



Geraldine Martin

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Geraldine Edna Billingsley Martin, “Billie”, 93, of Chattanooga, passed away Sunday, July 3, 2022, at her residence. She was the oldest of three children born to her parents Eddie and Mary Billingsley. She was a 1949 graduate of Howard High School. Geraldine was saved as a teenager and united with Thankful Missionary Baptist Church. She later joined Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church where she was a leader of the Red Circle Girls and the Sunshine Band. She also served as a Deaconess and Choir Member. She reestablished her membership at Thankful Missionary Baptist Church and continued singing in the choir and served on the Mother Board. Geraldine was employed by the Board of Education for over 30 years. She began working at Chattanooga Avenue Elementary and finished at Alton Park Jr. High School. She married her husband, Artonia “Tony” Martin, Sr. on June 30, 1950, and they enjoyed 53 years of marriage at the time of his passing. She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sons-in-law, Tony Hale and Alfred “Blue” Griffin, Sr. Survivors include her six children, April Antionette (David) Werkema, Artonia Martin, Sr., Angela Faye Martin-Hale, Gerald (Shuntika) Martin, Sr., Gail A. Griffin, and Glenn (Vanessa) Martin, Sr.; 32 grandchildren; 59 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; two aunts, Sallie Kate Williams of Crawfordville, GA and Josephine Billingsley; one nephew, Michael (Audrey) Billingsley; two nieces, Merryl Billingsley of Chicago, IL and Renee Billingsley of Chattanooga; special friend, Clara Woods; bonus daughter, Joyce Stephens; devoted neighbor, Mildred Hicks; a very special cousin but more like a sister, Dorothy “Toots” Gardner; and a host of other relatives and friends. Dr. Mack E. Page will serve as the eulogist.



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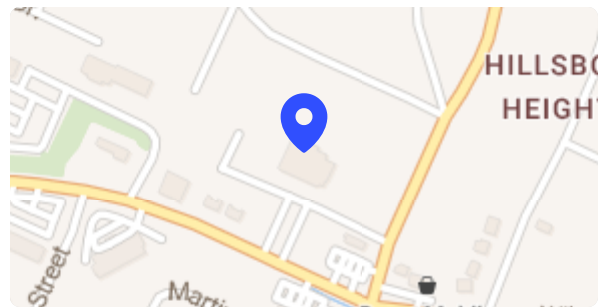
Lie-In-State

- Friday**, July 15, 2022
- 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM ET
- Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc**
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411



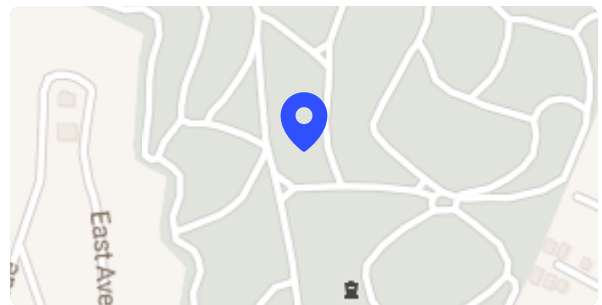
Service

- Saturday**, July 16, 2022
- 12:00 PM ET
- Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc**
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411



Burial

- Monday**, July 18, 2022
- 11:00 AM ET
- Forest Hills Cemetery**
4016 Tennessee Avenue , Chattanooga TN 37409





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Gerald Martin lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.



July 30 at 6:43 AM

GM **Gerald Martin** July 30 at 6:49 AM

I remember that good old southern style sweet homemade cornbread, that she finally taught me how to make, that was so special, I also remember telling her that I knew how to filet fish of course I had to filet 50 brim just for her. The little things meant the most like letting us scrape the icing and cake batter right out of the bowl with our fingers, that was heaven. I will always love my Mama



Gail Griffin lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.

This woman has a heart of gold, she always had me even when I didn't know. Thank you Mama you were so good!



July 27 at 4:47 PM



Chante lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.



July 27 at 4:27 PM



Shayla Griffin lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.

