



Ann Emma Ghiden Avila

October 13, 1948 - May 7, 2025

Ann Ghiden Avila, 76, of Chattanooga, passed away May 7, 2025, in a local hospital. She was born on October 13, 1948, to the late T.C. Douglas and Hattie F. Douglas. Ann accepted Jesus Christ at an early age. She was a faithful and dedicated member of Greater Emmanuel Apostolic Church. After working many years in banking, Ann retired and made sewing her main career and hobby. She learned how to sew in high school and started making her family and friends' clothes.

Ann was preceded in death by her mother, Hattie Douglas; brothers, Robert Bobby Douglas, Nathaniel Lewis, Robert L. Gill, Jr., and Asia Ghiden; and grandmother, Rose Poe.

Survivors include her loving sons, Robert (Yulanda) Gill, of Muscle Shoals, AL and Tim (Kiamesha) Ghiden, of Chattanooga; brothers, Ronald (Kennetta) Douglas, of Upper Marlboro, MD, Harold (Edna) Bayless, of Chattanooga, Leon (Jackie) Douglas, and John (Xenia) Douglas; sisters, Frances J. (Steven) Henderson, of Cleveland, TN, Helen (Willie T) Ricks, Lynn Esther Douglas Crooks, Linda (Roosevelt) Douglas Broome, Brenda (David) Douglas Ricks, and Elizabeth Ray Booker; uncle, Joe Lewis, of Chattanooga; devoted cousins, Gladys Woods and Leslie Tatum; grandchildren; many loving nieces, nephews, cousins; special friend Lynn (Aaron) Patillo, and many other friends.

Ann's devotion and passion to others will be deeply missed, and she will be remembered by everyone who knew her. She loved her family dearly and always went out of her way to help others.

Ann will lie-in-state on Saturday, May 31, 2025, at 9 a.m. at Greater Emmanuel Apostolic Church. Funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Paul Warfield as the Eulogist. Burial in Lakewood Memory Gardens, East. Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memory Gardens East

4621 Shallowford Road
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

MAY **31**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Greater Emmanuel Apostolic Church
400 Tunnel Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Funeral Service

MAY **31**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Greater Emmanuel Apostolic Church
400 Tunnel Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Burial

MAY **31**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Lakewood Memory Gardens East
4621 Shallowford Road
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Tribute Wall

GD

“ Gloria J Daniels lit a candle in memory of Ann Emma Ghiden Avila



Gloria J Daniels - June 16, 2025 at 08:11 PM

GD

I will miss seeing you Ann. RIP 🙏 Condolences to the family.

Gloria J Daniels - June 16, 2025 at 08:13 PM

YC

“ Yolanda Calloway lit a candle in memory of Ann Emma Ghiden Avila



Yolanda Calloway - May 31, 2025 at 01:00 PM

AL

“ Alice L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ann Emma Ghiden Avila.

Alice L. - May 31, 2025 at 08:26 AM

MW

“ *Melanie M. White lit a candle in memory of Ann Emma Ghiden Avila*



Melanie M. White - May 29, 2025 at 08:39 PM

FF

“ *From, Dedric and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ann Emma Ghiden Avila.*

From, Dedric and Family - May 29, 2025 at 02:48 PM

FF

“ *From, Dedric and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ann Emma Ghiden Avila.*



From, Dedric and Family - May 29, 2025 at 02:48 PM

PA

“ *I Never Forget You Ann
You was more than a mother you was my friend
I never forget that
Love you R I H
Pat your Friend*



pat - May 29, 2025 at 01:21 PM

CH

“ Ms. Ann was a virtuous woman with a gift to sew and a great sense of humor we had so much when she attended UHMBC I loved to hear her laugh. Tim , the Hatten family send our prayers and condolence's during your time of bereavement.



