



## Velma B Ferrell

April 17, 1946 - July 8, 2025

Velma was born on April 17, 1946, in Tupelo, MS, to Alex Buchanan and Beatrice Buchanan. Velma departed this life on July 8, 2025. Preceded in death by her father Alex Buchanan her mother Beatrice Buchanan, Son Larry Davie, brother Floyd Buchanan. sister Elma Tumblin, Lunell Jefferson, Nephew Emory Tumblin. sister-in-law Irene Mitchell. Velma gave her life to Christ at an early age. She united with Mt Vernon community Missionary Baptist Church. Velma was a faithful and dedicated member of our usher board until her health began to fail her. Velma worked at the VA hospital in Albany NY, where she received her LPN license. Velma later transferred to the VA hospital in Indianapolis, In. where she met James in the early part of 2000. On February 14, 2009, Velma and James united in holy matrimony. Velma retired from VA Hospital. Velma leaves to cherish her memories Husband James T. Ferrell, son Steven Henderson, Willie "Duck" Curry, Ricky Pittman. Daughter Sandra Pulliam Joyce (Percy) Grant Branda Davie, Torya Conley, Terry Lacy, John 14: 1-3 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God[a]; believe also in me. 2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." Grandson Anthony Brown. brother Alex Buchanan, sister Ethel Virgil, Nieces Vickie Tumblin, Yolanda Berkemeyer, Nicole Shelton, Carolyn Tumblin, Shelia Jefferson, Andrea Smith. Great Nieces Charmange Cunningham, Nicole Shelton, Tasha

Tumblin, Shaunta Tumblin. Nephew's Deone Tumblin, Craig Tumblin, James Dale Buchanan and Pierre Shelton, 12 Great Nephew's. Cousin Raymel, Hattie, Hanna, James and the family would like to extend a HUGE "THANK YOU" to everyone for all of your prayers, phone calls, text messages and cards. Your kindness and heart-felt words have not gone unnoted. We are very blessed to have each also her church family Mt. Vernon Community Missionary Baptist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Crown Hill Cemetery

700 W. 38th Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46208

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 19. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Vernon Community Missionary Baptist Church  
709 N. Belmont Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46222  
<http://mtvernonindy.org>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

YB

“ Sincere condolences to the family. Velma was a beautiful, loving and caring woman. Always had a smile on her face. May God continue to comfort you all during this difficult time. Rest now cousin Velma. God bless you family. In the name of Jesus. Sending our love. Yanna and Timmy.

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**Yanna Buchanan** - July 19, 2025 at 11:34 AM

IB

*Dear cousin Velma maoysherip from cousin Izzy Burns jr*

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**Isadore burns** - July 22, 2025 at 08:36 PM

DD

“ Dearest cousin Velma, I know without a doubt you were greeted by so many of our beloved family who are resting in the arms of our Lord and Savior.

*I will forever cherish fond memories of you, your elegance, excellence, calm & classy demeanor. I'll cherish the memory of you playing jump rope with my daughter, Nadia, and you being her playmate whenever you were in town. I'll cherish the memory of your close knit relationship with your Aunt V (my grandma). I'll always cherish your kindness, your beauty, and the compassionate way you dealt with family and friends.*

*I'm glad I was able to share photos of my grandbabies with you and communicate with you from time to time. You will be truly missed. Until we meet again! Please give my mommy and Madear a hug and kiss from me. & FLY HIGH ANGEL!*

*My sincere and deepest condolences are extended to my cousins Steve and Sand. With love, Dawn Michele*

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**Dawn Durr** - July 19, 2025 at 11:04 AM

TB

“ Hi..kinfolks.....first we send our condolences to San....Steven....Alex and immediate family.we send our love and comfort to you .I wanted to share these photos of our visit with Velma back in 2002.we had a great time .we went out to dinner and even went to the zoo....I thank God for that beautiful day....love Tim,Doreen,Juanita,Nahja,and Nahjeniq Buchanan God Bless.....



Tim Buchanan - July 18, 2025 at 09:19 PM

DD

Beautiful photos. Love you guys!

Dawn Durr - July 19, 2025 at 11:05 AM

SH

Sandra, Steven and entire family, sending love and heart felt condolences. So many great memories of this beautiful woman, Velma was a friend and because of her daughter Sandra we became acquainted. She was like a Mom to me during her time in Albany, NY. Always making sure I was OK. I will remember her smile and laugh. Such a Sweet spirit consistent care and friendship. God bless her family. Rest well Sis. ❤️🙏

Sara Hill - July 19, 2025 at 03:52 PM



“ Your dear mother nicknamed me and it stuck for over twenty years. Thinking of you and yours, Steven at this heartbreaking time.

