



Eliza Edwards

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Eliza Edwards, blessed age of 96, of Chattanooga, received her final call to be with the Lord peacefully on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at her home. She was born in Limestone County, Alabama, on February 16, 1929, to the late Oliver and Laura Garner Edwards.

Eliza loved her family and was known as someone who would take in any family member in need. She was also known as someone who "told it exactly like it was," and exhibited tough love, which made people gravitate towards her even more. Eliza, or "Madea" as she was lovingly called, was giving, caring, and selfless.

Two traits that highlighted her personality were resilience and compassion. She was known for her benevolence, whether giving advice, cooking a meal, or lending a listening ear. Her favorite pastime hobbies included bowling with her co-workers, word puzzles, reading her bible, and studying her Sunday school lessons.

She was a loving grandmother to her 9 grandchildren: Rodney Bolden, Avis Chambers, Betesia Harris, Stephanie Garner, Derrick Ford, Regina Ford, Adrian J. Edwards, Nikita Edwards-Brown, and Brecia D. Martin; 16 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oliver and Laura Garner Edwards; son, William E. Garner; siblings, Michael James, Robert, Martha, Mary Edwards, and Ollie W. Cole. She leaves to cherish her memories a loving daughter/caregiver, Helen Edwards, devoted son, John (Carol) Ford, of Chattanooga, TN, and a devoted daughter, Wanda Faye Martin of Goodlettsville, TN; a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Her legacy of love, strength, resilience and family will continue to live on in those she poured into and loved dearly. Eliza will lie-in-state on Friday, April 25, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Greater Friendship Primitive Baptist Church. Funeral service will follow at 12:00 noon with Elder David Meredith as the Eulogist.



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Burial in Lakewood Memory Gardens, East. Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.



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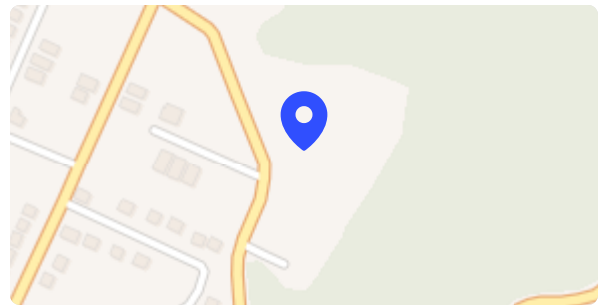
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Lie-In-State

Friday, April 25, 2025

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

Greater Friendship P.B.C. ~ The Church That Cares
1208 Glenwood Drive, Chattanooga TN 37406-3334

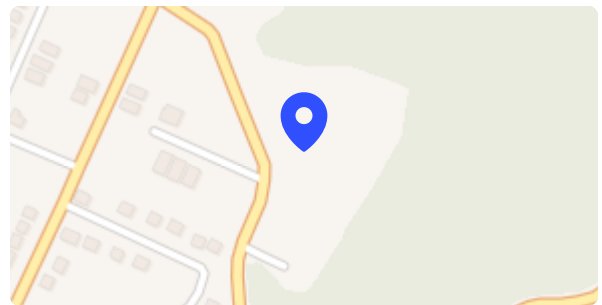


Funeral Service

Friday, April 25, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM ET

Greater Friendship P.B.C. ~ The Church That Cares
1208 Glenwood Drive, Chattanooga TN 37406-3334



Burial

Friday, April 25, 2025

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM ET

Lakewood Memory Gardens East
4621 Shallowford Road, Chattanooga TN 37411





Tribute Wall

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Dr. David Penn lit a candle in honor of Eliza.



May 16 at 7:56 PM



Pastor Donald & Kimberly Rollins sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Edwards family.



April 24 at 8:20 PM



Theresa Young lit a candle in honor of Eliza.

My sincere condolences to Helen and her family. May God Bless and Keep you. I know the hurt when you lose your mother. Keep trusting in the Lord. Love Always



April 24 at 7:35 AM



Edna Holley posted:

Helen, Faye, and Ford. Please accept my deepest sympathy to you and all the other family members over the loss of Cousin Eliza. I will always remember her love and kindness when she visited us in Alabama. May the perfect peace that only He can give be with you now and through the months ahead. With Heartfelt Sympathy. Edna Holley and Family

April 23 at 12:23 PM



Lynda Roberson Louis lit a candle in honor of Eliza.



