



Geraldine Martin

May 5, 1929 - July 3, 2022

Geraldine Edna Billingsley Martin, “Billie”, 93, of Chattanooga, passed away Sunday, July 3, 2022, at her residence. She was the oldest of three children born to her parents Eddie and Mary Billingsley. She was a 1949 graduate of Howard High School. Geraldine was saved as a teenager and united with Thankful Missionary Baptist Church. TaShe later joined Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church where she was a leader of the Red Circle Girls and the Sunshine Band. She also served as a Deaconess and Choir Member. She reestablished her membership at Thankful Missionary Baptist Church and continued singing in the choir and served on the Mother Board. Geraldine was employed by the Board of Education for over 30 years. She began working at Chattanooga Avenue Elementary and finished at Alton Park Jr. High School. She married her husband, Artonia “Tony” Martin, Sr. on June 30, 1950, and they enjoyed 53 years of marriage at the time of his passing. She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sons-in-law, Tony Hale and Alfred “Blue” Griffin, Sr. Survivors include her six children, April Antionette (David) Werkema, Artonia Martin, Sr., Angela Faye Martin-Hale, Gerald (Shuntika) Martin, Sr., Gail A. Griffin, and Glenn (Vanessa) Martin, Sr.; 32 grandchildren; 59 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; two aunts, Sallie Kate Williams of Crawfordville, GA and Josephine Billingsley; one nephew, Michael (Audrey) Billingsley; two nieces, Merryl Billingsley of Chicago, IL and Renee Billingsley of Chattanooga; special friend, Clara Woods; bonus daughter, Joyce Stephens; devoted neighbor, Mildred Hicks; a very special cousin but

more like a sister, Dorothy "Toots" Gardner; and a host of other relatives and friends. Dr. Mack E. Page will serve as the eulogist.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

JUL 15. 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Service

JUL 16. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

JUL 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Forest Hills Cemetery
4016 Tennessee Avenue
Chattanooga , TN 37409

Tribute Wall

GM

“ Gerald Martin lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Martin



Gerald Martin - July 30, 2022 at 10:43 AM

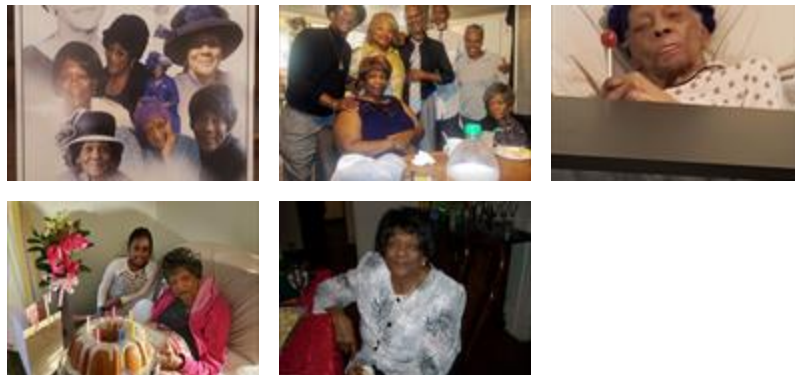
GM

I remember that good old southern style sweet homemade cornbread, that she finally taught me how to make, that was so special, I also remember telling her that I knew how to filet fish of course I had to filet 50 brim just for her. The little things meant the most like letting us scrape the icing and cake batter right out of the bowl with our fingers, that was heaven. I will always love my Mama

Gerald Martin - July 30, 2022 at 10:49 AM

AM

“ 15 files added to the tribute wall



Angela Martin - July 28, 2022 at 11:44 AM



“ *This woman has a heart of gold, she always had me even when I didn't know. Thank you Mama you were so good!*



Gail Griffin - July 27, 2022 at 08:47 PM

CH

“ *Chante lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Martin*



Chante - July 27, 2022 at 08:27 PM

SG

“ *I love you with every bone in my body your already missed continue to watch over me*



shayla griffin - July 26, 2022 at 08:55 PM

TO

“ *An amazing neighbor and a joy to be able to have met. She is with her Savior now in eternal peace and love.*



Tobias, Cara, York, Silas, Ivan, & Orren - July 26, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *I will love you and cherish you memory forever... To be absent from the body is to be present with the almighty!!!!*
Your Granddaughter
Edna



Niecy Lansden-Martin - July 26, 2022 at 02:12 PM



“ *Angela Martin lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Martin*



Angela Martin - July 25, 2022 at 06:12 PM



“ *Too Tuff Tony Hale lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Martin*



