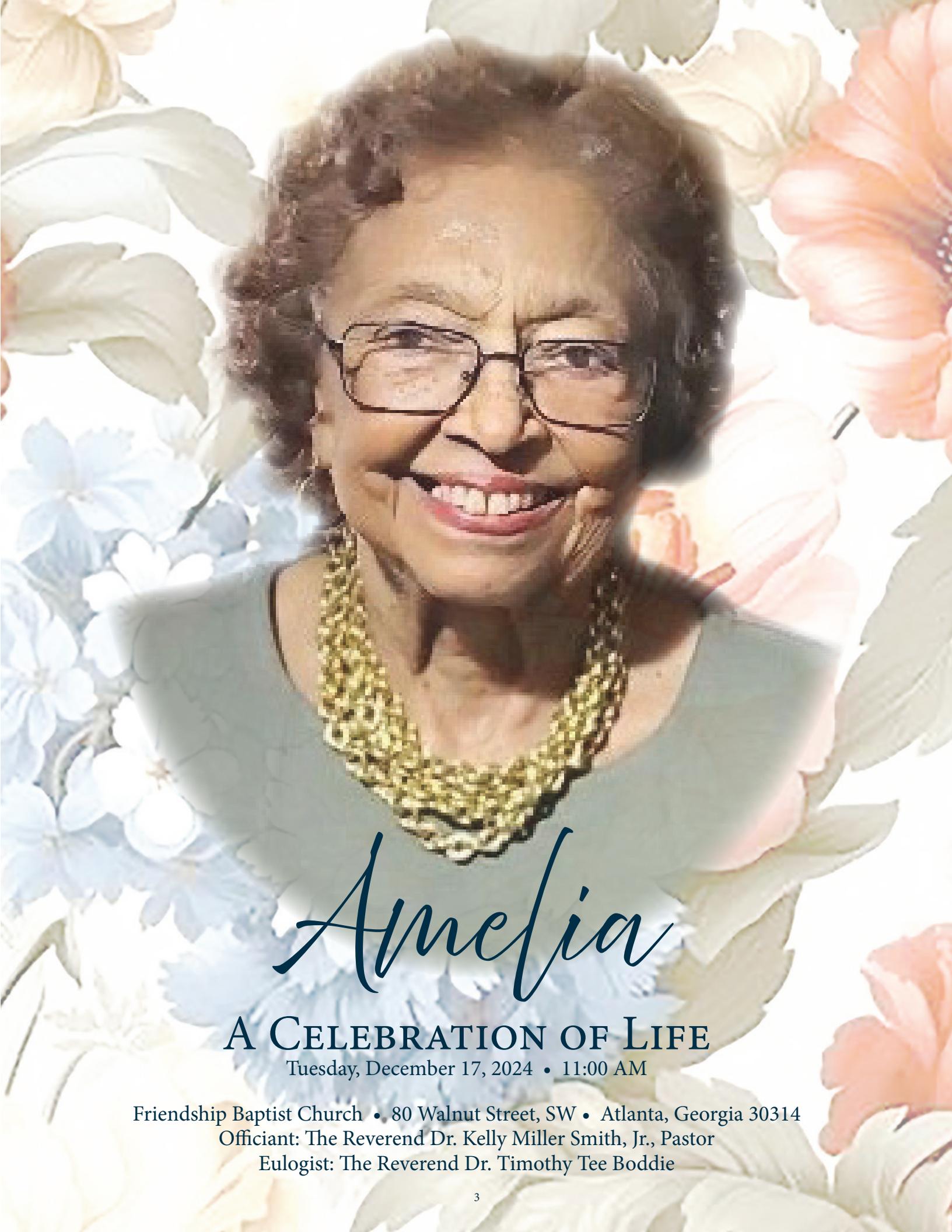


Amelia Lavonne Strong Irong

FEBRUARY 4, 1933 • DECEMBER 7, 2024





Amelia

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Tuesday, December 17, 2024 • 11:00 AM

Friendship Baptist Church • 80 Walnut Street, SW • Atlanta, Georgia 30314

Officiant: The Reverend Dr. Kelly Miller Smith, Jr., Pastor

Eulogist: The Reverend Dr. Timothy Tee Boddie

Amelia Lavonne Strong Irons ...

