



Izola W. Acklin

October 17, 1932 - January 13, 2025

Izola Woods Acklin, 92, formerly of Chattanooga, departed this life to be with our Heavenly Father on Monday, January 13, 2025, at her home in Temple, Georgia. She was born October 17, 1932, in Toney, Alabama. She was the beloved and youngest daughter of Fannie Davis Gaines, and Lee Jefferson Taylor.

Izola only completed the seventh grade due to her family moving multiple times when she was young, but her entire family worked long hours in the cotton fields for little wages. She met her child-hood sweetheart, James Edward Acklin, at age 10, and they started dating when she was 12 years old. She got married on November 30, 1947, at the age of 15, and he was 17 years old. They were married for over 53 years with six children born to this union.

During her early years of marriage, Izola worked for several families. She was a stellar self-taught seamstress who made clothes for her two daughters, dresses for weddings, and so much more. Later on, Izola started full time at Burchay's Furrier Shop where she worked for over 20 years sewing on fur coats. A few years after her retirement from Burchay's, she started working for Dollar General where she worked for 13 years until she was diagnosed with COPD.

In the early 1980's while a member of First Baptist Church of Avondale, Izola was led to Christ by her son-in-law Rev. James Jenkins. After choosing to follow Christ, her relationship with Christ began to grow, and she started teaching Sunday School. From 1995 to 2005, Izola along with her youngest daughter Karen Jenkins and three other ladies started a ministry called Christian Women United where she served as the president for ten years. Under her leadership, many of the ladies that attended the conferences came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Through the years she continued to teach and share her faith at churches and conferences.

Soon after, she started two Red Hat Groups called the Sophisticated Ladies of the Red Hat Society and Classy Sassy Diva's. She served as the Queen Mother within those groups for over 20 years. At the age of 92, besides the Lord and her family, Izola loved, loved, loved shopping, which she did faithfully and diligently. She also enjoyed crafting, being on social media like TikTok and Google as well as playing bible games on the phone and texting her family.

In addition to her parents and husband, Izola was preceded in death by her two siblings, Eva and Jesse Davis; son, James Acklin; and daughter, Doris Acklin; grandsons, Stephen Hinton and James Jenkins, Jr.; granddaughter, Lisa Acklin Vinson; and son-in-law, M.T. Hinton.

Those left to cherish her precious memories are her loving sons, Hollis (Sheryl) Acklin of Temple, GA and Larry (Kasandra) Acklin of Chattanooga, TN, daughters, Wannie Hinton of Powder Springs, GA and Karen (James)

Jenkins of Temple, GA; one granddaughter she helped raise, Yolanda Shackelford and the many other grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great-great- grandchildren; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other loving relatives and dear friends all of whom will miss her dearly. She had one special friend to whom she had been friends with for over 70 years, Mrs. Buel Walker. Izola will lie-in-state on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, from 9-10 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. She will lie-in-state at 11 a.m. at New Zion Baptist Church. The funeral service will follow at 12 noon with Minister Marcus Hinton as the Eulogist. Burial will be in Forest Hills Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hills Cemetery

4016 Tennessee Avenue
Chattanooga , TN 37409

Previous Events

Deliver Flowers by

JAN **21**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411
(423) 622-8152
<https://www.taylorfh.com/>

Lie-In-State

JAN **22**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Lie-In-State

JAN **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

New Zion Baptist Church
809 E. M. L. King Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37403

Service

JAN **22**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GS

“ *I am so glad I got to know her while I was in her Red Hat Society Chapter. Prayers to her family.*



Gayle Scott - February 12, 2025 at 09:05 PM

CA

“ My deepest condolences and prayers to the family. My soul is sad... Mama Izola was a beautiful soul. I met her on Saturday December 14 in the Embassy Suites restaurant in Midtown Atlanta. She walked in and sat across the table from me... We spoke and I could hardly take my eyes off of her. My husband saw the same thing I did and whispered in my ear "are you okay? don't cry"... I told him I was fine but that wasn't true. We both saw my mom walk in and sit before us. My eyes started to well up with tears and when she noticed she sweetly asked me " do you have allergies" I responded, in tears, 'no ma'am... you remind me of my mom". We talked about my mom passing and she provided a great deal of comfort. Before departing, she said, let's exchange numbers and keep in touch... we did. She told me the Lord had just blessed her with another daughter; I was blessed to have her, even for such a short time. We last communicated on Friday, 10 January. She wished me a happy snow day and reminisced about the times she had snowball battles with her granddaughter. I hadn't heard from her, and she did not respond to my last text, so I knew something was wrong. My internet search confirmed my fears. I'm sorry I never got the chance to see her again. I'll cherish the short time we had and never forget her. Rest in Paradise Mama I... I love you forever. Your other daughter, Candace💔💔



Candace - January 30, 2025 at 09:59 PM

KB

“ Our condolences goes out to family.
Buchanan Family



Ken buchanan - January 26, 2025 at 05:11 PM

WM

“ Wynona McClendon lit a candle in memory of
Izola W. Acklin



Wynona McClendon - January 22, 2025 at 11:46 AM

WM

God says " Well done my good and faithful servant". You will be truly missed! Much love, prayer and many blessings to the family.

