

## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Tony Core  
Troy Vickers  
Curtis McCray

Tarryl Vickers  
Levertis Vickers  
Willie McCray

Cory Griffen

## FLOWER BEARERS

Nieces, Coworkers, and Friends

## INTERMENT

Oak Grove/Crossroads Church Cemetery  
411 Crossroads Church Road  
Pearson, Georgia 31642

## THE FAMILY'S MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

*The family of the late Mae Eva Atkins wishes to extend our heartfelt appreciation and sincere gratitude to all who have offered their prayers, love, and support during this time of bereavement. Your kindness, encouragement, and unwavering presence have been a source of great comfort to us.*

*We are deeply moved by the love and strength you have shared, and we are especially grateful for the grace of God, which has carried us through our sorrow. Your thoughtfulness, whether through a kind word, a warm embrace, a prayer, or a contribution, has not gone unnoticed.*

*May God continue to bless each of you.*

*We find peace in the words of I Corinthians 2:9:*

*“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man,  
the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”*

*With Love and Gratitude,*

*The Family of Mae Eva Atkins*

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO



HARRELL'S FUNERAL HOME  
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# CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

*Sunrise*  
July 23, 1957

*Sunset*  
July 31, 2025



*Mae Eva*  
**ATKINS**

Saturday, August 9, 2025  
11:00 AM

**ST. JAMES A.M.E. CHURCH**  
478 West Albany Avenue  
Pearson, Georgia 31642

*Deacon Steve Thomas, Presiding  
Pastor Paul Thomas Sr., Eulogist*

# OBITUARY

*Mae Eva Atkins* was born on July 23, 1957, in Coffee County, Georgia, to the late Aretha Curtis Munford and the late Eugene Hill. She was raised in Broxton, Georgia, where she was brought up in the church and instilled with a strong work ethic that shaped the course of her life. Mae Eva graduated from Broxton High School in 1977. During her youth and early adulthood, she became a member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend T.J. Snead, where she faithfully served as an usher.

Mae Eva was a devoted and diligent worker. She spent seventeen years with the Campbell Soup Company and was a proud and faithful employee of PCC Airfoils for the past twenty-six years. Her dedication, loyalty, and work ethic earned her the respect of colleagues and friends alike.

She met and married the love of her life, Melvin Lewis Atkins. Together, they shared over forty beautiful years filled with love, commitment, and companionship.

On July 31, 2025, Mae Eva answered the Lord's call. She is no longer dreaming the dream—she now lives the dream, resting in the arms of her Heavenly Father.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Aretha and Wilford Munford, and Eugene Hill; her brother, Jim Charles Curtis; four sisters, Earthline Curtis, Alice Munford, Warner Jean Smith, and Eva Mae Richardson; and her great-grandparents, Jim and Pearlie Curtis.

Mae Eva leaves to cherish her precious memories: her devoted husband, Melvin Lewis Atkins; three cherished bonus daughters, Kendra (Karl) Vince, La'Keyla Williams, and La'Kayla Williams; eleven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brothers: Wilford (Shirley) Munford of Macon, Georgia; Ben (LiNetha) Munford of Douglas, Georgia; Matthew "MJ" (Lelia) Curtis of Ft. Pierce, Florida; Karl Wallace of Locust Grove, Georgia; and Jimmy Johnson of Douglas, Georgia; her sisters: Rebecca Williams of Douglas, Georgia, and Pearline (Ray) Hill of Broxton, Georgia; her nephews: Demeaturis (Lakesha) Curtis, Tyrone (Tameka) Curtis, and Dennis (Kiara) Williams, all of Douglas, Georgia, Antonio (Victoria) Williams of Valdosta, Georgia, Sedrick Robinson, and Drecxteal Robinson; nieces, Keyaka Williams of Douglas, Georgia, Beverly Ann Hill, Francina Jones, Tisha Robinson and Tiquila Arnold all of Dundee, Florida; two beloved great-nephews, Jatavious "Pooh" Williams and Jordyn Williams, both of Douglas, Georgia; her sisters-in-law, Mammie Gaskin Hicks of Douglas, Georgia, and Tijuana Vickers of Pearson, Georgia; a special niece, Kashana Vickers of Dallas, Texas; her devoted mother-in-law, Georgia Mae Reaves of Pearson, Georgia.

She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, co-workers, and friends whose lives she touched with her kindness, strength, and unwavering love



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# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Deacon Steve Thomas, Presiding*

Processional..... Ministers and Family

Final Glimpse

Invocation ..... Elder Calvin Johnson

Selection .....Prayer and Praise Ministries, Praise Team

Scripture Readings:

    Old Testament .....Deacon Steve Thomas

    New Testament ..... Minister Vivian Fowler

Selection..... Prayer & Praise Ministries Praise Team

Reflections ..... *Please Limit to Two Minutes*

Obituary Reading..... *Read Silently, Please*

Solo .....Minister Kentaiwon Carter-Durham

Eulogy .....Pastor Paul Thomas, Sr.

Acknowledgements.....Harrell's Funeral Home

Committal Service

Benediction

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## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call;  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I've now found peace at the end of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys:  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.  
Oh, yes, these things I, too, will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow;  
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life has been full; I savored much:  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;  
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart, and peace to thee.  
God wanted me now—He has set me free.*



## *The Day God Took You Home*

*You never said, "I'm leaving."  
You never said, "Good-bye."  
You were gone before I knew it,  
And only God knew why.  
A million times I needed you;  
A million times I cried.  
If love alone could have saved you,  
You never would have died.  
In life, I loved you dearly;  
In death, I love you still.  
In my heart, you hold a place  
That no one could ever fill.  
It broke my heart to lose you,  
But you didn't go alone.  
Part of me went with you  
The day God took you home.*

