



# Vanessa Williams

MAY 27, 1959 - JAN 8, 2024



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## **Vanessa Williams**

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**V**anessa Williams, 64, of Chattanooga, departed this life on Monday, January 8, 2024, at her residence. She was preceded in death by her mother, Lillie Mae Williams; father, Richard C. Williams, Jr; sisters, Theresa Ann Williams, Joceyln Claire Williams, and Mary C. Twilley; brother, Richard Williams (Bullet); maternal grandparents, Richard Lee Jenkins and Jessie Mae Jenkins; paternal grandparents, Richard C. Williams and Maurice (Marie) Williams Foster; uncle, Leo Foster; aunt, Lowenstein Smith, and Herman Dennis Jenkins. Survivors include sisters, Lathetta Mae Havis and Tyna D. Dixon; brother, Ollice Aaron Williams, all of Chattanooga; uncles, Robert L. Jenkins, Johnny C. Jenkins, and Walter Williams; five nieces, four nephews; cousins; a very close friend, Ellen Hughey; Erlanger (Sodexo) Hospital co-workers; other relatives and friends. Vanessa will lie-in-state on Monday, February 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home with the funeral service to follow at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel. Burial in Highland Memorial Gardens.

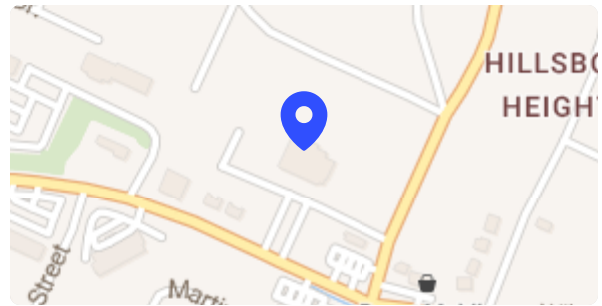


# Events

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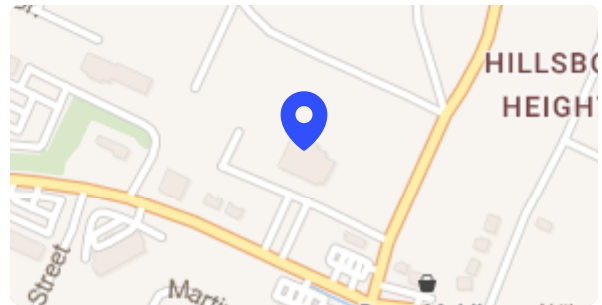
## Lie-In-State

- Monday**, February 5, 2024
- 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET
- Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc**  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411



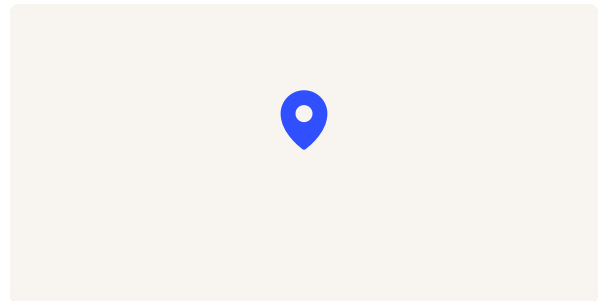
## Service

- Monday**, February 5, 2024
- 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM ET
- Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc**  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411



## Cemetery Details

- Highland Memorial Gardens**  
TN





## Tribute Wall

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**Talisha** posted:

You Were A Wonderful person with a Beautiful Heart!! I enjoyed your presence every time that my son was in the hospital. You were ALWAYS Smiling and very inspirational!! I Thank you for that. I know That God blessed you in our lives for a reason. I know that he called you back because you fulfilled your job here on earth. Which was blessing others with your light. We Love and We will Miss you VERY MUCH!!! I know your spirit will be there at Erlanger with those babies. That's what you Always said. Your Babies!! Fly high 🥹🥹❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

February 5 at 6:10 PM



**Yolanda Moss** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.



February 5 at 4:15 PM



**Ashley** posted:

Always made me laugh, even on days where being a nurse was frustrating and overwhelming. ❤️

