



## Mrs. Alean Ward Hobbs

March 16, 1927 - March 18, 2023

Alean (Ward) Hobbs, affectionately known as "Al," was born March 16, 1927, to Lindzy E. Ward and Ellen Wilson Ward in Florence, Mississippi. She was one of fourteen children born to this union.

"Al" was baptized and accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and personal Savior at a very early age at Brown Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Florence, Mississippi. She attended Ward Line School in Florence, Mississippi, where she graduated. She always worked hard to do her best and took pride in everything she did.

On October 10, 1948, Alean was united in holy matrimony to Joseph Hobbs Sr. And to that union, two of their children, Joseph Hobbs Jr. and Camellia Louise Hobbs, were born in Jackson, Mississippi. In 1953, Joseph and Alean relocated from Jackson, Mississippi, to Detroit, Michigan, to embark on a better lifestyle and job opportunity. After moving to Detroit, Michigan, they were blessed with three additional children: Marathon Hobbs, Jennifer Lynn Hobbs, and Melisa Sonia Hobbs.

Although their hearts were always in Mississippi, they understood the importance of church fellowship and church membership, which led them to become loyal members of Zion Chapel Church of Christ Holiness USA. Mother Alean Hobbs was always known for her spirit of servitude. She served

faithfully for over thirty-two years as a Deaconess, Sunday School Teacher, HYPYU Teacher, UCWM Member, Kitchen Committee, and Flower Committee. Her unending love and devotion toward the Lord, her family, and her friends is what she held in high esteem and cherished the most. She was a woman of faith, of high integrity, and great character.

As we look through the kaleidoscope of Mother Alean's life, she was always known as a giving person. She always thought of others over herself. She was known to give flowers, money and food to those in need. She exemplified what the scripture says in Romans 12:13, "Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality"

Although Alean was a wonderful wife and homemaker, she had a desire to join the job market. She acquired her first part-time job at the former J. L. Hudson Department Store, which is now known as Macys, where she worked as a gift wrapper. Her other jobs included McGraw Elementary Public School as a kitchen cook supervisor. In addition, she was afforded the opportunity to work for Champion Spark Plug Company. In 1985, she retired from Federal-Mogul (formally known as Champion Spark Plugs Company).

Some of Alean's favorite pastimes and hobbies included the following: flower gardening, vegetable gardening, vegetable canning, cooking, pastry cooking, and outdoors grilling (barbecue).

Joseph and Alean never forgot their roots in Mississippi and their desire to return. As a result, the Lord blessed both to retire in 1985 and return to Mississippi where it all began. They re-united with Christ Temple Church of Christ Holiness USA in Jackson, Mississippi, where she served as a Deaconess. After serving for many years at Christ Temple Church and the passing of her beloved husband, the Lord led Alean to Brown Hill Missionary Baptist Church, where she served on the Mother's Board until she relocated to

Detroit, Michigan, in 2018.

Alean's husband Joseph Hobbs Sr.; parents; and eleven siblings preceded her in death.

While Alean's journey has ended here on this earth, she leaves to cherish her memory and legacy: six children, Joseph Hobbs Jr. (Sharon) of Detroit, MI, Camellia L. Hobbs of Detroit, MI, Marathon L. Hobbs (Janet) of Alpharetta, GA, Jennifer L. Epsom of Detroit, MI, Melisa S. Kimble of Flowood, MS, and Biauta Hobbs Payton (Kentrell) of Florence, MS; seven grandchildren, Lawana Sheree Hobbs, Zachary Joseph Hobbs, Marisa S. Bryant (Aaron), Alena Maria Hobbs, Gabriel Louis Hobbs, Brittany Nicole Epsom, and Patrick Barnes; six great grandchildren; two loving and devoted sisters, Ellen (Ward) Lewis of Florence, MS, and Eugenia Morris (Clydell) of Florence, MS; one loving brother, David (Ruth) Ward of Jackson, MS; one sister-in-law, Jennie Mae McNeil of Texas; one brother-in-law, Julius B. Hobbs (Alma) of Las Vegas, NV; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and a tremendous array of friends.

"Her children rise up and call her blessed: her husband praises her as well."  
Proverbs 31:28

# Cemetery Details

## Brown Hill MB Church Cemetery

120 Brown Hill Road  
Florence, MS 39073

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home  
745 Highway 468  
Brandon, MS 39042  
(601) 825-3884  
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

APR 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

Brown Hill MB Church  
120 Brown Hill Road  
Florence, MS 39073

# Tribute Wall



“ Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Alean Ward Hobbs

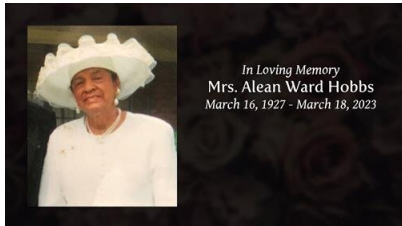


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Dean Memorial Funeral Home - April 06, 2023 at 03:13 PM



“ Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Alean Ward Hobbs



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Dean Memorial Funeral Home - April 05, 2023 at 12:11 PM

GB

Thinking of you and the family.

