

## *Pallbearers*

Christopher Thomas  
Donald Roddy

Johnny Joe Long  
Noel Harper

Jimmy Wraggs  
Rashard Johnson

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Marlon J. Monroe

David Carr

Jimmy L. Monroe Jr.

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late Ira Merritt would like to express our sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy received during this difficult time. May God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness toward our family in our time of need.

## *"Afterglow"*

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times and  
bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;  
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.  
I will greet you with a smile and "Welcome Home."



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# *Celebrating the Life Of Ira Dolores Merritt*



Sunrise:  
March 27, 1949

Sunset:  
April 26, 2023

## *Celebration of Life Service*

Monday, May 8, 2023  
11:00 a.m.

**Metropolitan Chapel**  
109 West Avenue  
Rochester, New York 14611

Officiant  
**Bishop Willie Davis**

## Life Reflections

Ira Dolores Merritt was born March 27, 1949 in Marianna, Florida, the daughter of Frances L. Pittman of Bartow, FL, and the late Joshua Pittman. She later moved to Rochester, New York where she attended school in the Rochester City School District's School Number 14 and Monroe High School. She graduated from Monroe Community College in 1971 with a degree in Recreational Supervision.

Ira was an outgoing individual who deeply loved her family and enjoyed spending quality time with them. She will be remembered for her warm, inviting smile that made anyone feel cared for and important. Ira was a hard worker with an excellent work ethic. She was employed with the Eastman Kodak Company for a period of 21 years prior to her retirement.

Having departed this life April 26, 2023, Ira is predeceased by her father, Joshua Pittman and two sisters, Pallie A. Pittman-Monroe and Lucretia Womack. She leaves to cherish fond memories: her mother, Frances L. Pittman of Bartow, Florida; stepson, Carlas Merritt of Rochester, NY; sisters, Joycie Mae Golden of Pensacola, FL and Rev. Shirley Carr-Myrick of Titusville FL; nieces, Roseanda Pittman-Williams of Rochester, NY and Aaronda (Steve) Huston of VA; nephews, Jimmy L. Monroe Jr. and Marlon (Fran) Monroe of Rochester, NY; Godson, Larry Blue of Rochester, NY; Goddaughter, Pamela Gilchrist-Roper of VA; great-nieces: Jasmine (Aundra) Pittman of Bartow, FL, Harmony (Frank IV) Cooper of Lake Wales, FL, Islynn Monroe of Rochester, NY and Chyanne Pallie Monroe of Houston, TX; great-nephews: Maison Monroe and Naeem Monroe of Rochester, NY; three great-great-nephews and two great-great-nieces, all residing in Polk County, FL; special cousins: Robert Speights and Debra Wardell of Bartow, FL, Gladys (Frank) Jenkins of Atlanta, GA and Patsy (Jerry) Mango of Barson FL; and a host of friends, including special friends:

Larry Copeland, Norris ("Noreaga") Sanders, Sonny Cunningham, Linda Johnson, Patricia Linton, William (Slim) Washington, Mark Shepherd, Leatha Willoughby, and Jimmie Wraggs.



## Order of Service

Seating of Family and Friends

Opening Sentences . . . . . Bishop Willie Davis

Prayer of Comfort . . . . . Rev. Dontavius Sanders

Scripture Reading . . . . . Bishop Willie Davis  
Old and New Testaments

Musical Selection. . . . . Rev. Aaron James

Remarks . . . . . Family and Friends  
(2 minutes, please)

Reading of Life Reflections . . . . . Bishop Willie Davis  
Acknowledgements and Resolutions

Musical Selection. . . . . Gwen Sweet

Eulogy . . . . . Bishop Willie Davis

Recessional

## Interment Riverside Cemetery

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The Family will receive friends at:  
First Church of God  
(Fellowship Hall)  
334 Clarissa Street  
Rochester, New York  
immediately following Interment.