



# Izola W. Acklin

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**I**zola Woods Acklin, 92, formerly of Chattanooga, departed this life to be with our Heavenly Father on Monday, January 13, 2025, at her home in Temple, Georgia. She was born October 17, 1932, in Toney, Alabama. She was the beloved and youngest daughter of Fannie Davis Gaines, and Lee Jefferson Taylor.

Izola only completed the seventh grade due to her family moving multiple times when she was young, but her entire family worked long hours in the cotton fields for little wages. She met her child-hood sweetheart, James Edward Acklin, at age 10, and they started dating when she was 12 years old. She got married on November 30, 1947, at the age of 15, and he was 17 years old. They were married for over 53 years with six children born to this union.

During her early years of marriage, Izola worked for several families. She was a stellar self-taught seamstress who made clothes for her two daughters, dresses for weddings, and so much more. Later on, Izola started full time at Burchay's Furrier Shop where she worked for over 20 years sewing on fur coats. A few years after her retirement from Burchay's, she started working for Dollar General where she worked for 13 years until she was diagnosed with COPD.

In the early 1980's while a member of First Baptist Church of Avondale, Izola was led to Christ by her son-in-law Rev. James Jenkins. After choosing to follow Christ, her relationship with Christ began to grow, and she started teaching Sunday School. From 1995 to 2005, Izola along with her youngest daughter Karen Jenkins and three other ladies started a ministry called Christian Women United where she served as the president for ten years. Under her leadership, many of the ladies that attended the conferences came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Through the years she continued to teach and share her faith at churches and conferences.

Soon after, she started two Red Hat Groups called the Sophisticated Ladies of the Red Hat Society and Classy Sassy Diva's. She served as the Queen Mother within those groups for over 20 years. At the age of 92, besides the Lord and her family, Izola loved, loved, loved shopping, which she did



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faithfully and diligently. She also enjoyed crafting, being on social media like TikTok and Google as well as playing bible games on the phone and texting her family.

In addition to her parents and husband, Izola was preceded in death by her two siblings, Eva and Jesse Davis; son, James Acklin; and daughter, Doris Acklin; grandsons, Stephen Hinton and James Jenkins, Jr.; granddaughter, Lisa Acklin Vinson; and son-in-law, M.T. Hinton.

Those left to cherish her precious memories are her loving sons, Hollis (Sheryl) Acklin of Temple, GA and Larry (Kasandra) Acklin of Chattanooga, TN, daughters, Wannie Hinton of Powder Springs, GA and Karen (James) Jenkins of Temple, GA; one granddaughter she helped raise, Yolanda Shackelford and the many other grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other loving relatives and dear friends all of whom will miss her dearly. She had one special friend to whom she had been friends with for over 70 years, Mrs. Buel Walker. Izola will lie-in-state on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, from 9-10 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. She will lie-in-state at 11 a.m. at New Zion Baptist Church. The funeral service will follow at 12 noon with Minister Marcus Hinton as the Eulogist. Burial will be in Forest Hills Cemetery.



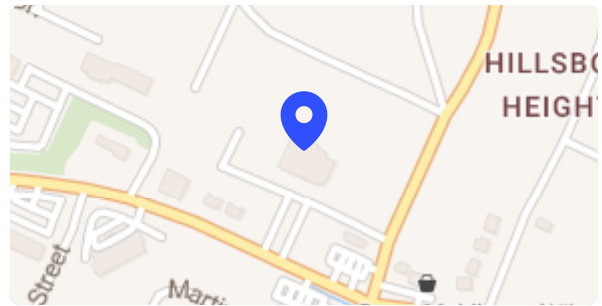
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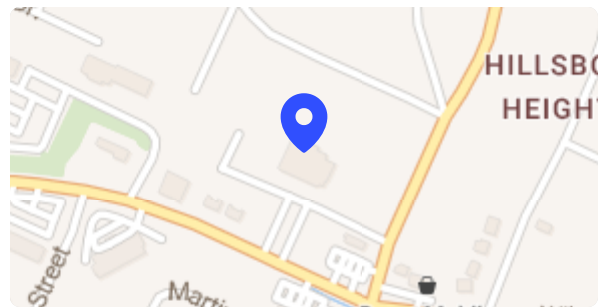
## Deliver Flowers by

