

## COURAGE

Gotta tell people when they are wrong  
Gotta stand up for what you believe  
Gotta put on the "whole armor"  
Gotta leave a mark when you leave

Don't stop, never give up.  
Even if you fall, never stop standing.  
Everyone wants to win,  
But losses bring knowledge, wisdom and understanding.

Study your word, and know It well  
this will set you apart.  
In troubling times, never forget  
"Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart"

My Angel on earth has gained her wings  
I love you always, Grandma ♡

Kyle | Psalms 31:24

## EARTHLY PLACE OF REST

**Israel Cemetery**  
Sumter City, GA 31719

## PALLBEARERS

Jacob Battle, Jr. | Lionel Battle  
Kyle Champion | Justin Pride  
William Moses | Edmond Way

## Acknowledgments

Words are inadequate to express the humbleness and gratefulness we feel toward all friends who have consoled us during our bereavement. your prayers, love presence and service has sustained us. Your cards, telegrams, flowers, and gifts of food were warmly appreciated. We saw all of these as God's love expressed through you. Whatever you did to console our hearts, the members of our entire family THANKYOU very much. May God bless each of you.

~The Family

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# A CELEBRATION FOR THE *Life* OF *Abidel Champion Battle*

Sunrise: June 10, 1942

Sunset: September 4, 2021

*A Loving.....*

Wife | Mother | Friend



## SERVICES

*Saturday*

SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

12:00 noon

*From the Grounds of*

**Zion Hope  
Baptist Church**

1681 US-19 | Sumter City, Georgia 31719

**EULOGIST | Rev. Ivey L. Williams**

**Pastor ~ International Chapel ~**

**The Redeemed Christian Church of God**

*Tallahassee, Florida*



Remembering  
*Abidel Champion Battle*  
OBITUARY

*Abidel* (Gipson) *Champion Battle* was the sixth child born to the late Annie Rose Champion Gipson in Smithville, GA on June 10, 1942. When Abidel was seven years of age, her mother passed but fortunately God blessed her and her younger sister to be adopted by their mother's brother, the late Reverend Dock Champion, Jr. and his late wife, Willie Mae. Abidel grew up on the family's farm and often talked about the fun she and her sister had completing their many chores before heading out to walk to school each morning. It was hard work, but it strengthened her for the days ahead.

Abidel grew up in a loving and God-fearing family and was an active member of Zion Hope Baptist Church where she served in numerous capacities including Sunday School Teacher, choir member and program coordinator. She was educated in Sumter County, attending Shipp Training School, and later graduating from Sumter High School. She was a fast learner and always had the desire to work in business. Her desires soon became reality as she was employed by the local school system first as a paraprofessional and then as the office manager at the high school. While working, she decided to return to school to fulfill another dream of becoming a licensed cosmetologist. As that dream came to fruition, she decided to hone her entrepreneurial quest and became a business owner by opening the Step-In-Salon in Smithville, GA. This was a perfect fit for her as it opened the doors to freedom of time and place.

Abidel was as unique as her name. She had a gentle and loving spirit, always promoting positivity. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend who was sincerely interested in the well-being of youth. She had a special connection with and desire for young people to make God-led decisions. Abidel had a major love for her family and enjoyed spending time with them. She wore a smile that was contagious and had a unique sense of sharing unspoken words that allowed the receiver to know what she meant without verbalizing. She was very inquisitive and thoughtful and had a no nonsense attitude when it came to doing what was right with integrity. She believed that work promotes and supports self-sufficiency and that we should rely on God's many provisions for everything. She loved the outdoors and rejoiced in God's natural instincts. She was strong, beautiful and readily shared unconditional love!

In addition to her parents, Abidel is preceded in death by her siblings: Freddie, Cephas, Bertha, Rudolph, Elizabeth, and Wilma. On Saturday, September 4, 2021, Abidel met God's call from labor to rest as she quietly slipped away.

Forever to celebrate her life, she leaves her husband, Rev. Jacob Battle, Leslie, GA; her devoted and faithful daughter and son-in-law who were her primary caregivers, Sharon and Minister Ansley Jackson, Americus, GA; her beloved grandson, Kyle Champion, Hoover, AL; a special granddaughter, Ashley J. (Cedric) Lewis, Powder Springs, GA; her loving brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Jean Gibson, Smithville, GA; her bonus mother, Edna Champion, Buena Vista, GA; sister-in-law, Mildred Gipson, Stuart, FL; bonus children whom she helped to raise: Jacob (Felecia) Battle, Jr., Lionel (Samantha) Battle, and J. Suzette Bostic; nieces and nephews who brought her much delight: Gilda, Dale, Celia, Cheryl, Karen, Cephas, Ricky, Ivey, Gary, Rudy, Kenny, Terrance, and Eric; extended family, Dennis (Mary) Baker, Donna (Willie) Tennison and Deidre (Aaron) Sterling, a host of great nieces and nephews, cousins, family and friends including: Karen Moses, Sonja Pride, Tracy Wilson, Linda Ross, Carolyn Reddick, Vanessa Jackson and Carolyn Brown who checked in with her daily.

*To God be the Glory!!!*



*In the Garden*

*I come to the garden alone,  
While the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,  
The Son of God discloses.*

*Refrain:*

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own,  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.  
He speaks, and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]  
I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Tho' the night around me be falling;  
But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,  
His voice to me is calling. [Refrain]*

One of many Baptist Hymnals taught  
to Sharon as a child



Remembering  
*Abidel Champion Battle*  
ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional.....led by Ministers

*Last Glance | Final Sealing*

Prayer.....Bishop-Elect George F. Edge  
The Restoration Church of Americus

Scripture  
Old Testament.....Bishop-Elect George F. Edge  
New Testament.....Pastor Horace Holloway  
Zion Hope Baptist Church

Selection.....Bridget Champion Stevenson

*Reflections*

Lionel Battle | This is Abidel  
Karen B. Moses | My Mentor  
Dale Dobson | My Confidant

Selection.....Minister Diane Powell

Eulogy.....Pastor Ivey L. Williams  
International Chapel-The Redeemed Christian Church of God  
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Presentation of the  
Heirloom Family Bible.....Barnum Staff

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