I love you with every bone in my body your already missed continue to watch over me



July 26 at 4:55 PM



Tobias, Cara, York, Silas, Ivan, & Orren lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.

An amazing neighbor and a joy to be able to have met. She is with her Savior now in eternal peace and love.



July 26 at 4:24 PM



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Niecy Lansden-Martin sent a virtual gift in honor of Geraldine.

I will love you and cherish you memory forever... To be absent from the body is to be present with the almighty!!!! Your Granddaughter Edna

July 26 at 10:12 AM



Angela Martin lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.

July 25 at 2:12 PM



Too Tuff Tony Hale lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.

July 25 at 1:22 PM



Deborah Thompson Jackson lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.

July 16 at 7:13 PM



Pam Carpenter lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.

July 14 at 8:50 AM



Michael And Ann (Coleman) Robinson sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Martin family.

July 14 at 5:20 AM





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Dr. Marva Lee lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.



July 14 at 4:02 AM



Dr. Marva Lee July 14 at 4:08 AM

To Artie, Red, Gail, and Glenn, I send my deepest condolences...I remember, the house on the hill, and how nice and sweet each of you were when I first met you all. When Lookout School closed, I first met Red, Gail, and Glenn, when their school merged with our Elementary School. Their mother and father were very nice. May God grant each of you peace that passeth all understanding. Let not your hearts be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. John 14:1-2



Lenard Wigfall sent a virtual gift in honor of Geraldine.



July 13 at 9:53 PM



Janice Sledge, Hhs C/O 1971 lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.



July 13 at 1:34 PM



Beverly Zuber Sales lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.



July 13 at 9:31 AM



Beverly Sales July 13 at 9:33 AM

RIP my cousin Billie, love the Zuber and Sales Family.



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Ann Robinson posted:

As members of Tabernacle Baptist Church, the Coleman and Martin families were very close. Sister Martin was always happy to see all of the children playing around the house and would always reminded us to be careful as we climbed that huge rock next to their house. We send our sincere condolences to the Martin Family as you grieve the loss of your loved one, Sister Martin. Michael and Ann (Coleman) Robinson Oxford, GA

July 13 at 8:30 AM



Bessie Lovelace July 13 at 3:48 PM

I will always remember sitting next to ms. Martin at thankful baptis church to get a food box! The Lovelace family



Tanika Gladden lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.

I would like to send my condolences and prayers to the family! Mrs. Martin was a great woman to know! May God bless and keep you all 🙏

July 13 at 5:51 AM



Alyce Scott lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.

July 12 at 6:27 AM



Terry Billingsley posted:

May GOD'S peace comfort the family at this difficult time.

July 11 at 3:06 PM



Anonymous sent a Cheeseboard Gourmet Gift to the Martin family.

July 11 at 9:48 AM





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SM

Sharon Garth Mckibben posted:

The Martin house was a "welcome place" for everyone. Whatever the Martins were doing, you were always welcome. We are friends for life. Love you'll

July 9 at 2:35 PM

RF

Reginald & Claraniece Hogan-Ferguson lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.

July 9 at 8:13 AM



DS

Dwight & Belinda Smith lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.

Fond memories of running up the hill in St. Elmo to The Martin house. Our prayers and condolences with much love. Dwight & Belinda Sears Smith (Martha Dews family)

July 9 at 2:27 AM



AJ

Anita Johnson lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.

July 8 at 4:44 AM



GT

Gerri Thurmond lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.

Lit a candle in memory of Geraldine MartinStan & Gerri Thurmond

July 7 at 10:14 AM



CW

Clara Woods lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.

July 7 at 2:52 AM





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JM

Jackie Jones-Miller lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.

July 6 at 11:01 AM



SW

Sarah Weeks lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.

July 5 at 8:24 AM



LA

Loretta Allen lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.

Ann,"Red, Gayle and my other cousins I am so sorry for your loss. Cousin Billy has always been sweet and kind to us. My prayers and condolences goes out to you.

July 4 at 9:42 AM



VT

Vickie Fielder Thornhill lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.

July 4 at 6:39 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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