February 5 at 1:46 AM



**Cynthia Thomas** posted:

Vanessa, you are truly missed by the masses. Your smile was contagious, your wit was infectious, your realism was inspiring. You never met a stranger and took good care of us all at the Baroness. When I sat with patients you made sure I had everything I needed. You kept the coffee coming and the conversation inspiring. The patients loved you and so did we. They say God makes no mistakes so I know he needed you to get some rest and prepare for your next mission. To your family, Vanessa was an amazing coworker and friend to us all. May you receive the strength and comfort that only God can provide. Rest easy Vanessa until we meet again.

February 4 at 4:49 PM



**Cedric Smith** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.

Vannessa was a very good person and I worked with her at Erlanger you will be missed



February 4 at 2:11 PM



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TB

**Tamara Bowens** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.

You going to be miss cuz love ya you in a better place now with no suffering  
goodbye the lord have a good woman coming through the golden gates

February 4 at 2:09 PM



TB

**Tamara Bowens** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.

Vanessa was a good person I worked with her she kelp me laughing she always  
had a smile on her face she will be truly missed

February 4 at 2:04 PM



MR

**Maurgaurette Rutledge** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.

February 3 at 4:04 PM



BB

**Bonita Burney** February 3 at 5:51 PM

Wow! Vanessa I remember running into you on Walmart and telling you that I was sorry about  
your brother passing Richard Williams (Bullet) because I didn't know he had passed, but I  
didn't know that I would see that you have passed also 😞 I'm so sorry girl and condolences  
to your family 👤👤

MR

**Maurgaurette Rutledge** February 3 at 4:06 PM

She had a very caring spirit ❤️

MR

**Maurgaurette Rutledge** February 3 at 4:05 PM

I will miss our talks she was very out spoken and I loved that about her gone but not  
forgotten 👤❤️

DA

**Danyell** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.

February 3 at 5:59 AM





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DA

**Danyell** posted:

I worked with Vanessa at Erlanger Hospital she always had something funny to say and would make you laugh she was a very outspoken woman Vanessa will be truly missed prays to her family and her good friend Ellen.

February 3 at 5:57 AM

JS

**Jennifer Swoopes** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.

February 3 at 3:58 AM



DM

**Dr. Marva Lee** sent a virtual gift in honor of Vanessa.

February 2 at 3:53 PM



KW

**Kellye Woods** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.

February 2 at 8:09 AM



CS

**Cheryl S. Smith** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.

February 2 at 7:12 AM





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**Joyce Wadley And Family** posted:

TO THE FAMILY OF VANESSA; OH GOD PLEASE SIR GIVE THIS FAMILY COMFORT FROM OUR FAMILY TO HERS. SHE WAS A JEWEL AT ERLANGER HOSPITAL WHEN MY SON WAS THERE. SHE WAS A SENT ANGEL FROM GOD TO GIVE US COMFORT. SHE FEED US , SHE GAVE US GIFTS AT CHRIST MAS YOU NAME IT SHE WAS JUST A JEWEL FROM THE THOUGHT PATTERN OF A CHRIST WHILE SHE ATTENDED MY SON DESMAN WARE. LORD YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT MY HEART FOR HER.SHE DID NOT KNOW US BUT SHE REALLY ATTENEDED TO US LIKE WE WERE PART OF HER FAMILY, THIS LETS ME KNOW SHE WILL REALLY BE MISSED BY US ALL. LORD I JUST CAN NOT FIND WORDS TO COMFORT MYSELF RIGHT NOW JUST HELP US ALL. WE CAN NEVER REPAY ANYONE OF HER CALIBER FOR JUST BEING SO KIND TO ALL OUR FAMILY DOING OUR TIME SADNESS, HER KINDNESS HELPED TO PULL US THROUGH HIS HOURS OF SICKNESS AND MAJOR OPERATIONS.