Too Tuff Tony Hale - July 25, 2022 at 05:22 PM



“ *Deborah Thompson Jackson lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Martin*



Deborah Thompson Jackson - July 16, 2022 at 11:13 PM

PC

“ *Pam Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Martin*



Pam Carpenter - July 14, 2022 at 12:50 PM

MR

“ *Michael and Ann (Coleman) Robinson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Geraldine Martin.*



Michael and Ann (Coleman) Robinson - July 14, 2022 at 09:20 AM

DL

“ *Dr. Marva Lee lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Martin*



Dr. Marva Lee - July 14, 2022 at 08:02 AM

DL

To Artie, Red, Gail, and Glenn, I send my deepest condolences...I remember, the house on the hill, and how nice and sweet each of you were when I first met you all. When Lookout School closed, I first met Red, Gail, and Glenn, when their school merged with our Elementary School. Their mother and father were very nice. May God grant each of you peace that passeth all understanding.

Let not your hearts be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. John 14:1-2

Dr. Marva Lee - July 14, 2022 at 08:08 AM



“ Lenard Wigfall sent a virtual gift in memory of Geraldine Martin



Lenard Wigfall - July 14, 2022 at 01:53 AM

J1

“ Janice Sledge, HHS C/o 1971 lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Martin



Janice Sledge, HHS c/o 1971 - July 13, 2022 at 05:34 PM

B

“ Beverly Sales lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Martin



Beverly Sales - July 13, 2022 at 01:31 PM

B

RIP my cousin Billie, love the Zuber and Sales Family.

Beverly Sales - July 13, 2022 at 01:33 PM

AR

“ *As members of Tabernacle Baptist Church, the Coleman and Martin families were very close. Sister Martin was always happy to see all of the children playing around the house and would always reminded us to be careful as we climbed that huge rock next to their house. We send our sincere condolences to the Martin Family as you grieve the loss of your loved one, Sister Martin.*

*Michael and Ann (Coleman) Robinson
Oxford, GA*

Ann Robinson - July 13, 2022 at 12:30 PM

BL

*I will always remember sitting next to ms. Martin at thankful baptis church to get a food box! I
The Lovelace family*

bessie lovelace - July 13, 2022 at 07:48 PM

TG

“ *I would like to send my condolences and prayers to the family! Mrs. Martin was a great woman to know! May God bless and keep you all 🙏*



Tanika Gladden - July 13, 2022 at 09:51 AM

AS

“ *Alyce Scott lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Martin*



Alyce Scott - July 12, 2022 at 10:27 AM

TB

“ *May GOD'S peace comfort the family at this difficult time.*

Terry Billingsley - July 11, 2022 at 07:06 PM



“ *Cheeseboard Gourmet Gift was purchased for the family of Geraldine Martin.*



July 11, 2022 at 01:48 PM

SM

“ *The Martin house was a "welcome place" for everyone. Whatever the Martins were doing, you were always welcome. We are friends for life. Love you'll*

Sharon Garth McKibben - July 09, 2022 at 06:35 PM

RH

“ *Reginald & Claraniece Hogan-Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Martin*



Reginald & Claraniece Hogan-Ferguson - July 09, 2022 at 12:13 PM

DS

“ *Fond memories of running up the hill in St. Elmo to The Martin house. Our prayers and condolences with much love.
Dwight & Belinda Sears Smith
(Martha Dews family)*



Dwight & Belinda Smith - July 09, 2022 at 06:27 AM

AJ

“ *Anita Johnson lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Martin*



Anita Johnson - July 08, 2022 at 08:44 AM

GT

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Martin*

Stan & Gerri Thurmond



Gerri Thurmond - July 07, 2022 at 02:14 PM

CW

“ Clara Woods lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Martin



Clara Woods - July 07, 2022 at 06:52 AM

JJ

“ JACKIE JONES-MILLER lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Martin



JACKIE JONES-MILLER - July 06, 2022 at 03:01 PM

SW

“ Sarah Weeks lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Martin



Sarah Weeks - July 05, 2022 at 12:24 PM

LA

“ Ann, "Red, Gayle and my other cousins I am so sorry for your loss. Cousin Billy has always been sweet and kind to us. My prayers and condolences goes out to you.



Loretta Allen - July 04, 2022 at 01:42 PM



“ *Vickie Fielder Thornhill lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Martin*



Vickie Fielder Thornhill - July 04, 2022 at 10:39 AM