Mrs. Amelia was the elder of two daughters born to the late Clarence A. and Ina P. Strong, in Atlanta, Georgia, on February 4, 1933. She was affectionately called 'Meena' by her beloved grandchildren. She never complained, never made excuses, and never missed an opportunity to make you laugh.

She attended E. A. Ware and Simpson Road Elementary Schools, and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1950. While in high school, she played the piano at Westside Community CME Church where she received her spiritual foundation.



She matriculated at Spelman College, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1955. While at Spelman, she met her husband, the late Ocie James Irons, Sr. They were married on August 14, 1955 and to their union was born a son, Ocie J. Irons, Jr., her "Sunshine." They enjoyed attending the Morehouse football games and traveling by car, train, air, or cruising the high seas. Amelia was a member of the Quettes (Wives of Omega Men) and Pro-Duffers. She loved entertaining and hosting functions in her home. After the death of her husband of 45 years, she continued traveling extensively with her friends and family.

Amelia was a dedicated educator at Atlanta Public Schools for over 30 years. The love she had for her son was extended to her elementary school students. She was a servant leader. In 1982, she pledged her service to all mankind and became a proud member of the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Upon retiring in 1995, she committed to tutoring children for ten years at Carrie Steele Pitts Home, where her late sister, Ruth Carolyn Strong Ross, worked for 51 years. She volunteered every Thursday at the Spelman College Museum of Fine Arts. She was 'Girl Friday' at Carl M. Williams Funeral Directors, assisting with office work and planting flowers and shrubberies at the funeral home.



Mrs. Irons...

...loved Friendship Baptist Church, where she attended regularly. For many years, she served on the Usher Board, with the Uplifters Club, the Retirees Choir, and president of the Art & Garden Club. She enjoyed beautifying the church, the fellowship hall, and her home with floral arrangements.

Amelia was an avid shopper and gardener. She enjoyed purchasing large hanging baskets and bright flowers at Pike Nursery to adorn the entrance to her home. On any given day, you could find her shopping at Neiman Marcus and Talbot's. She had made plans to shop at Lenox Mall on Saturday, the day of her passing, but God gracefully called her to her heavenly home.

Amelia Irons was a quiet warrior. She was that person Jesus talked about in the Bible, "Virtuous Woman." She was a generous and supportive friend with an incredibly infectious smile, a lover of her sorority, college, and Miss Fashionista with an outwardly glowing, loving spirit!

Though her biological family is small, she was a mother figure, a devoted friend, and confidant to many. Her 'heart family' included her high school and college classmates, church members, neighbors, and anyone who answered to "Hey! Come here."

Left to cherish her memory are her son, Ocie J. Irons, Jr., Gregory Ocie Irons (grandson), Brianna Rae Irons (granddaughter), nephews, Hubert A. Ross (Cheryl) and Reginald Ross (Michelle), and nieces Carol Ross and Rhonda Ross, Ernestine Linder (Marion), Ollie Mae Manley (Robert), and a host of other loving family and friends.



Order of Worship

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Pastor Kelly M. Smith, Jr., Officiating

Prelude.....	J. C. Hall
Processional	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i> AAHH #329
Invocation.....	Deacon Gregory Moore
Hymn	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>AAHH #158
Scripture	
<i>The Old Testament • Psalm 27</i>	Ms. Brianna Rae Irons
<i>The New Testament • 1 Corinthians 15: 55, 57-58</i> ...	Mr. Gregory Ocie Irons
Selection	<i>My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me</i>AAHH #144
Eulogist.....	The Reverend Dr. Timothy Tee Boddie Project Executive, Conference of National Black Churches Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Farnham, VA Former Pastor, Friendship Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA
Delta Sigma Theta	Sorority Hymn
Spelman College	School Song
Recessional Hymn	<i>Soon and Very Soon</i> AAHH #193

Entombment
Lincoln Cemetery

Repast after interment in Friendship Hall

Who can find a virtuous woman?

...for her price is far above rubies.

The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Proverbs, Chapter 31, verses 10-31 (KJV)

We will Love You Forever!

Special Thanks to...

Deacon Board of Friendship Baptist Church
Deaconess Board of Friendship Church
Ms. GiGi Alexander, Mrs. Amelia's Caregiver