February 1 at 5:45 PM



**Maeola Andrews Shropshire** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.



January 30 at 5:25 PM



**Minister Anne Shropshire** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.



January 30 at 5:17 PM



**Dr. Marva Lee** February 2 at 3:51 PM

Vanessa Williams was a child hood friend and classmate at elementary school. She was a nice and sweet person. RIH dear one.



**Minister Anne Shropshire** January 30 at 5:30 PM

To: Sis.Tyna, Sis.LaThetta, Sis. Linda and other family. My Prayers and thoughts are with/and for you tonight. Sis.Pauline just told me tonight. My heart is so heavy. But I know JESUS makes no mistakes. It was destined before time by the LORD that on Jan. 8th. 2024,HE would lift her from pain and sorrow. Rest is hers now.



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**Arnetta Brydie** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.



January 29 at 10:05 AM

**Arnetta Brydie** January 29 at 10:07 AM  
Sending Condolences to the family



**Tawana Roberson** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.



My sweet Vanessa I gone miss all the talks we it was never a dull moment you were full of love and joy my condolences to the family

January 28 at 7:09 PM



**Nikki** posted:

Vanessa had a smile that would light up any room. Her laugh was refreshing and she never met a stranger. Vanessa is definitely missed by her Erlanger family. ❤️❤️❤️

January 27 at 6:14 PM



**Geraldine Cospers** posted:

Had the pleasure of serving her during breakfast. She was a sweet lady.

January 27 at 6:54 AM



**Maurice Jones** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



I have known Vanessa all my life as a kid she used to babysit me and I was crazy about her. As an adult I had the pleasure of being one of her managers and of course she got by with more stuff than anyone else. Thanks for all the fun memories. Your friends Pastor Keith Jones

January 24 at 2:56 AM



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BK

**Betty Kennemore** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.



January 23 at 8:37 AM

ND

**Natasha Dodds** posted:

Ms Vanessa, I had the pleasure to meet you when I was a little girl. You have always been funny, loving and hard working. Many will miss your laugh, your love but most of all, your realness. If I could see you now, I bet you're up there asking God a thousand questions with jokes behind them, lol! Your memory will never be forgotten.

January 22 at 6:40 PM

SH

**Starlyn M Howard** sent a virtual gift in honor of Vanessa.

My deepest condolences to Vanessa family. We worked together over 30 years ago at Vencor. Last time I saw her was in 2018 when I was a patient at Erlanger and she hadn't changed not one bit.



January 21 at 5:32 PM

DS

**Debra Sullivan** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.



January 21 at 5:04 AM

SS

**Sarah Stegall** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.



January 20 at 8:22 PM

AM

**Angelia Meeks** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.

I'm sending my condolences to Vanessa's family. Praying that God will comfort you and give you strength at this difficult time.



January 19 at 9:39 PM



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**Terry Gauntt** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.

January 19 at 6:20 PM



**Marcy H Gauntt** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.

January 19 at 6:13 PM



**Clara Clark** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.

January 17 at 1:42 PM



**AB Arnetta Brydie** January 29 at 9:58 AM  
Vanessa was a long time friend. I had not seen her in awhile, but the last time I saw her we hugged and had our usual laugh. Rest well Belove. Sending healing prayers to the family.  
Love Arnetta Brydie

**CC Clara Clark** January 17 at 1:48 PM  
my you rest in peace my friend my condolences to the family



**Barbara Craigmiles** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.

I will miss Vanessa. Love, Barbara Craigmiles

January 16 at 3:40 PM





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**Antoinette Thompson** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.

My condolences to the Family.R.I.P Ms Vanessa

January 16 at 1:46 PM



**Charlene Satterwhite** January 19 at 2:57 AM

Praying the family 🙏❤️



**Katrina Gordon** sent a virtual gift in honor of Vanessa.

January 15 at 11:32 PM



**Katrina Gordon** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.

January 15 at 11:31 PM



**Yolanda Dave** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.

January 15 at 3:57 PM



**Jeffrey Ness** posted:

To Vanessa's family: please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. I had the privilege of being one of Vanessa's co-workers at Erlanger and I will miss her terribly. Vanessa always had a hug for me. She was a very hard worker who consistently went above and beyond to do her part to make our work experience better. She talked and laughed with us and the patients. Her presence and positive spirit was felt by everyone and can never be replicated or replaced. May she rest in peace and may you find comfort in knowing that Vanessa touched so many people in such a wonderful way.

