



# Hadester Gregory

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**H**adester Boyd Gregory, 92, formerly of Brownsville, Tennessee, passed away Friday, November 24, 2023, in Gentle Hands Hospice Home. She was the youngest of 14 children. She graduated from Carver High School and then attended business college in Memphis, Tennessee. Hadester was employed by Golden Circle Life Company. She then realized her true calling as a seamstress and sewed for people all over West Tennessee. She was highly regarded by her customers. Hadester was quite active in the Civil Rights Movement during the 1950's and 1960's. She became the first Treasurer of the newly chartered Haywood County NAACP Branch. Hadester loved church and was a member of the First Baptist Church. She served as a Sunday School Teacher, Adult Superintendent, and sang in the choir. Hadester was married to Riley Gregory for 69 years and they had one daughter, Gwenda. She was a loyal, loving wife and mother. After retirement, Hadester began taking piano lessons which she enjoyed greatly. But her greatest joy was sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Hadester was preceded in death by her parents, Edd, Sr. and Mary Boyd; 13 siblings, Mae Alice, John Kirk, Augustine, Edd, Jr., Houston, Martro, Kittie, Corine, Pauline, Catherine, Hazel, Annie, and one child who died at birth. Survivors include husband of 69 years, Riley Gregory; daughter, Gwenda Gregory; sisters-in-law, Harriet, Ardella, Gwendolyn, and Martha Gregory; a host of loving nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives and friends. Hadester will lie-in-state on Thursday, November 30, 2023, from 9-10:00 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. The family will receive at 11:00 a.m. at Second Missionary Baptist Church with the funeral to follow at 12 noon with Dr. Ernest L. Reid, Jr. officiating and Pastor Louis Hudson as the eulogist. Burial in Chattanooga National Cemetery.

Directions to Live Stream: 1. Go to Your Facebook Page 2. Type: taylorfuneralhomeofchattanooga 3. Click on 'Like' or Thumbs Up 4. Scroll down to view the service at 12 noon.



# Events

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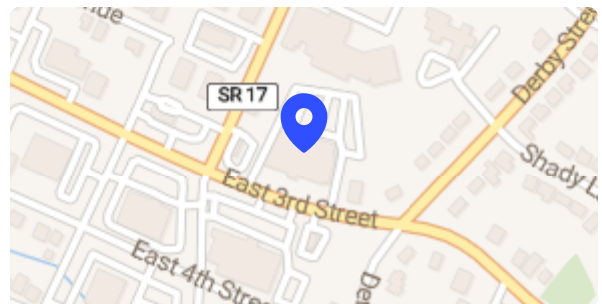
## Lie-In-State

- Thursday**, November 30, 2023
- 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM ET
- Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc**  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411



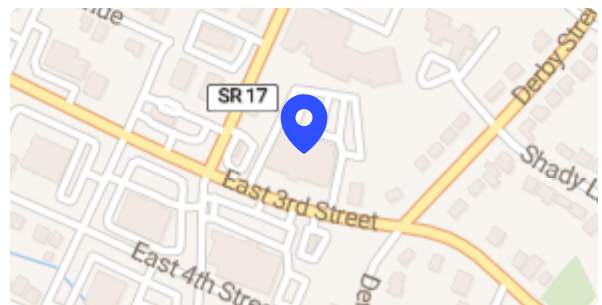
## Family Hour

- Thursday**, November 30, 2023
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
- Second Missionary Baptist Church**  
2305 E. Third Street, Chattanooga TN 37404



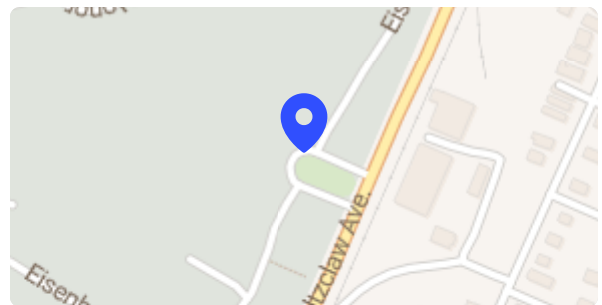
## Service

- Thursday**, November 30, 2023
- 12:00 PM ET
- Second Missionary Baptist Church**  
2305 E. Third Street, Chattanooga TN 37404



## Cemetery Details

- Chattanooga National Cemetery**  
1200 Bailey Ave, Chattanooga TN 37404



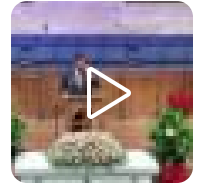


# Tribute Wall

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**Taylor Funeral Home Of Chattanooga, Inc.** shared an album called **Funeral Service-Hadester Gregory.**



December 9 at 11:52 AM



**Taylor Funeral Home Of Chattanooga, Inc.** shared an album called **Cemetery Service-Hadester Gregory.**



December 9 at 11:52 AM



**E. Joann Bacon** lit a candle in honor of Hadester.

Dear Gwen, I am deeply sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved Mother. My love and prayers are with you and your Dad. May God provide comfort and peace. Love,  
E. JoAnn Bacon



December 2 at 6:23 PM



**Margaret And Merredith** lit a candle in honor of Hadester.



November 30 at 8:05 AM



**Ellen Hendrix** posted:

Praying for peace and comfort for you and your family, Gwen. May you be sustained by joyful memories of your life with your mother.