April 23 at 11:19 AM

SR Sarah Rucker April 24 at 7:21 PM

WandaFaye, Brecia-she had a extended, beautiful life -GOD is accepting her gladly. Thank you for being her extension 🙏 in my life. Sympathy to you and family - let me be your "rock" ❤️ Cousin Sarah Rucker-and fam



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Vincinetta Brown lit a candle in honor of Eliza.



April 23 at 6:36 AM



Vincinetta Brown April 23 at 6:38 AM

May God strengthen and keep you in the days ahead is my prayer. Vincinetta Brown



Adam Cowan lit a candle in honor of Eliza.



April 22 at 9:40 PM



Laretta Harrison lit a candle in honor of Eliza.



April 22 at 9:40 PM



Sikitia Allen lit a candle in honor of Eliza.



April 22 at 3:18 PM



Minnie Stovall Cassandra Bruce sent a Pink Potpourri Bouquet to the Edwards family.



April 22 at 1:17 PM



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Cheryl "Niecy" Smith lit a candle in honor of Eliza.



April 22 at 1:11 PM



Cheryl "Niecy" Smith April 22 at 1:12 PM

I remember Mrs. Eliza from Citico, back when I was a little child. She was always very kind. My condolences to you all.



Thembi Hill lit a candle in honor of Eliza.



April 22 at 11:01 AM



Beverly Sales lit a candle in honor of Eliza.



April 22 at 9:32 AM



Evelyn Baker lit a candle in honor of Eliza.



April 21 at 6:18 PM

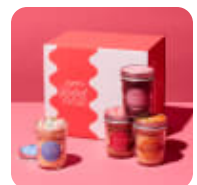


Evelyn Willis Baker April 24 at 6:02 AM

She was a co-worker of mine ,when she worked at Standard Brand/Planters, back in the 80's she was the corn chips filler operator.



Wynita Mock sent an Indulgent Cupcake Jars 4-Pack to the Edwards family.



April 21 at 12:58 PM



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VS

Vivian Sales lit a candle in honor of Eliza.

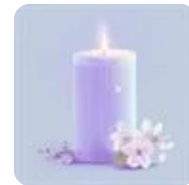
April 21 at 8:49 AM



KW

Kellye And Nicholas Woods lit a candle in honor of Eliza.

April 20 at 8:27 PM



JF

Jennifer And John Fagain lit a candle in honor of Eliza.

April 20 at 4:42 AM



GM

Gracelia Moore sent a virtual gift in honor of Eliza.

Helen, please accept my deepest condolences to you and your family over the loss of your mother. I know how much you sacrificed and cared for her. You always stated you wanted her life to be as comfortable as possible because of the love she showed to you and your siblings and others. I offer you my heartfelt support and friendship in this difficult time. I know how much the loss of a family member means to a family especially the mother. I will keep you all in my prayers. May many memories of happiness give you all the peace and comfort you need during this most challenging time. May she rest in eternal peace. Again, please accept my sincere condolences. Love you and your family. Your neighbor and friend Gracelia Moore.

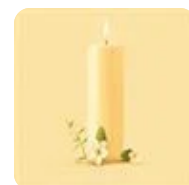
April 20 at 4:34 AM



RW

Rubye Wilson lit a candle in honor of Eliza.

April 19 at 6:34 AM





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Christy Rashed lit a candle in honor of Eliza.
Sending sincerest condolences to the family.

April 19 at 6:06 AM



Sharron Sims McClarty lit a candle in honor of Eliza.

April 18 at 9:25 PM



Gloria Patton Griffin lit a candle in honor of Eliza.

April 18 at 6:24 PM



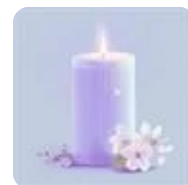
From You Rw Team sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Edwards family.

April 18 at 7:33 AM



L. Kay Hunter lit a candle in honor of Eliza.

April 17 at 5:43 PM





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Jennifer Wyatt posted:

I have been a part of Ms. Eliza Edward's family for over 45 years. It saddens my heart at her loss but gladdens it to know she is no longer suffering from the struggles of this world. She will now be in the presence of our Heavenly Father where every day is Sunday. To her family please accept my sincere condolences in your loss and know that your loss is also my loss. I have shared so many memories with your family that I cannot begin to count them. Know that God knows your pain, your hurt, and your loss and He shares in your sorrow. Just call on Him and He will be there to comfort you day or night. Keep the Faith, be still and let God! Jennifer "Jenny " Wyatt

April 16 at 12:18 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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