

## *Precious Memories*





# Obituary

Ms. Mary Magdalene Bowen, age 57, better known as “Queen Mary J.”, was the daughter of the late Odell W.E. Collins and Thelma Collins. She was born January 17, 1962 in Tuskegee, Alabama.

Mary attended the Macon County School System in Tuskegee, Alabama. She accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of the Pine Grove A.M.E. Zion Church in Tuskegee, Alabama. She served on the trustee board, as a missionary, in the choir, and as a conference worker.

She began her career in 1981 at Apex in Opelika, Alabama. Also, she worked at Briggs and Stratton over twenty years, until her health declined.

Mary Magdalene Bowen departed this life on Thursday, September 12, 2019, at Baptist East Medical Center in Montgomery, Alabama. She was preceded in death by: her father, Odell W.E. Collins; brothers, John Lewis Bowen, C.B. Bowen, and Bobby Collins; sisters, Lecka Bea Buchanan and Alma Rene Collins; and sister-in-law, Annie Lou Bowen.

Mary leaves to cherish her memories: a beloved daughter, Megan LaShayla Watts; a beloved son, Demetris Alexander Gordon of Tuskegee, Alabama; a loving mother, Thelma Collins of Tuskegee, Alabama; four sisters, Eva Bowen, Sirbria Bowen, Geraldine (Larry) Hale of Tuskegee, Alabama, and Luticia Collins of Georgia; eight brothers, Will Bowen, Charlie (Dorothy) Bowen, Grover (Alice) Bowen, Robert (Josephine) Bowen of Tuskegee, Alabama, Richard (Dorothy) Bowen of Huntsville, Alabama, W.E. (Evelyn) Collins, Jr., of Maryland, Curtis (Betty) Collins of Hartford, Connecticut, and Jesse (Claire) Collins; a host of devoted nieces, nephews, cousins, and special friends; Marcella Moss, Brenda Evans, and Darlene Burton.

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Order of Service

Processional	
Final Glance	
Selection .....	Rachel Fields
Scripture and Prayer	
Old & New Testament .....	Minister Christine Bradshaw
Obituary (Read in Silence)	
Solo.....	Rachel Fields
Reflections (Two Minutes Each)	
As A Friend	
As A Co-Worker	
Solo.....	Rachel Fields
Eulogy .....	Reverend Micheal Hugley, Pastor Pine Grove A.M.E. Zion Church
Presentation.....	Burton's Funeral Home
Recessional	

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## *We Miss You Mom*

*We thought of you with love today,  
But that is nothing new.  
We thought about you yesterday,  
And days before that too.  
We think of you in silence,  
We often speak your name.  
All we have are memories,  
And your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is our keepsake,  
With which we'll never part.  
God has you in his keeping,  
We have you in our heart.*

*Love,  
Megan and Demetris*

## *Thinking of You Sister*

*Although we are sad without you  
And wish that you were here,  
Within our heart your lovely smile  
Still shines bright and clear.  
We treasure all those memories  
Of growing up with you,  
The secrets we would always share  
The childish things we'd do.  
And as the years passed quickly by  
We grew closer still,  
We miss you, dearest Sister,  
And you know we always will.*

*Love,  
Sisters & Brothers*

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