

## Honorary Pallbearers

Tyrese Craft  
Devin Price

Daniel Price

Hassan West Sr.  
Quincy West Sr.

## Active Pallbearers

(FLORIDA)

Family & Friends

## Active Floral Bearers

(FLORIDA)

Nu Omega Omega Chapter of  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Deaconess & Mothers of Damascus  
Missionary Baptist Church

## Earthly Bed of Slumber

McCay Cemetery

Lorman, MS

## Repast

(FLORIDA)

C&E Market Place

## Active Pallbearers

(MISSISSIPPI)

Ranquel Dotson  
Shelby West  
Archie West  
Jabias West

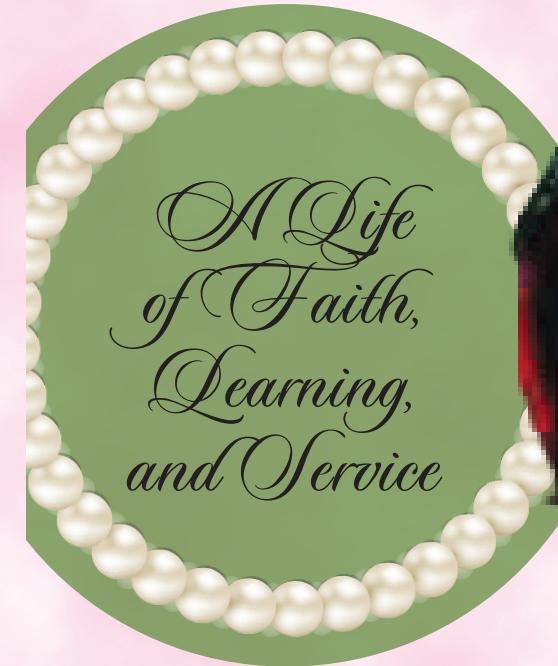
LaVonte Adams  
Willie Dotson Jr.  
Kenzy West  
Bobby Bailey Jr.

## Active Floral Bearers

(MISSISSIPPI)

Family & Friends

## A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE HONORING



FROM EARTHLY  
ASSIGNMENT

March 2, 1931

TO HEAVENLY  
REWARD

January 16, 2026

PROFESSOR  
**Valentine**  
Ashmore Nicholson

## The Family's Message of Gratitude

The Family of the late Sister Valentine Ashmore Nicholson wishes to express our deepest and most heartfelt appreciation to all family, friends, church members, and loved ones for every act of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. Your prayers, calls, visits, comforting words, and quiet presence have strengthened and sustained us more than words can express.

We extend special thanks to Angels with Divine Purpose, especially Mrs. Margaret Gibson and staff, for the compassionate care, love, and dignity shown to our beloved Valentine. We are also sincerely grateful to the physicians, nurses, and staff of South Georgia Medical Center for their attentive care and kindness during her final days.

May God continue to pour His abundant blessings upon each of you, just as you have been a blessing to our family. Your love will forever be remembered and cherished.

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee."

Numbers 6:24-26 (KJV)

— The Nicholson Family



We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the trust you have placed in us during the Homegoing Services of your loved one. Our fervent hope is that all measures of assistance rendered to your family have been completed in detail. For all your confidence placed in our staff and me, we will be forever grateful.

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Your Life Was A Blessing, Your Memory A Treasure



**Thompson**  
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612 Coffee Street | Port Gibson, MS 39150

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Celebrating Her Life  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026

11:00 ANTE MERIDIEM- EST

Damascus Missionary Baptist Church

185 SW Smith Street

Madison, Florida 32340

Pastor Gregory D. Williams, Eulogist  
J.P. Moore Mortuary, Directing

"Her words inspired. Her faith sustained. Her legacy endures."

Celebrating Her Life  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

2:00 PM POST MERIDIEM- CST

Welcome Baptist Church

1002 Romola Road

Hermanville, MS 39086

Pastor Michael Brown, Officiating  
Thompson Funeral Home, Directing

# *Life Story*

## *Valentine Ashmore Nicholson*

MARCH 2, 1931 - JANUARY 16, 2026

*“Whoever Liveth and Believeth in Me Shall Never Die”*  
John 11:25

**Valentine Ashmore Nicholson**, the beloved daughter of George Willie Ashmore and Essie Edwards King, was born on March 2, 1931, in Port Gibson, Mississippi. Although she was her mother's only child, she was a loving sibling to her blended family of four sisters- Bertha Ashmore, Laura Ashmore Williams, Willie B. Ashmore, and Pearl Ashmore, and two brothers- Lutio (Luke) Ashmore, and George Ashmore, Jr. She was resident of Madison, Florida, for 60+ years. Because of the queenly demeanor, she was always respectfully regarded as “Mrs. Nicholson,” but her humbleness touched everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

**Valentine** graduated high school from Claiborne County Training School at the age of seventeen. During the time of her enrollment at Tougaloo College in Jackson, Mississippi, she was the youngest female student admitted there. She did not allow herself to forget her purpose and the many sacrifices that were made for her to be there. Therefore, she accomplished her goal by graduating on schedule with her Bachelor of Arts degree. She later matriculated at Ohio State University, earning her Master of Arts degree.

