



Eliza Edwards

February 16, 1929 - April 15, 2025

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.

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

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

APR **25.** 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

APR **25.** 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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

Burial

APR **25.** 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Lakewood Memory Gardens East
4621 Shallowford Road
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Tribute Wall

DP

“ *Dr. David Penn lit a candle in memory of Eliza Edwards*



Dr. David Penn - May 16, 2025 at 11:56 PM

PR

“ *Pastor Donald & Kimberly Rollins purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Eliza Edwards.*



Pastor Donald & Kimberly Rollins - April 25, 2025 at 12:20 AM

TY

“ *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*



Theresa Young - April 24, 2025 at 11:35 AM

EH

“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

Edna Holley - April 23, 2025 at 04:23 PM

LL

“Lynda Roberson Louis lit a candle in memory of Eliza Edwards



Lynda Roberson Louis - April 23, 2025 at 03:19 PM

SR

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

Sarah Rucker - April 24, 2025 at 11:21 PM

VB

“Vincinetta Brown lit a candle in memory of Eliza Edwards



Vincinetta Brown - April 23, 2025 at 10:36 AM

VB

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

Vincinetta Brown - April 23, 2025 at 10:38 AM

AC

“ *Adam Cowan lit a candle in memory of Eliza Edwards*



Adam Cowan - April 23, 2025 at 01:40 AM

LH

“ *Laretta Harrison lit a candle in memory of Eliza Edwards*



Laretta Harrison - April 23, 2025 at 01:40 AM

SA

“ *SIKITIA ALLEN lit a candle in memory of Eliza Edwards*



SIKITIA ALLEN - April 22, 2025 at 07:18 PM

MB

“Minnie Stovall Cassandra Bruce purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Eliza Edwards.



Minnie Stovall Cassandra Bruce - April 22, 2025 at 05:17 PM

CS

“Cheryl "niecy" Smith lit a candle in memory of Eliza Edwards



Cheryl "niecy" Smith - April 22, 2025 at 05:11 PM

CS

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

Cheryl "niecy" Smith - April 22, 2025 at 05:12 PM

TH

“Thembi Hill lit a candle in memory of Eliza Edwards



Thembi Hill - April 22, 2025 at 03:01 PM

BS

“ *Beverly Sales lit a candle in memory of Eliza Edwards*



Beverly Sales - April 22, 2025 at 01:32 PM

EB

“ *Evelyn Baker lit a candle in memory of Eliza Edwards*



Evelyn Baker - April 21, 2025 at 10:18 PM

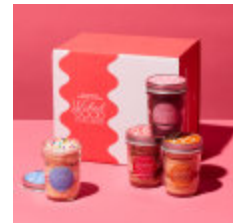
EB

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.

Evelyn Willis Baker - April 24, 2025 at 10:02 AM

WM

“ *Wynita Mock purchased the Indulgent Cupcake Jars 4-Pack for the family of Eliza Edwards.*



Wynita Mock - April 21, 2025 at 04:58 PM

VS

“ *Vivian Sales lit a candle in memory of Eliza Edwards*



Vivian Sales - April 21, 2025 at 12:49 PM

KW

“ *Kellye And Nicholas Woods lit a candle in memory of Eliza Edwards*



Kellye and Nicholas Woods - April 21, 2025 at 12:27 AM

JF

“ *Jennifer And John Fagain lit a candle in memory of Eliza Edwards*



Jennifer and John Fagain - April 20, 2025 at 08:42 AM

GM

“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.



Gracelia Moore - April 20, 2025 at 08:34 AM



“Rubye Wilson lit a candle in memory of Eliza Edwards



Rubye Wilson - April 19, 2025 at 10:34 AM

CR

“Sending sincerest condolences to the family.



Christy Rashed - April 19, 2025 at 10:06 AM

SM

“ *Sharron Sims McClarty lit a candle in memory of Eliza Edwards*



Sharron Sims McClarty - April 19, 2025 at 01:25 AM

GG

“ *Gloria Patton Griffin lit a candle in memory of Eliza Edwards*



Gloria Patton Griffin - April 18, 2025 at 10:24 PM

FT

“ *From you RW Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eliza Edwards.*



From you RW Team - April 18, 2025 at 11:33 AM

LH

“ *L. KAY HUNTER lit a candle in memory of Eliza Edwards*



L. KAY HUNTER - April 17, 2025 at 09:43 PM

JW

“ 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

Jennifer Wyatt - April 16, 2025 at 04:18 PM