November 30 at 6:57 AM



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**Lary And Mary Davis** lit a candle in honor of Hadester.



November 30 at 6:26 AM



**Joann Whitlock** November 30 at 8:06 AM

I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers will be with you and your family. May God bless you and keep you.



**Brenda Lee-Aggreh** November 30 at 6:57 AM

I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your dear mother and loved one. My deepest sympathy go out to you and your family during this time of bereavement. May God strengthen you, comfort you and give you peace as only he can. Love and blessings to all. Brenda Lee-Aggreh (HHS Class of '73)



**Van And Regina Hickman** lit a candle in honor of Hadester.

Your mother must have been amazing because she created a wonderful person like YOU. May peace and comfort be with you during this most difficult time. The love you all feel for her and she gave to you, will live on forever in your hearts. Our Deepest Sympathy, Van and Regina Hickman



November 29 at 9:48 PM



**Van And Regina Hickman** sent a virtual gift in honor of Hadester.

May peace and comfort be with you during this most difficult time. We are so sorry for your loss. May your favorite memories, that show up as tears on your cheeks today, soon warm your hearts. Memories of your loved one will live on through all of you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Thoughts today. Memories forever. With Heartfelt Sympathy. Van and Regina Hickman



November 29 at 9:43 PM



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VF

**Valerie Fitzgerald** posted:

I could say so many things about Miss Hadester but I will say that she loved God and she loved her family, especially Mr. Riley and Gwen. I will not ever forget the memories of my many visits to the Gregory household. They were filled with so much love! Keeping Gwen and Mr. Riley and family in my prayers. Love, Necie

November 29 at 4:49 PM

MN

**Mary Davis (Niece)** November 29 at 5:19 PM

Aunt Hadester was such a Beautiful, Sweet Lady. She has made a difference in so many lives and I'm so glad to be a part of her family. Uncle Riley and Cousin Gwen, you are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. ❤️

DW

**Deborah Woods** lit a candle in honor of Hadester.

Praying for the family Deborah Woods

November 29 at 2:52 PM



SW

**Sabrina Walton** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Hadester.

November 29 at 2:14 PM



SW

**Sabrina Walton** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gregory family.

November 29 at 2:14 PM



WJ

**Winifred Johnson** lit a candle in honor of Hadester.

Mr. Riley and Gwen, My deepest sympathy during your loss. I remember Mrs. Hadester for her kind, soft and gentle voice. She always has a smile and a kind word for all the children that grew up in First Baptist Church and the children on Bradford and Tyus St. She will truly be missed. My God give you strength during your time of grief. 🙏🙏🙏 Winifred

November 29 at 8:06 AM





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**Janice M.** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gregory family.



November 29 at 7:24 AM



**Nancy Rawls Gardner** posted:

Mrs Hadester will always hold a special place in my heart. She was always loving, welcoming and kind to me and all my family over the years. We celebrate a life well lived by Hadester Gregory 🙏  
May she rest in peace.

November 28 at 10:11 AM



**Jacqueline G.Jones** lit a candle in honor of Hadester.



November 28 at 9:47 AM



**Jacqueline G.Jones** November 28 at 9:54 AM

Sending condolences to Mr. Riley, Gwen, and the rest of the family!



**Robin Gregory** lit a candle in honor of Hadester.



November 28 at 9:24 AM



**Robin Gregory** posted:

Sorry for your loss. Hadester was a loving and caring sister in law that made all of us feel like family. She will be truly missed. Continue to be Blessed. Ardella Gregory

November 28 at 9:20 AM



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IF

**Ida Coleman And Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Hadester.



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VA

**Velma Adams** lit a candle in honor of Hadester.



November 28 at 8:16 AM

BR

**Beverly And Larry Rowe Sr.** posted:

Please accept our Previous post correction:Name GWENDA instead of Glenda

November 28 at 6:33 AM

BR

**Beverly And Larry Rowe Sr.** posted:

Glenda and family, we extend heartfelt condolences and will keep you and your entire family in thoughts and prayer during the loss of your beloved mother. May her precious memories and your faith in God be sources of strength for you in the days ahead.

November 28 at 6:28 AM

BR

**Beverly And Larry Rowe** lit a candle in honor of Hadester.



November 28 at 6:21 AM



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**Melvin And Cheryl Locke** lit a candle in honor of Hadester.

November 28 at 5:24 AM



**Margaret Brewster** sent a virtual gift in honor of Hadester.

November 27 at 2:42 PM



**Margaret Brewster** posted:

Uncle Riley and Gwen prayers with y'all. Auntie will be definitely miss. I love y'allMargaret Brewster

November 27 at 2:41 PM



**Shakir And Christy Rashed** lit a candle in honor of Hadester.

Sending the sincerest condolences to Gwen and family.

November 27 at 6:41 AM



**Sharon Kennard** lit a candle in honor of Hadester.

November 26 at 8:45 PM



**Joyce Blake** posted:

Sincere Condolences to the Gregory Family!You are in our thoughts and prayers.The Blakes'

November 26 at 10:32 AM



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**Lake Hills Neighborhood Association** lit a candle in honor of Hadester.

Lake Hills Neighborhood Association is praying for the family at this most difficult time. We're sending sincere condolences!

November 25 at 9:28 PM





# Media

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

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



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