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Gloria Bryant - April 06, 2023 at 02:04 PM

K"

“*“Momma” as I affectionately called my Aunt Alean will definitely be missed. I cannot count how many days and nights I spent on Northwestern with my dear cousin Lisa. “Mickey” (my mother Alene Garrison) would call and say “Is Kim there?” and Momma would say “no” but I was right there. Fast forward, she welcomed Frank and I to the Mississippi house many times-we were not leaving without breakfast before we hit the road in the morning. Precious memories held in my heart forever. Rest well Uncle Joe “Daddy” and “Momma”*”

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**Kim "Cat"** - April 06, 2023 at 07:21 PM

ML

“*Mr Mrs William Lockett lit a candle in memory of Alean Hobbs*”



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**Mr & Mrs William Lockett** - April 06, 2023 at 03:00 PM

GW

“*Glen and Dorothy Williams Sr. and family*”



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**Glen Williams** - April 06, 2023 at 02:01 PM

DW

“ Darryl “Lawnman” Williams



Darryl Williams - April 06, 2023 at 02:00 PM

AB

“ alexis bilbro sent a virtual gift in memory of Alean Hobbs



alexis bilbro - April 05, 2023 at 09:06 PM

DF

“ Daisy & family lit a candle in memory of Alean Hobbs



Daisy Ward & family - April 05, 2023 at 07:45 PM

PH

“ Condolences to the Hobb Family.  
Remembering your Mom as the best Sunday  
School teacher at Zion Chapel COCHUSA.  
When I was growing up eager to learn about  
the Lord.



Pamela Hancock-Henry - April 05, 2023 at 07:36 PM

LT

“ *When I first moved to Michigan, your mom welcomed me with open arms. I'll always cherish and love her kindness toward me. I will miss her. Linda*



Linda Toney - April 05, 2023 at 01:49 PM

CC

*Such a beautiful lady who brought beauty into many lives. May the wonderful memories bring comfort to the family she cherished. 💜*

Carolyn Crum - April 05, 2023 at 07:38 PM

GW

“ *The family of Brother Luther Ward (New York) expresses heartfelt sympathy to the Hobbs family (our cousins) for your loss*



Germaine A Ward - April 05, 2023 at 11:52 AM

GW

“ *To my Auntie Alean ...I will always treasure memories of you when Dad n my family visited you in Detroit and when you moved back to MS..it was always laughter hugs and a home cooked meal...always love shown...My son Sundiata remembers you making him his very own German Chocolate Cake he'll never forget it...You will be truly missed but I know GOD has welcome you with open arms...Say hello to my Dad Luther (your brother) and Grandma / Grandpa.. My sincere condolences to my Hobb cousins for the precious loss of your Mom...LOVE NEVER DIES....From Niece Germaine Ward  
Niece Germaine Ward*

Germaine A Ward - April 05, 2023 at 11:44 AM



“ *Phyllis Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Alean Hobbs*



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**Phyllis Jenkins** - April 04, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ *Carolyn Crum lit a candle in memory of Alean Hobbs*



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**Carolyn Crum** - April 04, 2023 at 12:22 AM



“ *Mrs Ellen and family, Sorry about your loss of your dear loved one. Treasure all the memories and good times you shared with your loved one in your hearts forever. Think of the cardinal is an angel sent from heaven by your loved one to check on you and your family today. I asked God to put his loving arms around you and your family today to help ease your pain that you and your family are facing today. God knows our every day needs whether we need it or not. I am a student on Mrs Ellen bus at Florence Elementary School. I know what you are going through because I lost my mom. I am praying for you and your family today. In Christian Love, Laura Brannon*



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**Laura Brannon** - April 03, 2023 at 08:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Alean Ward Hobbs.*



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April 01, 2023 at 01:10 PM



“ *Eletha Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Alean Hobbs*



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**Eletha Walker** - March 31, 2023 at 12:48 AM



“ *Melinda Mack sent a virtual gift in memory of Alean Hobbs*



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**Melinda Mack** - March 30, 2023 at 05:26 PM



“ *Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Alean Hobbs*



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**Eddie Ainsworth** - March 30, 2023 at 01:30 PM