**Valentine** moved to Quitman, Mississippi, to begin her teaching career as an English teacher at Shirley Owens High School, an all-Black high school, during the late 1950s through the early 1960s. She had an impactful love of poetry and spent much time teaching her students to recite “The Creation” by James Weldon Johnson as well as other literary works. She relocated to Madison, Florida, in 1964, having been recruited by James B. Brown, her former principal at Shirley Owens High School, to join him in teaching at Suwannee River Junior College (SRJC), the all-Black school located on the campus of Madison County Training School (MCTS). This college provided many students from the surrounding area with the opportunity to not only acclimate to the college curriculum to earn their Associate of Arts degree, but to also do so more affordably and with its one-on-one professional assistance from caring instructors. After SRJC was phased out in 1966, **Valentine** was selected to transition “over the tracks”/ across town to North Florida Junior College to continue her professional career as a professor of English; she was tenured there until her retirement. As a teacher/ professor of English, she was truly legendary in commanding excellence from her students.

A pillar of faith, **Valentine** was a devoted member of Damascus Missionary Baptist Church since 1965. She willingly accepted responsibilities and rendered her service until her health began to fail.

**Mrs. Nicholson** was married to Earlie Nicholson, who was also an educator in the Madison County Public School District. They were blessed with one son, Jerome B. Nicholson.

A highly respected member of the community, **Mrs. Nicholson** was the president of the Recreation Education Culture Service (RECS) Club for many years, president of the ACTT Child Care Center (501 C3 Corporation) where tiny scholars excelled, and a charter member of Nu Omega Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

God looked upon **Valentine Ashmore Nicholson** and saw that she had become tired. Then, in the twinkling of an eye and (as stated in “The Creation”) God said, “That’s good,” ... my good and faithful servant. You have earned your rest! He then summoned her to her eternal home in Paradise on Friday, January 16, 2026.

Those who touch our lives stay in our hearts forever. Loved ones of **Mrs. Valentine Ashmore Nicholson** who will continue to cherish her love, legacy, and precious memories are her son, Jerome B. Nicholson of Jacksonville, FL; sister, Willie B. Ashmore of Chicago, IL; a special cousin /guardian: Veronica West Watson; special first cousins: Mattie T. West of Port Gibson, MS, and Lina Thomas of Dayton, OH; cousins: Vernan Edwards of Pascagoula, MS, Don Edwards of Jackson, MS, and Danny Edwards of Atlanta, GA; endearing friend and longtime neighbor: Alma McKinney; very special and loving caregivers from Angels With a Divine Purpose, LLC - Margaret and Michael Gibson, owners of Madison, FL; along with a host of other sorrowing cousins, nieces, other caring relatives, loving friends, and comforting Sorors of Nu Omega Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.





# THE DIVINE Order of Service

Wednesday, February 4, 2026 | 11:00 AM

Prelude ..... The *J.P. Moore* Gospel Chorale & Band

Processional ..... Eulogist, Clergy, Mortician & Family

Parting Glance & Seating of the Family ..... The *J.P. Moore* Staff

The Prayer of Consolation ..... Pastor Gregory Williams

## THE HOLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old & New Testaments ..... Pastor Gregory Williams

Selection ..... The *J.P. Moore* Gospel Chorale

## REFLECTIONS & TRIBUTES

*Two Minutes Each, Please*

As a Neighbor - Sister Sharon James Postell

As a Christian - Mother Mildred Jonas

Sororal Reflections from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (NΩΩ) - Sister Deloris Jones

Family Tribute ("The Creation") - Mrs. Veronica Watson

Acknowledgements & Resolutions ..... The *J.P. Moore* Staff

Selection ..... The *J.P. Moore* Gospel Chorale

Words of Comfort ..... Pastor Gregory Williams

Mortician's Brief ..... Mr. Jamarien "J.P." Moore, LFD

Recessional ..... Clergy & Family

*"Her lord said unto her, Well done, thou good and faithful servant... enter thou into the joy of thy lord."*

*Matthew 25:21 (KJV)*

# THE DIVINE *Order of Service*

Saturday, February 7, 2026 | 2:00 PM

*"You will truly be missed. Loving you forever & always!"*

- Cousins Mattie & Lina

Prelude

Processional.....Eulogist, Clergy, Mortician & Family

Parting Glance & Seating of the Family.....The *Thompson* Staff

The Prayer of Consolation .....Pastor Michael Brown

## THE HOLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old & New Testaments .....Elder Barry Thompson

Selection.....Choir

## REFLECTIONS & TRIBUTES

*Two Minutes Each, Please*

Family & Friends (*limited to three*)

Acknowledgements & Resolutions.....The *Thompson* Staff

Solo .....Brother Lee Dell Buck

Words of Comfort .....Pastor Michael Brown

Recessional .....Clergy & Family

*"The memory of the just is blessed."*

*Proverbs 10:7 (KJV)*

## A LEGACY THAT *Lives On*

*A legacy that lives on,*

*Not written only in years,*

*But in lessons gently spoken,*

*And love that quiets fears.*

*She taught with grace and purpose,*

*With patience, truth, and care,*

*Planting seeds of wisdom*

*That still are growing everywhere.*

*From classrooms filled with promise*

*To pews where faith stood strong,*

*She served with humble devotion*

*Her whole life long.*

*Her words inspired generations,*

*Her faith anchored every test,*

*She gave her very best to others*

*And trusted God with the rest.*

*A mother, sister, teacher, friend,*

*A servant tried and true,*

*She lifted hearts, shaped futures,*

*And helped dreams make it through.*

*Though her earthly work is finished,*

*Her impact is not done—*

*For every life she touched declares*

*A victory won.*

*So we celebrate her journey,*

*A life so richly sown—*

*In faith, in love, in service,*

*Her legacy lives on.*