- Tuesday**, January 21, 2025
- 4:00 PM ET
- Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.**  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411



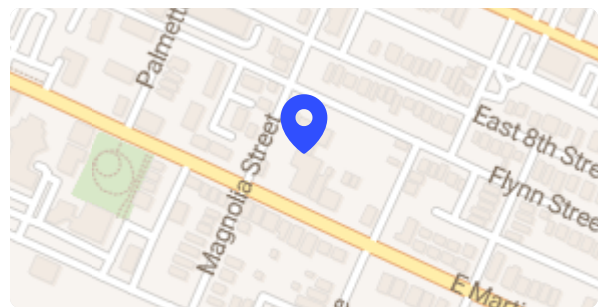
## Lie-In-State

- Wednesday**, January 22, 2025
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM ET
- Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc**  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411



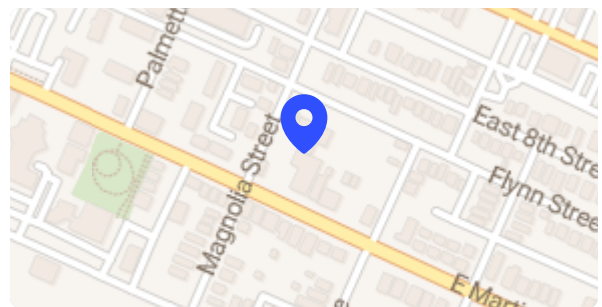
## Lie-In-State

- Wednesday**, January 22, 2025
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
- New Zion Baptist Church**  
809 E. M. L. King Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37403



## Service

- Wednesday**, January 22, 2025
- 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM ET
- New Zion Baptist Church**  
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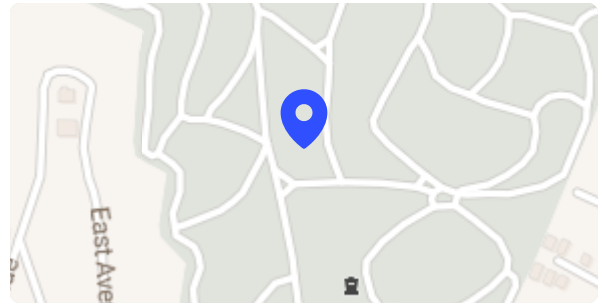
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## Cemetery Details



**Forest Hills Cemetery**

4016 Tennessee Avenue , Chattanooga TN 37409





# Tribute Wall

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GS

**Gayle Scott** lit a candle in honor of Izola.

I am so glad I got to know her while I was in her Red Hat Society Chapter. Prayers to her family.

February 12 at 5:05 PM



CA

**Candace** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My deepest condolences and prayers to the family. My soul is sad... Mama Izola was a beautiful soul. I met her on Saturday December 14 in the Embassy Suites restaurant in Midtown Atlanta. She walked in and sat across the table from me... We spoke and I could hardly take my eyes off of her. My husband saw the same thing I did and whispered in my ear "are you okay? don't cry"... I told him I was fine but that wasn't true. We both saw my mom walk in and sit before us. My eyes started to well up with tears and when she noticed she sweetly asked me " do you have allergies" I responded, in tears, 'no ma'am... you remind me of my mom". We talked about my mom passing and she provided a great deal of comfort. Before departing, she said, let's exchange numbers and keep in touch... we did. She told me the Lord had just blessed her with another daughter; I was blessed to have her, even for such a short time. We last communicated on Friday, 10 January. She wished me a happy snow day and reminisced about the times she had snowball battles with her granddaughter. I hadn't heard from her, and she did not respond to my last text, so I knew something was wrong. My internet search confirmed my fears. I'm sorry I never got the chance to see her again. I'll cherish the short time we had and never forget her. Rest in Paradise Mama I... I love you forever. Your other daughter, Candace ❤️



January 14 at 4:12 PM

KB

**Ken Buchanan** lit a candle in honor of Izola.

Our condolences goes out to family. Buchanan Family

January 26 at 1:11 PM





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**Wynona McClendon** lit a candle in honor of Izola.



