



Mrs. Edna Thomas Morgan

July 24, 1934 - March 1, 2025

On Saturday, March 1, 2025, Edna “Chocolate” Thomas Morgan transitioned to her heavenly home at the age of 90. She was a beloved mother, family member, educator, friend, and servant of the Lord. She was blessed with a long, fulfilled life and she leaves behind a legacy of faith that will continue to inspire all who knew her.

Born on July 24, 1934, Chocolate was a lifelong resident of Chattanooga, Tennessee. After graduating from Howard High School in Chattanooga, Tennessee, she obtained her bachelor’s degree in education from Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee.

At an early age, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior, and her strong faith was the foundation upon which she built her life. As a devoted prayer warrior, she spent countless hours in communion with the Lord, lifting her family, friends, and community in prayer. Her faith was not just something she professed, but something she lived. Her prayers were powerful, and her voice, both in song and in testimony, was a source of comfort and inspiration to many.

Chocolate’s love for the Lord extended into every area of her church life. She was most recently a member of First Baptist Church of Fort Oglethorpe. Prior to joining FBCFO, she was a former member of Brainerd Baptist Church and First Baptist Church, East 8th Street. Throughout her church years, she was

an active and dedicated believer. Whether it was participating in Bible study groups and Sunday School classes, directing vacation Bible school activities, providing counsel and prayer to those in need, or singing in the choir, she made her presence felt in all aspects of her church community.

One of the many gifts that Chocolate shared with the world was her heavenly voice. Blessed with an incredible talent for singing, she graced numerous recitals, weddings, receptions, and funerals with a voice that could move hearts. Whether in joyful celebration or in times of mourning, her songs ministered to those in attendance, offering inspiration, comfort and peace. Through her singing, she glorified God and touched the souls of everyone who heard her.

A passionate, dedicated, and effective educator, Chocolate spent 36 years shaping the minds and hearts of children as an elementary school teacher. For most of her career in education, she taught at Frank H. Trotter Elementary, Howard Elementary, Highland Park Elementary, and Orchard Knob Elementary. She touched the lives of countless children, instilling in them not only knowledge but also compassion, kindness, and a love for learning. Her students often spoke of her as more than just a teacher; she was a mentor, a guide, and someone who always took the time to understand them as individuals. Chocolate fostered not just academic growth, but also emotional and character development in her students. Her ability to make learning both fun and meaningful was a hallmark of her career, and her influence will be felt for generations to come. As an extension of her love and devotion to children, Chocolate also worked with the Bethel Bible Village team in Chattanooga, TN as a volunteer and served on their Board of Directors for several years. She was a patient, compassionate mentor who inspired her students to strive for excellence.

Throughout her life, Chocolate was actively involved in many social

organizations, where her warm and outgoing nature left a lasting impact. Whether volunteering at church, participating in community events, or organizing social gatherings, she was always ready to lend a hand or offer a listening ear. Over the years she enjoyed memberships in Congenial Ladies of Chattanooga, The Couples Club, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., and CARATS, Inc. Chocolate welcomed the opportunity to serve and uplift others, and her warm and inviting nature made her a cherished friend and confidante to many.

Above all, Chocolate was a devoted mother to her only son, Christopher. Their bond was unbreakable, and it was clear to all who knew them that she poured her heart and soul into raising him with love, wisdom, and faith. Her joy in seeing him grow and thrive was evident in every conversation, and she took great pride in being his mother. Chocolate's relationship with her son exemplified the love, patience, and sacrifice that she willingly gave.

Though health challenges later in life brought physical limitations, Chocolate's spirit, faith, and devotion to Jesus Christ remained strong. She continued to serve others, often offering prayers and encouragement to those around her, even when she herself was struggling. She inspired those around her with her strength, grace, and deep reliance on God's promises. While we mourn her passing, we also celebrate her life and the incredible impact she had on all who knew her. She leaves behind a legacy of teaching, prayer, and service, and her memory will live on in the hearts of her son, family, friends, students, and all who were touched by her kindness.

Chocolate is preceded in death by her husband, William "Slim" Sylvester Morgan, mother, Johnnie Mae Moore (Otis), father, Daniel Thomas, and stepfather, Otis O. Moore. Chocolate is survived by her son, Christopher Morgan, devoted niece, Jocelyn Morgan, devoted cousin and prayer partner,

Marsha Hayes (James), and a host of extended family members and friends who will remember her with love and affection. Her legacy of faith, service, and love will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." – Matthew 25:23

Chocolate will lie-in-state on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Fort Oglethorpe, 2645 Old Lafayette Rd, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia 30742. A funeral service to celebrate her life and faith will follow at 11 a.m. at the church. Interment will follow in Chattanooga National Cemetery. Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

MAR **26.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Ft. Oglethorpe
2645 Old Lafayette Road
Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742

Funeral Service

MAR **26.** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

MAR **26.** 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Chattanooga National Cemetery
1200 Bailey Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Family and friends, my heart goes out to you for the loss of Edna or "Chocolate" as she is fondly remembered. My last interaction with her was eating a Zensation salad from Zaxbys. I had a meeting with her and she requested that I pick up lunch before we have our discussion. She was a genuinely kind person and I will not forget her and her lovely smile!

