



## Mrs. Mariah Alice Isbell McKenzie

October 28, 1927 - October 15, 2021

Mariah Alice Montgomery Isbell McKenzie was born on October 28, 1927 in Talladega, Alabama, to the late Will Montgomery and Ella Stockdale Montgomery.

Mariah confessed Christ at an early age and united with Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Stockdale where she was President of the Missionary Board until her passing. She also received her formal education from Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Munford, Alabama, a private school in Detroit, Michigan, and Drewry Practice High School at Talladega College in Talladega, Alabama. Mariah was employed by the Talladega City School System at Dixon Middle School as a dietitian for many years before becoming a homemaker and staying home to spend quality time with her family and children.

Mariah, affectionately known as "Alice", was a devoted mother, grandmother, and friend to many. She was identified as the "Top Chef" in the neighborhood. Alice loved cooking, frying fish and chicken for ball games and was a big jokester. Alice's day would not start without breakfast, reading her bible, and then reading the Daily Home newspaper. She was a very kind-hearted and fun-loving person who immensely cherished her family.

On the evening of Friday, October 15, 2021, after God had graciously given Alice to us for ninety-three long earthly years, and allowed her to see five

beautiful generations, he felt it was time for him to peacefully close her eyes one last time to this earthly world, accept her new wings and fly to her new eternal home on high. At her new home, she was greeted by all her loved ones that had preceded her in death including her parents, Will and Ella Montgomery, grandparents, Dennis Montgomery and Febbie Stockdale Ward, children, Alan LaDwayne Isbell, Brenda Gail Isbell, and Ronald Edwin Isbell, sisters, Lucille Montgomery Barnes and Mary Montgomery Borden, brothers, James (Purt) Montgomery, John Dennis (J.D.) Montgomery, and Calvin Montgomery.

Alice leaves to cherish her loving memories; her five loving children, James (JoAnn) Isbell of Lincoln, Alabama, Mary Isbell Wilson of Talladega, Alabama, Cheryl (Charles) Jurceka of Pensacola, Florida, C.K. Penny Isbell Beeman of Anniston, Alabama and Celeste Isbell of Anniston, Alabama; twelve grandchildren, Shantress, Renae, Vernon, LaDwayne, Derrick, Michael, Nikki, Jarius, Randall, Alyse, Steven and Ronald; thirty-eight great-grandchildren; nineteen great-great grandchildren; special son and daughter, Elder Ray and Stephanie Jacobs; special son, James Garrett; special niece, Lou Ida Borden; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and dedicated friends.

# Cemetery Details

**Oak Hill Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Public Viewing

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home Chapel  
217 Coosa St. E  
Talladega, AL 35160

### Celebration of Life

OCT **24**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
3037 Stockdale Lane  
Munford, AL 36268

# Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mariah Alice Isbell McKenzie.*



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October 21, 2021 at 03:43 PM



“ *May God's Grace and Mercy bring peace and comfort to you all during the days ahead. He loves you and so do I. Yvonne Estell-McElderrt*

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**Yvonne Estell-McElderry** - October 20, 2021 at 02:38 PM