



Ornie Lee Whelchel

July 18, 1927 - October 2, 2020

Ornie Lee Whelchel was born on July 18, 1927 in Lumpkin County, Georgia. She born to the late Walter and Earmon Jackson Whelchel. Ornie Lee Whelchel grew up under the guidance of her parents and older brothers and sisters in the Hickory Grove Community, located in Lumpkin County. Due to the fact that there were no public schools for the rural African-American communities, Ornie Lee elementary years were spent at the Hickory Grove Church School. She continued her high school years at the Beulah Rucker Industrial High School when her family moved near Gainesville in 1937.

Professionally, Ornie Lee worked for Hall County Hospital, presently named Northeast Georgia Medical Center for 40 years as a Surgical Technician before her retirement. Ornie Lee's great loves where bowling and her family. She was the first African American woman Georgia State Champion bowler and the first African American woman representative to the Queens National Bowling Tournament from Georgia. Ms. Whelchel was a born again Christian and she served the Hickory Grove Christian Methodist Episcopal Church her entire life. She was on the usher board and was the churches medical personnel. She was a joy to everyone she met, as she was affectual called "Ms. Ornie" by everybody.

Family has always been very important to Ms.. Whelchel. She was preceded in death by her parents Walter and Earmon Whelchel; four brothers ML, Zeke, Jake and W.L. Whelchel; three sisters Roselle Hamilton, Lucille Hamilton and Anne Brownlee. She leaves to cherish loving and everlasting memories with her daughter Ms. Carolyn Ann Hamilton, one sister Mattie Lee Hudson of Baltimore, Maryland; three grandchildren, Rev. Darryl E. Lyle (Jacqueline), Mr. Patrick T. Hamilton(Evelyn), Mrs. Vadale L. Johnson(Sylvester); nine great-grandchildren, Mrs. Shannon R. Wise(Raphael), Mr. Adairius J. Gardner, Ms. Chanel L. Bess, Mr. Christian Hamilton(Shelbie), Mrs. Skyler Dix(Joel), Mr. Kaden Hamilton, Mr. Peyton Hamilton, Ms. Christena Hopkins, Mr. Ernest Davis IV; three great-great-grandchildren, Christian L. Bess, Jaden C. Wise and Kamryn B. Hopkins; one adopted daughter, Ms. Deborah Ann Goudlock; and a host of nieces and nephews and cousins

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **9**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wimberly Funeral Home
325 Summitt St SE
Gainesville, GA 30501
(770) 536-3251
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Service

OCT **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Hickory Grove CME Church
69 Hickory Grove Road
Dahlonega, GA 30533

Tribute Wall



“ *Ornie Lee Whelchel* ”

October 22, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ *Charlene & Avery Niles lit a candle in memory of Ornie Lee Whelchel* ”



Charlene & Avery Niles - November 12, 2020 at 12:13 PM



“ *Kristie Scott lit a candle in memory of Ornie Lee Whelchel* ”



Kristie Scott - October 17, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ *Charles & Sandra Jackson lit a candle in memory of Ornie Lee Whelchel* ”



Charles & Sandra Jackson - October 10, 2020 at 11:51 AM



We pray that God comfort and give you strength today and the days to come. God bless!

Charles & Sandra Jackson - October 10, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ *"Praying God bestows His love and peace upon you during this time of sorrow." - The Mahaffey Family* ”

Pamela Glasper - October 09, 2020 at 09:29 AM

PS

“ *Pastor Montine Welchel Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Ornie Lee Welchel*



Pastor Montine Welchel Smith - October 08, 2020 at 09:35 PM

PS

*To my family...Auntie was a *JEWEL* She inspired me to become interested in the Medical Field. I always thought she was a nurse, wearing her green attire. Auntie..thanks for loving, caring and being a FORERUNNER to a community of young African American girls to become nurses, medical techs and BOWLERS...REST Auntie...I Love You 🥰🥺*

Pastor Montine Welchel Smith - October 08, 2020 at 09:44 PM

HF

“ *Hopkins Family lit a candle in memory of Ornie Lee Welchel*



Hopkins Family - October 08, 2020 at 11:35 AM

JM

“ *Praying for the family 🙏*



Joyce Mitchell - October 08, 2020 at 09:29 AM

RT

“ *Richard Trammell lit a candle in memory of Ornie Lee Welchel*



Richard Trammell - October 07, 2020 at 11:31 PM

RH

“ Regina Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Ornie Lee Whelchel



Regina Harris - October 07, 2020 at 03:31 PM

SJ

“ Star Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ornie Lee Whelchel



Star Johnson - October 07, 2020 at 02:13 PM

SB

“ Shirley Blake lit a candle in memory of Ornie Lee Whelchel



shirley blake - October 06, 2020 at 10:59 PM

LR

“ My Condolences to the family, May God be with you all.



Louise Randolph - October 06, 2020 at 06:02 PM

NN

“ Nathanann Neal lit a candle in memory of Ornie Lee Whelchel



Nathanann Neal - October 06, 2020 at 10:08 AM

KB

“ Kimberly Bryant lit a candle in memory of Ornie Lee Whelchel



Kimberly Bryant - October 05, 2020 at 11:48 PM

KB

“ Sending my prayers and condolences to the Whelchel family....

Kimberly Bryant - October 05, 2020 at 11:48 PM

EB

“ My condolences to the family during this time of sorrow. My thoughts and prayers are with you all! Take care and stay safe!! 🙏🌹❤️



Elisa Bonds-Ratliff - October 05, 2020 at 07:02 PM

SJ

“ Star Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ornie Lee Whelchel



Star Johnson - October 05, 2020 at 06:39 PM

SJ

MY Condolences 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏 to the Whelchel Family ❤️

Star Johnson - October 05, 2020 at 06:40 PM

DP

“ DEBBIE ANITA PERRY lit a candle in memory of Ornie Lee Whelchel



DEBBIE ANITA PERRY - October 05, 2020 at 03:02 PM

DP

Sending Love & Prayers

DEBBIE ANITA PERRY - October 05, 2020 at 03:02 PM

FH

“ *Freddie Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Ornie Lee
Whelchel*



Freddie Hopkins - October 05, 2020 at 12:06 PM

LL

*I will always miss her smile and sense of humor. We rode the carousel in the mall
when it first arrived there. We worked for Dipper Dan at that time. She will always be
my friend. I light a candle for her. 🌸*

Lynn Leverette - October 11, 2020 at 01:07 PM