January 22 at 7:46 AM



**Wynona McClendon** January 22 at 7:50 AM

God says " Well done my good and faithful servant". You will be truly missed! Much love, prayer and many blessings to the family.



**Regina Patten Hickman** lit a candle in honor of Izola.



No tears in heavenByAlex LennoxNo fears in heaven no tears there tooNo old age, for everything is brand newEye has not seen nor can the mind conceiveWhat Jesus has for those that believeTrust in Him no matter whatWith Him Hope, and cast in your lotNo one is the worse off for coming to himFor he is able to forgive all your sinAnd when our time here on earth is doneHe will welcome and present us to his SonAnd there upon the glassy seaHe will embrace you and meNo Tears in heaven, a new song we will singWhen we stand by the throne of Jesus our KingOur life on earth, we will remember no moreAnd around his throne, God we will adoreWith Heartfelt SympathyVan E. and Regina Patten Hickman

January 21 at 10:04 PM



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



January 21 at 12:50 PM



**Kimberly Spears** lit a candle in honor of Izola.



January 21 at 12:00 PM



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**Sandra Bramlett** lit a candle in honor of Izola.

Praying that the God of all comfort strengthens you and precious memories encourage you. Sister Izola led us, Christian Women United, in having a closer walk with the Lord through growing in His Word and fellowship with one another. Blessings of the Lord to you. Sandra Bramlett



January 21 at 8:37 AM



**Ann Dixon** posted:

Ms Izola was a wonderful Queen. I enjoyed meeting and talking with her at many Red Hat Society events. My condolences to the family and to her Red Hat sisters.

January 21 at 5:05 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Acklin family.



January 21 at 5:01 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Izola.



January 21 at 5:01 AM



**Lera Richmond** lit a candle in honor of Izola.



January 20 at 6:09 PM



**The Edward Acklin & Powers Family** sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Acklin family.



January 20 at 2:30 PM



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**Ezell & Shirley Rich** sent a Heavenly Heights Bouquet to the Acklin family.

January 20 at 12:23 PM



**Marva Taylor** lit a candle in honor of Izola.

January 20 at 11:37 AM



**Dank Hawkins** posted:

A special Lady that God Almighty allowed myself to get to know, A Christian Godly Lady, Committed Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Mother to others, my experience with Ms Izola, began in the 1960's as a child growing up on the Southside of Chattanooga ( Jefferson St) she treated me as her very own & Over the years before she relocated & moved to Temple, Ga, when our paths crossed here in Chattanooga, she would recognize me as ( Pee Wee) not Dank, she was a beautiful Soul of a Lady, she fulfilled a Whole Life & she was always in my Prayers, Thoughts throughout the years, she will always be in my memories dating back to ( 60yrs or more, GOD CONTINUED BLESSINGS TO HER SOUL & Family, LOVE ( PEE WEE) Hawkins)

January 20 at 5:48 AM



**Comm. Greg And Pat Beck** lit a candle in honor of Izola.

January 19 at 2:13 PM



**Angie And The Entire Bell Family** sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Acklin family.

January 19 at 9:14 AM





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CB

**Comm. Greg And Pat Beck** lit a candle in honor of Izola.

January 17 at 5:51 PM



MJ

**Mary Lydale Jones** lit a candle in honor of Izola.

January 17 at 9:18 AM



WP

**Wilma Poole** lit a candle in honor of Izola.

January 17 at 8:28 AM



AF

**Anna And The Bass Family** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Acklin family.

January 17 at 7:36 AM



AN

**Anna** sent a virtual gift in honor of Izola.

Although I can't be there to say my final farewell to my Aunt Zola, I send my prayers and thoughts to Karen, Wannie, Hollis and Larry. I thank God for the time I got to share with her all her wisdom, kind encouraging words, advice, morning breakfast, evening dinner, her talents making me jewelry and sewing my dress to fit me because it was too big. Aunt Zola I remember one time you told me that you were running and sickness and the devil would have to catch you because you are not going to stop running. Aunt Izola you won the race, you kept the faith, you crossed the finish line and the devil still mad because he didn't catch you. Now receive your golden crown and rest in the Lord. From: Anna