January 15 at 11:22 AM



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CW

**Christal Westfield** posted:

My sincerest condolences to Vanessa's family and friends. I was so saddened to hear of her passing. I met her at Erlanger where we worked together. She was funny and had a great laugh. She was a beautiful person and I will miss her. I will keep all of you in my prayers 🙏.

January 13 at 3:56 PM

LJ

**Linda Johnson** January 13 at 6:07 PM

She will be truly miss she was a beautiful person you had to know her to understand her I just wish god wasn't ready for her but gone but not forgotten

AM

**Amy** posted:

I have worked with Vanessa for many years and we have shared many laughs. She will be missed. Prayers for her family.

January 13 at 7:58 AM

ZH

**Zadora M Holloway** posted:

Ms Vanessa I'm so hurt behind your death u was a very kind lady and u didn't take no bull crap off nobody u will be missed deeply I'm glad I got the chance to meet u at erlanger

January 13 at 2:25 AM

RH

**Reginia Hamilton** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.

Condolences and prayers goes out to the family.

January 12 at 5:33 PM



LI

**Lindadavis** posted:

My condolences to Vanessa Williams family from friend and neighbor may you rest in peace Linda

January 12 at 4:01 PM



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JW

**Juliet Watkins** posted:

I remember work to Vanessa at Erlanger longtime . Our thoughts praying for the family and many friends and staff for Erlanger. We will be miss you dearly.

January 12 at 7:16 AM

SW

**Steve Wheeler** posted:

Worked with Vanessa for a long time and appreciated every minute of it. Thank you for everything you did for the patients, family, and staff of Erlanger. We will miss you!

January 12 at 4:56 AM

JA

**James Alexander** posted:

Vanessa was one of a kind and so funny she loved conversation I will miss her dearly !

January 11 at 4:55 AM

CJ

**Carolyn Jones** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.

My love, prayers and condolences to the family and friends. Carolyn Puckett Jones

January 10 at 7:56 AM



EC

**Earnest Charles** posted:

My name is EARNEST CHARLES i live next door to VANESSA she was ALWAYS had a smile on her face me & LINDA DAVIS GOING TO MISS HER BUT TO THE FAMILY GOD DOESN'T MAKES NO MISTAKES HE JUST CALLED A BEAUTIFUL SOUL HOME ST JOHN CHAPTER 14 VS 1- 10

January 9 at 7:42 AM



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**Bridget Marshall** lit a candle in honor of Vanessa.



January 9 at 5:58 AM



**Kellye Woods** February 2 at 8:13 AM

Ms. Vanessa, you will be missed. I always looked forward to your stopping by my desk everyday just to chat a little. You always had a kind hello, conversation and your unique way to make us laugh. Thank you for everything you did to help us and thank you for simply being you. To Ms. Vanessa's family- I lift prayers for God's comfort for you during this time and in the days to follow.RIP, Ms. Vanessa.



**Linda Johnson** January 18 at 1:37 PM

She was a wonderful and hard worker she will be miss love her smile R. I. P ms. V



**Yolanda Dave** January 15 at 4:00 PM

Vanessa I will missed seeing you coming in the breakroom and telling me don't start today Nay Nay take your rest job well done



**Bessie Lovelace** January 15 at 3:47 PM

I had the pleasure working Vanessa at Erlanger



**Clara Clark** January 13 at 4:35 AM

clara clark. Vanessa she was a very good hard person i will miss you my friend.my heart go out the the family my god be with yo.



**Bridget Marshall** January 13 at 2:45 AM

Vanessa I enjoyed the conversation and the laughter we had at work. You will be missed!



## Media

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**Maurice Jones** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

January 24 at 2:56 AM





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

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



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