberts; and her sisters, Ms. Ozzie Mae Cooper and Ms. Betty Jean Singletary.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her sister, Ms. Eutha Dee Foster of Bronx, New York; her sisters-in-law: Mrs. Berdia (Otis) White, Ms. Rena Mae Walker and Ms. Velma Harris; her brother-in-law, Mr. Anno (Betty) Harris, all of Americus, Georgia; five grandchildren: Mr. Johnny Eugene Mann, Mr. Alphonso (Joy) Mann, Mr. Benjamin Mann, Mrs. Linda (Paul) McFadden, all of Newark, New Jersey, and Ms. Paula Jones of Americus, Georgia; a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins, including a devoted cousin, Mr. Johnnie Lee Gaines; along with other relatives and friends.

She also leaves behind devoted friends: Ms. Betty Shields, Ms. Mary Shields, Ms. Betty Newsome, Mrs. Josephine Cooper of Americus, Georgia, and Ms. Addie Pearl Josey of South Carolina. Her church family and her caregivers at Perfect Care also survive to honor her life and legacy.



*Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us everyday
Unseen, unheard, but always near
Still loved, still missed and very dear*

TOGETHER AGAIN

James + Lula

Remember Me

**Don't remember me with sadness,
Don't remember me with tears,
Remember all the laughter,
We've shared throughout the years.**

Now I am contented

**That my life, it was worthwhile,
Knowing as I passed along the way
I made somebody smile.**

**When you are walking down the street
And you've got me on your mind,
I'm walking in your footsteps
Only half a step behind.**

**So please don't be unhappy
Just because I'm out of sight,
Remember that I'm with you
Each morning, noon and night.**

Lula Mae
GAINES HARRIS

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