

*Effie Lee Monroe Daniels* was born March 13, 1927, to the parentage of the late Walter Monroe and the late Cassie Giddens Monroe. As the only girl of five children, Mrs. Daniels bestowed femininity to the Monroe household.

Mrs. Daniels's legacy epitomizes academic excellence and service. After graduating valedictorian of her high school class, she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in English at Fort Valley State University. She continued to broaden her studies at several higher learning institutions including, Georgia State University, Florida State University and Georgia Southwestern College. She was a life-long learner; and education was at her core.

Mrs. Daniels's service in education started in the early 1950s. She retired from the Americus Public Schools System after a full and fruitful career of 27 years. Her work continues to echo today through the countless accomplishments of her students.

Her service poured outside the classroom and into the community. She diligently served on various committees within the church, her sorority—Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated— and civil service organizations. She was the recipient of various awards and honors, including a proclamation from the Mayor of Americus, GA in March 2017 and recognition as a founder and Diamond Member of the Rho Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in February 2020. She was respected, celebrated and loved by many around the Americus and Sumter County area.

Mrs. Daniels gave herself most generously as a wife of 25 years and mother of three children: Vanessa, Cynthia and Kelsie III.

*Lasting legacies are not impressed into monuments or gravestones. Rather, they are etched deeply into the hearts and lives of people.*

The thriving legacy of Effie Lee Monroe Daniels stands today through all that she poured into her children, the classrooms and community.

She leaves to cherish her memories: a son, Mr. Kelsie Walter (Regina) Daniels, III, Atlanta, GA; two daughters, Ms. Vanessa R. Daniels Furlow, Americus, GA and Ms. Cynthia Daniels Hackett, Fredericksburg, VA; a sister-in-law, Ms. Annie Monroe, Milledgeville, GA; her grandchildren: Larry Furlow, Jr., Wilbur (Melaine) Hackett, III, Walter (Hiwot) Hackett, Kelvin Furlow, William Hackett, Cassie Furlow, Nakia Daniels (Andrew) Means and Kelsie Walter Daniels, IV; her great grandchildren: LaTrivon Furlow, Tyrin Furlow, Tionn Furlow, Tierra Furlow, Warren Hackett, Wyatt Hackett, Serena Hackett and Nathan Hackett; her nieces: Denise Monroe, Angela Mendoza and Sandra Monroe; her nephews, Michael (Alanna) Monroe and Torrence Monroe; her cousins, other relatives and friends also survive.