



## Obituary

**Born:** Saturday, June 11, 1938

**Died:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Mrs. Dorris Nell Horton was born on June 11, 1938 to the late Hannah Coats and the late John C. Coats in Turkeytown, AL.

She attended Carver High School and graduated in 1957. She then completed Gadsden Business School and then went on to become the first black floor clerk at Baptist Hospital in Gadsden, AL. She also worked as a librarian for the city of Gadsden for over 10 years and from then she became employed at the Goodyear Tire and Rubber where she retired.

She was United in holy matrimony to the late Rev. Donnell Horton on November 17, 1957 and to this union were four sons born. Mrs. Dorris confessed Christ as her personal savior at an early age and united with Mount Zion Baptist Church Turkeytown, AL.

She served faithfully for many years as the First Lady/matron's and Missionary Society. She was also a faithful member of the Atlantis Social Club and Minister's Wife.

She departed this life on February 23, 2021 at 2:15 A.M.

A brother preceded her in death: W.C. Coats.

She leaves to cherish a lifetime of wonderful memories: a loving and devoted family, four sons; Rev. Don R. Horton and wife Jacqueline, Edmond, OK, Juan D. Horton, Birmingham, AL, Sam Horton fiancé Vivian Johnson, Gadsden, AL, Rev. John E. Horton and wife Shaurice, Springfield, IL: her loving grandchildren; Randy Whittaker, Renardo Williams, Brandon Lowery, Sambreylla Smith, Porsche Hall, Don R. Horton, Jr., Janesia Horton, Janekia Horton and Samuel Horton. A hosts of great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and many dear friends. a loving sister: Mattie Eubanks Gadsden, AL, a loving sister-in law: Betty Horton; a loving friend: Sarah Watson.

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## Service Summary

### Funeral Service

2:00 PM Sun Feb 28, 2021

### Mission Baptist Church

1115 Tuscaloosa Avenue  
Gadsden, Alabama 35901

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### Visitation

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Sat Mar 27, 2021

### Adams-Buggs Funeral Service ~

#### Etowah Chapel

401 N. 9th Street  
Gadsden, AL 35901