January 17 at 7:03 AM





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**BO**

**Bell Family Akron, Ohio** posted:

Good morning, family, sending out prayers and love to The Acklin Family from the Bell Family. Susie, Melvin, Idora, Catherine Arthur and Angelina. ( Auntie Izola R.I.G.A.) LOVE Y'ALL!!!

January 17 at 4:13 AM

**PM**

**Phyllis D Maples** lit a candle in honor of Izola.

Karen, Wannie, Larry, Hollis, and the entire family of Mrs. Izola W. Acklin, I extend my heartfelt sympathy, condolences, and prayers to you. I pray for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to keep His loving arms of comfort around you and bring you peace."Queen Mother" (as I affectionately call her) was a strong, faithful woman of God. She was a loving, caring, thoughtful, and humorous woman that loved to have fun and enjoy life to the fullest, which she did!!! I will truly miss her dearly. The fond memories of our times together will be forever embedded in my heart.Much love to the family & God Bless,Phyllis D. Maples



January 16 at 1:51 PM

**ED**

**Edith Houston &Debra** lit a candle in honor of Izola.

January 16 at 11:09 AM



**VD**

**Viola Douthit** lit a candle in honor of Izola.

Sincere condolences to the family. May the precious memories of a life well lived help to fill the void and bring you comfort during this season.

January 16 at 5:47 AM



**SH**

**Susie L. Holland** lit a candle in honor of Izola.

Lit a candle in memory of Izola W. Acklin

January 16 at 5:43 AM





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**Renee Sharp** lit a candle in honor of Izola.

January 16 at 5:17 AM



**Kathy Cooper-Sligh** lit a candle in honor of Izola.

Sending our Condolences and Prayers. Kathy Cooper-Sligh.

January 15 at 3:20 PM



**Angela Denise Daniels** lit a candle in honor of Izola.

January 15 at 12:23 PM



**AD** **Angela Denise Daniels** January 15 at 12:25 PM  
I would not be the Woman of God that I am, if you hadn't entered into my life....to God be the Glory



**Connie Howard** lit a candle in honor of Izola.

January 15 at 11:35 AM



**CH** **Connie Howard** January 19 at 1:30 PM  
My friend, Izola will be greatly missed and her memory will always be in my heart and mind. Its with a heavy heart, I say Rest in peace my dear friend. Love, Dot Woods



**Anonymous** sent a Serenity Wreath to the Acklin family.

January 15 at 11:17 AM





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**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Izola.

January 15 at 11:17 AM



**Randy L Jacks** lit a candle in honor of Izola.

January 15 at 8:57 AM



**Vickie Fielder Thornhill** lit a candle in honor of Izola.

January 15 at 6:53 AM



**Thailia Smith** lit a candle in honor of Izola.

January 15 at 12:42 AM



**Renee Sharp** lit a candle in honor of Izola.

January 14 at 7:48 PM



**Comm. Greg And Pat Beck** lit a candle in honor of Izola.

January 14 at 6:55 PM





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**Thelma Gillom** posted:

Sending sincere condolences to the family of Sister Acklin. She was a true soldier in the Army of the Lord. She was always encouraging upbeat and vibrant. RIP Sister 🙏🌺☪️

January 14 at 5:58 PM



**Beverly Sales** lit a candle in honor of Izola.



January 14 at 4:12 PM



**Candace** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

January 30 at 5:59 PM



Dec 14, 2024 She made my soul rejoice!



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

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



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