Connie Hatten - May 29, 2025 at 09:16 AM

JW

“ JoAnn Whitlock lit a candle in memory of Ann Emma Ghiden Avila



JoAnn Whitlock - May 28, 2025 at 10:40 PM

AB

“ Antionette Boston lit a candle in memory of Ann Emma Ghiden Avila



Antionette Boston - May 28, 2025 at 02:25 PM

WR

“ Wayne & Gwen Reel lit a candle in memory of Ann Emma Ghiden Avila



Wayne & Gwen Reel - May 27, 2025 at 10:08 PM

KG

“ *Kiamesha Ghiden lit a candle in memory of Ann Emma Ghiden Avila*



Kiamesha Ghiden - May 27, 2025 at 07:38 PM

TW

“ *Ann was a beautiful spirited women. She was the best neighbor a person could have. She had a heart of gold and loved playing around with my two daughters, who she loved dearly. We lost contact when she moved away from Washington Hills. To her sons you have our deepest sympathy. Mrs. Tonya, Tam, Shavonne and Ron.*



TONYA WHITTEN - May 27, 2025 at 06:30 PM

MR

“ *Margaret Ryan lit a candle in memory of Ann Emma Ghiden Avila*



Margaret Ryan - May 27, 2025 at 05:37 PM

DF

“ *Darrelle Robinson And Family lit a candle in memory of Ann Emma Ghiden Avila*



Darrelle Robinson and Family - May 27, 2025 at 11:53 AM

TH

“ Theresa Hines lit a candle in memory of Ann Emma Ghiden Avila



Theresa Hines - May 18, 2025 at 12:28 AM

JS

“ Our sincere Condolences to the Family. Sledge-Hampton Siblings of Emma Wheeler Homes.



Janice Sledge - May 17, 2025 at 08:29 AM

TK

“ Lit a candle in memory of Annie Ghiden

Terlisha King - May 15, 2025 at 05:37 AM

TD

“ Taras Dupree lit a candle in memory of Ann Emma Ghiden Avila



Taras Dupree - May 14, 2025 at 05:05 PM

LK

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Ann, praying for the family through this difficult time. 🙏🙏 Loretta King Sheffield, AI

Loretta King - May 14, 2025 at 12:04 PM

PS

“ May God Give you comfort and give you peace and assurance as you move thru this painful time...we will truly miss Ann she was a blessing to this Community she was caring and kind. Nothing in this world will ever take away the Beautiful memories she left Behind in the NORTHTOWER FOREST COMMUNITY



Prophetess Janice smith++president - May 14, 2025 at 12:49 AM

LM

“ Linda MorrisAvila lit a candle in memory of Ann Emma Ghiden Avila



Linda MorrisAvila - May 13, 2025 at 09:43 PM

LM

Praying for Family 🙏

Linda MorrisAvila - May 13, 2025 at 09:45 PM

LP

“ Lynn Collins Patillo lit a candle in memory of Ann Emma Ghiden Avila



Lynn Collins Patillo - May 13, 2025 at 04:37 PM

VA

“ Valerie AUSTIN lit a candle in memory of Ann Emma Ghiden Avila



Valerie AUSTIN - May 11, 2025 at 11:43 AM

KP

“ My deepest and sincere condolences to Tim and the entire family during this difficult time. May the Lord continue to strengthen and comfort each of you. Prayers going 🙏 up!

Kheisa M. Penn - May 10, 2025 at 03:20 AM

KJ

“ Karen Jones lit a candle in memory of Ann Emma Ghiden Avila



Karen Jones - May 09, 2025 at 02:26 PM

LE

“ LeslieTatum lit a candle in memory of Ann Emma Ghiden Avila



LeslieTatum - May 09, 2025 at 11:20 AM

NW

Condolences to Tim and family in your loss. Praying for peace and comfort to you all.

Nettie Wright - May 17, 2025 at 04:28 PM

MR

My condolences to Tim, anf Family, i pray that God will give you the stength and comfort that you need.

Margaret Ryan - May 19, 2025 at 09:00 PM

KE

I loved by sister-in-law we became good friends at the end. I will cherish her lovely simile.

Kennetta - May 27, 2025 at 08:38 PM