

Celebration OF Life AND Legacy FOR

PALLBEARERS
Family and Friends

FLOWER BEARERS
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INTERMENT
Elmwood Cemetery

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Elizabeth Files gratefully acknowledges and sincerely appreciates Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Files and family, Mr. Kourtney Files, Mrs. Yvonne Moreland and family, Mr. Wendell Jones, Sr. and family, Mrs. Rhonda Williams Skinner and family, Ms. Helen Woods Payne and family, Mrs. Donna Woods Thomas and family, Mrs. Mallory Stringer Thomas and family, Mrs. Angela (Red) Hicks, Mrs. Sandra Williams, Ms. Natassia Jones and The Compassus Hospice Care for every act of kindness, comforting expression of love, and personal visit. May God forever bless and keep each of you in His loving care. Please keep our family in your prayers.

Sincerely,

The Files Family

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO



Bushelon Funeral Home, Inc.
800 – 14th Street S.W.
Birmingham, Alabama 35211
(205) 786-3449



Saturday, May 11, 2024
11:00 AM

SIXTH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
1101 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. S.W.
Birmingham, AL 35211

Dr. Roosevelt Morris, Sr., Officiating



Elizabeth WHITEFIELD FILES

DATE OF BIRTH
August 30, 1928

DEPARTED THIS LIFE
May 4, 2024 | 9:00 AM

OBITUARY

Elizabeth Whitfield Files, age 95, of Birmingham, AL, was born on August 30, 1928, to Mr. Walker Whitfield and Mella Richard Whitfield. She passed away on May 4, 2024, at 9:00am. She was a longtime resident and member of Sixth Avenue Baptist Church. She served faithfully as a member of the Sanctuary choir, Secretary of Class II 3, and member of the Deaconess Board for many years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Willie D. Files, Sr. She retired after 25 years as Secretary at Powderly Elementary School. She had two siblings, a sister, Mrs. Clara Mae Stodghill (deceased) and George W. Whitfield Sr. (Estella) (deceased). She was the mother of four children, Willie D. Files Jr. (Hazel) of Raleigh, NC, James Edward Files (deceased), Brenda Faye Files of Atlanta, GA and Deborah Ann Files Hicks (Charles) of Birmingham, AL; nephew, Raymond (Carrie) Files of Birmingham, AL; five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

PRECIOUS MEMORIES



ORDER OF SERVICE

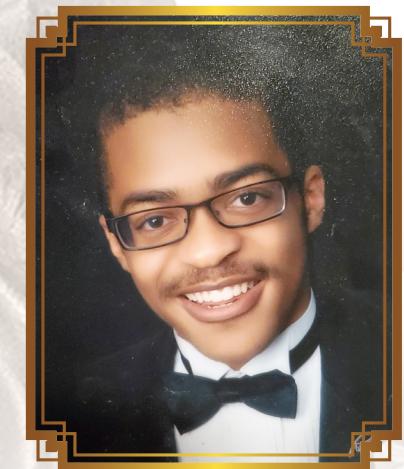


Grandmother's TOUCH



*There's magic in a grandmother's touch
And sunshine in her smile.
There's love in everything she does
To make our lives worthwhile.
We can find both hope and courage
Just by looking in her eyes.
Her laughter is a source of joy;
Her words are warm and wise.
There is kindness and compassion
To be found in her embrace,
And we see the light of Heaven*

Shining from a grandmother's face. Love you Grandma



Piano Prelude Mr. Kelvin Parker

Processional Ministers, Pallbearers, and Family

Musical Selection

Invocation Dr. Rev. Michael Wesley Sr.

Scripture

Old Testament Psalm 23

New Testament John 14:1-7

Reflections Dr. Rev. Michael Wesley Sr.

Musical Selection

Eulogy Dr. Roosevelt Morris, Sr.

Associate Pastor, Sixth Avenue Baptist Church

Birmingham, Alabama

Final Commendation and Farewell (Read in Unison)

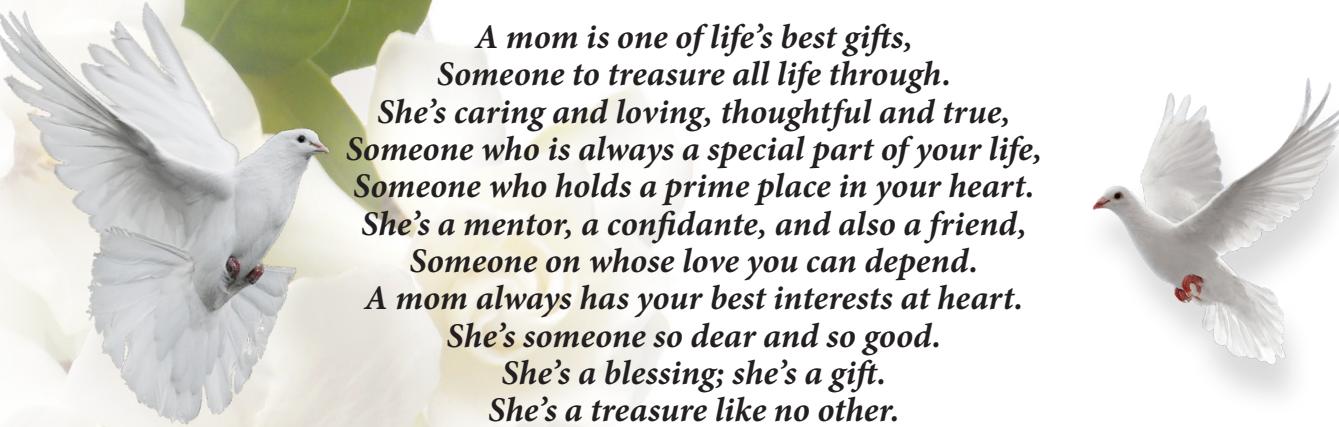
Those who are in Christ are with the Lord, and the Lord has promised to be with all who trust in His Son, Jesus Christ. If they are with Him and He is with us, our loved ones cannot be far away. May Elizabeth Files be at peace. She will forever be with the Lord and on the day of judgment hear God say, "Well done, my good and faithful servant." Amen

Recessional



WHAT IS A *Mom?*

*A mom is one of life's best gifts,
Someone to treasure all life through.
She's caring and loving, thoughtful and true,
Someone who is always a special part of your life,
Someone who holds a prime place in your heart.
She's a mentor, a confidante, and also a friend,
Someone on whose love you can depend.
A mom always has your best interests at heart.
She's someone so dear and so good.
She's a blessing; she's a gift.
She's a treasure like no other.
She's someone who is truly wonderful.
Wherever you go and whatever you do,
A mom's love will always see you through.
A mom is truly invaluable,
Indispensable, and unforgettable.
I wouldn't want anyone but you,
And that's why I'm so grateful
That life paired me and you.*



THE *Comfort AND Sweetness OF Peace*

*To: my Shug Shug
After the clouds, there is sunshine;
After the winter, there is spring;
After the shower, there is a rainbow;
For life is a changeable thing.
After the night, there is the morning,
Bidding all darkness ceased.
After life's cares and sorrows,
There is comfort and sweetness of peace.*

Raymond Files



THOSE WE *Love*

*Those we love remain with us
For love itself lives on,
And cherished memories never fade
Just because a loved one's gone.
Those we love can never be
More than a thought apart,
For as long as there is a memory,
They'll live on in our hearts.
A gift for such a little while,
Your loss just seems so wrong.
You should not have left before us;
With loved ones is where you belong.*

*Love you,
April*