Bonnie Marsh

Bonnie Marsh - April 24, 2025 at 08:12 PM

KM

“ Kay Morgan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Edna Thomas Morgan



Kay Morgan - March 27, 2025 at 12:28 PM

TC

“ My family and I will always have loving memories of "Aunt Chocolate" my children still share the set of Dr. Suess books gifted to them with their children. She has left a legacy of the joy of learning and we will truly miss her.

Napoleon, Theresa, Tanisha, Chanuncey and Chandler Custer

Theresa Custer - March 26, 2025 at 08:08 AM



“ *Rubye Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Edna Thomas Morgan*



Rubye Wilson - March 24, 2025 at 08:18 AM



I met Mrs. Morgan at Scenic City Networks - I loved her joyful smile and talk- Heartfelt Sympathy -

Rubye Wilson - March 24, 2025 at 08:21 AM

JB

“ *Jennifer Bennett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Edna Thomas Morgan*



Jennifer Bennett - March 23, 2025 at 06:21 PM

JB

i remember ms morgan in 3rd grade at howard R.I.p

Jennifer Bennett - March 23, 2025 at 06:22 PM

AT

“ *I am sorry for your loss, I loved Mrs. Morgan and loved to see her, she brought her Birthday book to show me. I enjoyed it so much; she was proud of her son she spoke of you often. on our last visit she shared with me her nickname, we laughed so much about people's reactions. I will be praying for you all. love to the family. Amy*

Amy E Thrower - March 23, 2025 at 10:36 AM

BS

“ *Beverly Sales lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Edna Thomas Morgan*



Beverly Sales - March 22, 2025 at 04:31 PM

MT

“ *Marva Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Edna Thomas Morgan*



Marva Taylor - March 21, 2025 at 03:11 PM

CB

“ *Carolyn Bailey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Edna Thomas Morgan*



carolyn bailey - March 21, 2025 at 02:47 PM

RH

“ May peace and comfort be with you during this most difficult time. We are so sorry for your loss. May your favorite memories, which 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 Patten Hickman

Regina Patten Hickman - March 20, 2025 at 08:57 PM

LB

“ Mrs. Morgan was a church member as well as an excellent educator. Praying you'll find peace and cherish the memories of her presence. Love, Larry and Aleta Bray

Larry and Aleta Bray - March 19, 2025 at 02:37 PM

VB

“ Vincinetta P. Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Edna Thomas Morgan



Vincinetta p. Brown - March 19, 2025 at 05:52 AM

WC

“ *Winifred Careathers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Edna Thomas Morgan*



Winifred Careathers - March 16, 2025 at 01:58 AM

RW

“ *Rosa L Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Edna Thomas Morgan*



Rosa L Watkins - March 15, 2025 at 10:31 PM

AM

“ *My favorite teacher ever! Mrs. Morgan, I'm so thankful that I have always been able to share that with you. Grateful that I gave you your flowers while you were here because you definitely gave me mine all of those years ago. You inspired me, and I love you for it all. May God wrap you in His loving arms. Continuing to pray for your family.*

Atesia Mastin - March 15, 2025 at 12:22 PM

VT

“ *Vickie Thornhill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Edna Thomas Morgan*



Vickie Thornhill - March 15, 2025 at 09:33 AM

DJ

“ Sincere condolences and much prayers to Mrs Morgan's family. I remember her as one of my elementary school teachers at Frank H. Trotter school Precious memories, O how they linger. May God comfort the family hearts.



Deborah Johnson - March 14, 2025 at 10:23 PM

DA

Mrs, Morgan was dearest neighbor, and one of my favorite school teacher. She always dressed to the nines and she had such a beautiful smile. My condolences goes out to her son. Praying for comfort at this most difficult time.

Darlene - March 18, 2025 at 12:00 PM

S

“ Sandra Fairbanks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Edna Thomas Morgan



Sandra Fairbanks - March 14, 2025 at 10:23 PM

EV

“ To Our Dearest Cousin Chocolate,

You were a light in this world—a truly phenomenal woman whose kindness, wisdom, and unwavering faith touched so many lives. Your legacy of love and service will never fade, as you poured your heart into educating children and uplifting those around you. Your radiant smile, soulful voice, and steadfast walk with Christ were a testament to the beauty of your spirit.

We are forever grateful for the example you set, the love you shared, and the joy you brought into our lives. Your presence will always be felt, and your memory will forever live in our hearts.

Well done, good and faithful servant!

*With love and gratitude,
Mrs. Marsha Hayes & Family* ❤️

Evette - March 14, 2025 at 09:26 PM

NW

Well done good and faithful servant enter into the presences of the Lord. Chocolate was a special friend to me and all who knew her at Brainerd Baptist Church. We loved her and always our time with her was great. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Randy, I'm praying for you and her family. You were her gift and she loved you dearly. See you again Chocolate when we all get to heaven! ❤️ 🙏

Nancy Wilbanks - March 15, 2025 at 12:05 PM