



# Emogene Austin

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**F**uneral Service for Ms. Emogene Austin, 98, of Rockford, Alabama, will be Sunday, October 6, 2024 at 3:30 pm at the Rockford Baptist Church. Dr. Jeffrey Fuller will officiate. Burial will follow in the Rockford City Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Sunday, October 6, 2024 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Rockford Baptist Church.

Emogene Austin, a beacon of love and generosity, passed away peacefully on October 3, 2024, at the age of 98 in Goodwater, Alabama. Born on December 24, 1925, in Equality, Alabama, the oldest of five daughters, to Richard Loyall Austin, Jr. and Maggie LaRue Harris Austin. Emogene's life was a testament to her unwavering faith and her commitment to serving others.

Emogene was a cherished sister, aunt, and friend. She is survived by her sister, Mable Austin; her nieces, Betty (Martin) Stricklen and Leigh (Tim) Sprayberry; and her nephews, Richard (Carlita) Phillips, Don (Donna) Phillips, Gary (Angela) Phillips, Terry (Marcelyn) Price, Wayne Price. Emogene was preceded in death by her father, Richard Loyall Austin, Jr.; her mother, Maggie LaRue Austin; her sisters, Louise Austin Price, Lorene Phillips, and Annie Lee Ward.

A proud graduate of Rockford High School, Emogene's thirst for knowledge led her to Samford University, where she earned a bachelor's degree. She furthered her education at Florida State University, obtaining a master's degree in social work. Emogene dedicated 41 years of her life to the Alabama Department of Human Resources, touching countless lives through her work with the Coosa County Department of Human Resources, as a Probate Officer for the Juvenile Court in Etowah County, and as a Child Welfare Officer. She concluded her career as the Supervisor of the Office of Adoptions for the State Department of Pension and Security, retiring in 1988.

Emogene's faith was the cornerstone of her life. She was an active and devoted member of the Baptist church, serving in various capacities throughout her life. After returning to Rockford, she founded the Joy Sunday School class at Rockford Baptist Church, where she lovingly taught for 35 years. Her spiritual leadership and guidance were sources of comfort and inspiration for many.



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Beyond her professional and spiritual contributions, Emogene was known for her diverse interests and hobbies. She had a passion for reading, which allowed her to travel through the pages of books, exploring different worlds and ideas. Her hands were rarely idle, as she found joy in needlework, creating beautiful pieces that reflected her attention to detail and patience. Emogene was also an excellent cook, delighting family and friends with her culinary creations. Her flower garden was a testament to her nurturing spirit, with every bloom representing the care and dedication she put into everything she touched.

Emogene's life was a reflection of the words that best describe her: faith-filled, loving, and generous. She had a remarkable ability to make those around her feel loved and valued, and her generosity knew no bounds. Her legacy of kindness and service will continue to live on in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing her.

Flowers will be accepted, or memorial contributions may be given to Rockford Baptist Church.

Radney Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Emogene Austin.



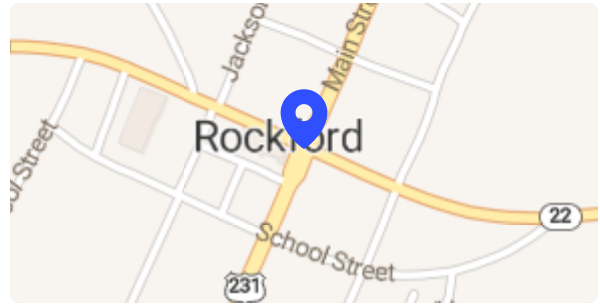
# Events

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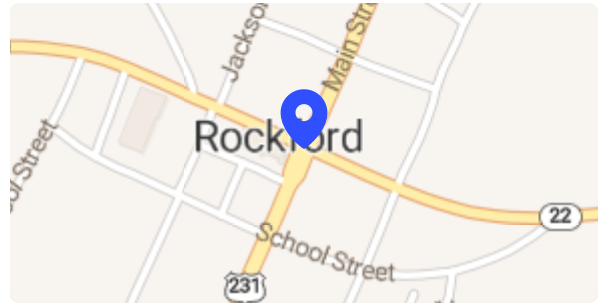
## Visitation

- Sunday**, October 6, 2024
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CT
- Rockford Baptist Church**  
U.S. 231, Rockford AL 35136



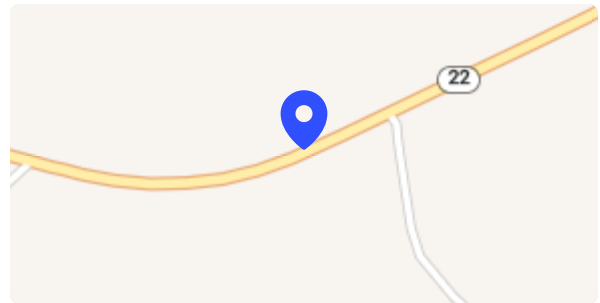
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## Cemetery Details

- Rockford City Cemetery**  
Hwy 22, Rockford AL 35136





# Tribute Wall

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**Jimmy Sanfird** posted:

Thoughts and prayers for the family and friends Ms Gene was special and I know she will be missed, RIP

October 6 at 5:39 PM



**Michael & Linda Holman, (Betty & Hamp)** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Austin family.

October 4 at 1:40 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Austin family.

October 4 at 7:20 AM



**Peggie Johnston And Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Emogene.

October 4 at 7:20 AM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Emogene by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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