



Abilene Hardaway Russell

April 4, 1960 - June 17, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Abilene Hardaway Russell, a beloved resident of Fairburn, GA. Born on April 4, 1960, in Greenville, Georgia, Abilene left this world on Tuesday, June 17, 2025. Her kind spirit and unwavering strength touched the lives of many, and she will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Her family meant everything to her, and her love and devotion were felt profoundly by those around her.

Abilene dedicated much of her life to her career as a Store Manager at Kroger. Her commitment to her work and her community were unparalleled, and her leadership and compassion left a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of working with her.

The Celebration of Life service will take place at Big Miller Grove Missionary Baptist Church 3800 Miles E. Fowler Way, Stonecrest, GA, 30038 on Friday, June 27th, 2025, 12 noon. Senior Pastor, Bishop Miles E. Fowler. Eulogist, Bishop Aaron B. Lackey. This will be a time for reflection and remembrance of the joyous and love-filled life that Abilene led. Visitation will be held in her honor at Rainbow Park Baptist Church, 2941 Columbia Drive, Decatur, Georgia, 30034 on Thursday, June 26th, 2025, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Friends and family are invited to pay their respects and celebrate the life of this exceptional woman. Please express your condolences and memories here on our website. Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc. SOUTH DEKALB CHAPEL (404)241-5656.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (Est)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church
2941 Columbia Drive
Decatur, GA 30034

Celebration of Life

JUN **27**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Big Miller Grove Missionary Baptist Church
3800 Miles E. Fowler Way
Lithonia, GA 30038

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ My condolences to the Hardaway and Russell families. Abilene will definitely be missed. Praying for the families. Suzette Malcolm Jackson

Suzette Malcolm Jackson - June 27, 2025 at 04:29 PM

LL

“ To my beautiful friend, her smile lit up any room and her sense of humor was infectious...We're definitely going to miss Abby terribly around the Temple of Prayer, but GOD had other plans, rest in peace my friend until we meet again! 🙏 Lady Lackey

Lady Lackey - June 27, 2025 at 07:19 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Abilene Hardaway Russell.



June 25, 2025 at 07:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Abilene Hardaway Russell.

June 25, 2025 at 07:35 AM

MA

“ To one of my sweetest aunts anyone could ever have met in their presence, her smiles were so beautiful and meaningful from her heart. May you and my other aunt Sylvia have a heavenly homecoming. It was so hard to let Sylvia go and now you're gone Abby my heart is torn. God has taken another one of his angels home. Take your rest sweetie and may you always as I will remember the trip that we took one weekend me, you Sylvia and Angie. We had the best time as always. Love you, your niece Marion



Marion - June 23, 2025 at 12:48 PM

SR

“ Prayers and sympathy to the Russell and Hardaway Families. I have known Abilene since I was in the third grade. I always thought that Abilene had the prettiest eyes I'd ever seen, as she was a beautiful person. She had a great sense of humor and I will treasure my memories of her always. Abilene will be missed, gone too soon, take your rest dear friend, you earned your reward.

Sharon Hill Robinson - June 23, 2025 at 10:26 AM



“ Pink Rose Half Casket Cover was purchased for the family of Abilene Hardaway Russell.



June 23, 2025 at 10:01 AM

BS

“ *Brenda Bowles Shelton lit a candle in memory of Abilene Hardaway Russell*



Brenda Bowles Shelton - June 21, 2025 at 09:37 PM

AG

“ *Angela D. Geter lit a candle in memory of Abilene Hardaway Russell*



Angela D. Geter - June 21, 2025 at 09:04 PM