Peter Kelly - July 18, 2025 at 05:09 AM

JP

“ With deepest heartfelt condolences and prayers to the Entire Henderson Family. May Almighty God continue to strengthen you all during this hour of sadness. My prayers are with you Steven, with love Bro. Jeffery Jones PhD, Atlanta Georgia.

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**Jeffery Jones PhD** - July 17, 2025 at 08:16 PM

KP

“ To Steven and Family  
May GODS Grace and Love 💕 surrounds you all during this moment in time.  
Peace and Blessings  
Kenny Porter Atlanta Georgia

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**Kenny Porter** - July 17, 2025 at 04:33 PM

EM

“ My sincere condolences to you and your family. Gene Maslov, NYC

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**Evgeny Maslov** - July 17, 2025 at 08:52 AM

TS

“ Thinking of you and wishing you strength and comfort. Love from Tracy in London.

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**TRACY SHAW** - July 16, 2025 at 03:55 PM

MB

“ Love and prayers from Todd & Albert Bracey.

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**Michael Todd Bracey** - July 16, 2025 at 03:24 PM

MT

“ Michael T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Velma B Ferrell.

Michael T. - July 16, 2025 at 02:14 PM

TM

“ San and Steve, my deepest condolences. Blood didn't make us family but love did. When I needed somewhere to stay, Ms Velma opened up her home to me. When you all ate I ate too. I have never forgotten that act of kindness. It's a love and thoughtfulness that has allowed me to show others that same type of love. May God comfort you all during this time. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏 PEACE AND BLESSINGS LOVE Y'ALL TONYA

Tonya Nelson Mccoy - July 16, 2025 at 02:09 PM

VL

“ Venita L. purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Velma B Ferrell.



Venita L. - July 15, 2025 at 09:05 PM

ML

“ Thank you for sharing your son Steven with me . Thank you for being part of my family with your good friend my Aunt Ann . Thank your sharing your Sunday Beef Ribs with me . I really enjoyed them . Thank you for your hard work at the hospital. I know the Vets truly appreciate you . You are mom to my bestie . Which means how special you are to me . 🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹

Mona Lazaridis - July 14, 2025 at 03:05 PM

RC

“ My condolences and prayers and sympathy go out to my cousins Steve and Sandra💔so sorry for your loss . Cousin Velma was such a sweet kind and loving person, the last time that I saw her it was on a sad family occasion but I'm glad I got to spend those moments with her. She spent a lifetime helping others as a nurse, rest in heavenly peace cousin 🙏  
🙏💔💔💔love you and miss you Always and forever 🙏💔🙏💔



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**Rhonda Burns Campbell** - July 14, 2025 at 02:29 PM

VB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.  
Venita and family

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**Venita Brown** - July 14, 2025 at 10:11 AM

TL

“ *More Than a Cousin—Mother Figure, Aunt, Friend, Safe Haven  
A Tribute to Velma B. Ferrell*

*There are some people whose love wraps around you like a warm blanket—quietly, gently, and without asking for anything in return. My cousin, Velma B. Ferrell, was that person for me. But to call her just a cousin doesn't come close to who she truly was in my life.*

*Velma was a mother figure, an aunt in every meaningful way, and a friend I loved deeply. She provided me with something rare and sacred—a safe space to grow, to breathe, to be. In a world that can be unpredictable and unkind, Velma was a steady, comforting presence. Her door—and more importantly, her heart—was always open.*

*She was also someone my mother adored. Their bond was deep, filled with mutual respect, laughter, and a love that ran generations deep. Through Velma, I felt my mother's love even more clearly, and in that way, she helped keep her spirit alive after she was gone. That's a kind of grace not many people can offer.*

*Velma didn't need to say much to make you feel special. Her kindness was her language, her gentleness was her strength, and her love—unwavering, unshakable—was a gift to everyone blessed enough to know her.*

*She taught me what it looks like to love without limits and to show up for people with your whole heart. Her impact on my life will never fade. She helped shape me, protected me, and loved me into becoming who I am today.*

*Rest peacefully, Velma. Your legacy is love, and I will carry it with me—always.*

*With all my heart,  
Tandra (Tammy)*

**Tandra LaGrone** - July 11, 2025 at 11:38 AM

DA

*elegantly written!*

**Dawn** - July 11, 2025 at 02:53 PM

DD

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**Dawn Durr** - July 12, 2025 at 08:54 AM

SH

*Sandra beautiful tribute for your Aunt. I am grateful to have precious memories of times with her. Sending love to you all.*

**Sara Hill** - July 19, 2025 at 04:01 PM