

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture - Rev. Ed Vines

Prayer - Rev. Dr. George McCulloh

Musical Selection - FMBC

Obituary - Ms. E.C. Holmes

Musical Selection - FMBC

Two-Minute Reflections

Eulogy - Rev. L.C. Thomas

Recessional



TEACH
INSPIRE
EMPOWER
GUIDE
CHANGE LIVES

A Legacy of Education.
A Lifetime of Impact.



Flower Bearers
Cousins

Pall Bearers
Classmates/Friends

Interment
Essie J Handy Memorial Cemetery
402 B St. SW, LaFayette, AL 36862

*Repast to Follow at Friendship Missionary
Baptist Church*

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Ms. Donna Sue King expresses sincere appreciation to each of you who showed any act of kindness during the death of our loved one. A special thanks to the staff of Vines Funeral Home.

-The Family

Final Arrangements of Loved One Entrusted to:



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Made Forever Gorgeous by:
Jim Pollard, Hair
Twyla Carter, Nails

A Celebration of Life for

Ms. Donna Sue King "Top Tia"



First Light: August 20, 1964
Final Rest: September 15, 2026

Sunday, September 20, 2026
1:30 PM CST

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
3089 Judge Brown Road
Valley, AL 36854

Rev. L.C. Thomas, Senior Pastor

*Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing,
but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.
Proverbs 31: 30*



Moments Donna Sue King was born to Betty Jean Scott King and the late Leon King on August 20, 1964, in LaFayette, Alabama. On September 15, 2026, Donna peacefully departed this earthly life at her residence, leaving behind a legacy far too rich to be measured by the years between her birth and passing. To know Donna was to know a woman who lived boldly. Education was not simply her profession; it was one of the greatest passions of her life. For twenty-five years, she faithfully served as an educator with the Chambers County Board of Education. Even after retirement, Donna continued to share her knowledge with school systems and secondary and post-secondary institutions. A lifelong learner herself, Donna studied at Southern Union State Community College, Auburn University, Alabama State University, Troy University, and Grand Canyon University, (earning various degrees from all previously listed colleges) while pursuing education in Early Childhood and School Counseling, from undergrad to doctoral-level studies. Even while working, serving others, and caring for her mother full-time, Donna continued reaching higher.

Mission. As the founder of Warmth of a King Coat Ministries, Donna spent decades making sure children had winter gear for Christmas; dozens of children received coats because Donna saw a need and decided that, as long as she was able, she would help meet it. Donna was also a proud member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, an Eastern Star, and a devoted member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. Donna loved church and trusted wholeheartedly in the promises of God's Word. Her faith was woven throughout her life—not simply in what she said, but in the way she gave, served, loved, and cared for others. And Donna knew how to enjoy life: She loved baking and cooking, and her home became a gathering place for her loved ones. Sunday dinner was not merely a meal at Donna's house; it was tradition. Week after week, family gathered around her table, where food was plentiful and delicious, conversation flowed freely, and love always seemed to have a seat waiting. Donna also loved to dance and party; she loved trying different restaurants. And, she enjoyed taking selfies, watching TV, mostly *Divorce Court*, and she certainly loved to shop. Fashion was one of her languages, and Donna spoke it fluently. She embraced her dark-chocolate skin, thick curves, and her bold sense of style with extraordinary confidence. She wore the latest trends, the finest labels, and whatever made her feel fabulous; she wore it all unapologetically.



Memories Donna never met a stranger. She could talk to almost anyone, and before long, the conversation would likely turn to two of her favorite people: Charmette and Matthew. She loved them deeply and spoke of them with tremendous pride. Donna leaves to cherish her memory her mother and best friend, Betty Jean Scott King; brother, Ronnie Henry (Veronica) Holmes; beloved niece, Ella Charmette (B. Wheatley) Holmes; cherished great-nephew, Matthew Scott Holmes; her Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated sisters; Friendship Missionary Baptist Church family; former students, co-workers, classmates, especially the LHS Class of 1982; and countless relatives and friends. Donna was a daughter, sister, aunt, educator, counselor, scholar, woman of faith, and friend—but titles could never tell her whole story. She lived with style, gave with generosity, loved without reservation, and believed in God without apology. Her earthly journey has ended, but the love she poured so freely into this world will always remain.