



Yolanda Forbes

March 2, 1960 - October 15, 2025

Yolanda D. Forbes was born on March 2, 1960, in Anniston, Alabama, to the late Mason Heard, Jr. and Mattie Avery Smith. At a young age, she confessed Christ and united with Pilgrim Baptist Church. She would later move her membership to Friendship Baptist Church in Homewood, Alabama. Upon her return to Anniston, she joined Mount Calvary Baptist Church where she was an active member until her health began to fail. During her membership at Mount Calvary, she served faithfully as a member of the Deaconess Ministry and vice president of the Survivor Ministry.

Yolanda was educated in the Anniston City School system and graduated from Anniston High School in 1978. She continued her post-secondary education at New World College of Beauty and received a cosmetology degree. She eventually found gainful employment with O'Charley's where she served as General Manager for over twenty years.

Yolanda, known by her family and friends as Smokey, was not just a leader at work, but a true people person who cherished her relationships with family and friends. Those who knew her will forever remember her fun-loving spirit, tough exterior but soft heart, and warm smile.

On Wednesday, October 15, 2025, Yolanda answered the Master's call and entered eternal rest. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald

Forbes; daughter, Latanya Felder; great-grandchild, Z'Niyah; nieces, Jacquelyn Bush and Bobbie Wright; aunt, Beatrice Moore; uncles, Earnest Moore, Roosevelt Avery, and John T. Avery; cousin, Rickey Moore; and brothers-in-law, Napoleon Phillips, William Patterson, and Emmett Porter, Sr.

Yolanda's memories will forever be treasured by her children, Latasha (Cedrick) Hawkins, Franco (Rihana) Smith, Ret. MSGT Donald (Danielle) Smith, Damion Felder, and Shun (Iris) Felder; Breanna, Tacara, Asante', Jordan, Leerric, Destin, Brittian, Jerimah, Dayton, Dakota, Devin, Cynthia, Danica, Davion, Javani, Jaylen, and Alexis; great-grandchildren, Braylen, Bryce, Khy, and Kamora; sisters, Leola Porter, Amenna Malik, Lena Patterson, and Macey (McArthur) Winston; brothers, Nathiel Scales and Malcolm (Christy) Smith; sister-in-law, Gloria Forbes; brother-in-law, Johnny Forbes; godchildren, Ursula Harris and Kinta Harris; god-siblings, Hollis Moore and Bonnie Moore; special friends, Topaze, Maxine, Vanessa, Stephanie, and Ellis McCluney; and a host of other family and friends.

As we reflect on Yolanda's remarkable journey, may we find comfort in the memories and the joy she brought into our lives.

Cemetery Details

Dogwood Trail Memorial Gardens

300 Ross St
Oxford, AL 36203

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT **24**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Homes and Crematory- Anniston
830 Noble Street
Anniston, AL 36201

Celebration of Life

OCT **25**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Mount Calvary Baptist Church
1600 Dooley Ave
Anniston, AL 36201

Tribute Wall

HK

“ *May God Bless my friend , schoolmate, Maid of Honor at my marriage to Stan. God Bless and comfort the family/friends Yolanda leaves behind! With love, Vivian and Stan Kimble*

HAROLD S & VIVIAN A KIMBLE - October 24, 2025 at 04:05 PM

DE

“ *Diane Volece Keyon Jr Derrick and Eric purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Yolanda Forbes.*



Diane Volece Keyon Jr Derrick and Eric - October 24, 2025 at 09:23 AM

TF

“ *The Frazier Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Yolanda Forbes.*



The Frazier Family - October 23, 2025 at 10:44 PM

JL

“ *Jasmine Lee purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Yolanda Forbes.*



Jasmine Lee - October 18, 2025 at 05:55 PM

JL

“ Jasmine Lee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Yolanda Forbes.

Jasmine Lee - October 18, 2025 at 05:55 PM

EH

“ Elder Jerrell & Sonya Hicks lit a candle in memory of Yolanda Forbes



Elder Jerrell & Sonya Hicks - October 16, 2025 at 06:42 PM