Wynona McClendon - January 22, 2025 at 11:50 AM

“ *No tears in heaven*

By
Alex Lennox



No fears in heaven no tears there too
No old age, for everything is brand new
Eye has not seen nor can the mind conceive
What Jesus has for those that believe

Trust in Him no matter what
With Him Hope, and cast in your lot
No one is the worse off for coming to him
For he is able to forgive all your sin

And when our time here on earth is done
He will welcome and present us to his Son
And there upon the glassy sea
He will embrace you and me

No Tears in heaven, a new song we will sing
When we stand by the throne of Jesus our King
Our life on earth, we will remember no more
And around his throne, God we will adore

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Van E. and Regina Patten Hickman

Regina Patten Hickman - January 22, 2025 at 02:04 AM

YM

“ *Yolanda Moss lit a candle in memory of Izola W. Acklin*



Yolanda Moss - January 21, 2025 at 04:50 PM

KS

“ *Kimberly Spears lit a candle in memory of Izola W. Acklin*



Kimberly Spears - January 21, 2025 at 04:00 PM

SB

“ *Praying that the God of all comfort strengthens you and precious memories encourage you. Sister Izola led us, Christian Women United, in having a closer walk with the Lord through growing in His Word and fellowship with one another. Blessings of the Lord to you. Sandra Bramlett*



Sandra Bramlett - January 21, 2025 at 12:37 PM

AD

“ *Ms Izola was a wonderful Queen. I enjoyed meeting and talking with her at many Red Hat Society events. My condolences to the family and to her Red Hat sisters.*

ANN DIXON - January 21, 2025 at 09:05 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Izola W. Acklin.



January 21, 2025 at 09:01 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Izola W. Acklin.

January 21, 2025 at 09:01 AM



“ *Lera Richmond* lit a candle in memory of Izola W. Acklin



Lera Richmond - January 20, 2025 at 10:09 PM



“ *The Edward Acklin & Powers Family* purchased the *Pink Tribute Spray* for the family of Izola W. Acklin.



The Edward Acklin & Powers Family - January 20, 2025 at 06:30 PM

ER

“ Ezell & Shirley Rich purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Izola W. Acklin.



Ezell & Shirley Rich - January 20, 2025 at 04:23 PM

MT

“ Marva Taylor lit a candle in memory of Izola W. Acklin



Marva Taylor - January 20, 2025 at 03:37 PM

DH

“ A special Lady that God Almighty allowed myself to get to know, A Christian Godly Lady, Committed Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Mother to others, my experience with Ms Izola, began in the 1960's as a child growing up on the Southside of Chattanooga (Jefferson St) she treated me as her very own & Over the years before she relocated & moved to Temple, Ga, when our paths crossed here in Chattanooga, she would recognize me as (Pee Wee) not Dank, she was a beautiful Soul of a Lady, she fulfilled a Whole Life & she was always in my Prayers, Thoughts throughout the years, she will always be in my memories dating back to (60yrs or more, GOD CONTINUED BLESSINGS TO HER SOUL & Family, LOVE (PEE WEE) Hawkins)

dank hawkins - January 20, 2025 at 09:48 AM

CB

“ *Comm. Greg And Pat Beck lit a candle in memory of Izola W. Acklin*



Comm. Greg and Pat Beck - January 19, 2025 at 06:13 PM

AF

“ *Angie and the entire Bell Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Izola W. Acklin.*



Angie and the entire Bell Family - January 19, 2025 at 01:14 PM

CB

“ *Comm. Greg And Pat Beck lit a candle in memory of Izola W. Acklin*



Comm. Greg and Pat Beck - January 17, 2025 at 09:51 PM

MJ

“ *Mary Lydale Jones lit a candle in memory of Izola W. Acklin*



Mary Lydale Jones - January 17, 2025 at 01:18 PM

WP

“ *Wilma Poole lit a candle in memory of Izola W. Acklin*



Wilma Poole - January 17, 2025 at 12:28 PM

AF

“ *Anna and the Bass Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Izola W. Acklin.*



Anna and the Bass Family - January 17, 2025 at 11:36 AM

AN

“ Although I can't be there to say my final farewell to my Aunt Zola, I send my prayers and thoughts to Karen, Wannie, Hollis and Larry. I thank God for the time I got to share with her all her wisdom, kind encouraging words, advice, morning breakfast, evening dinner, her talents making me jewelry and sewing my dress to fit me because it was too big.



Aunt Zola I remember one time you told me that you were running and sickness and the devil would have to catch you because you are not going to stop running. Aunt Izola you won the race, you kept the faith, you crossed the finish line and the devil still mad because he didn't catch you. Now receive your golden crown and rest in the Lord.

From: Anna

Anna - January 17, 2025 at 11:03 AM

BO

“ Good morning, family, sending out prayers and love to The Acklin Family from the Bell Family. Susie, Melvin, Idora, Catherine Arthur and Angelina. (Auntie Izola R.I.G.A.) LOVE Y'ALL!!!

Bell Family Akron, Ohio - January 17, 2025 at 08:13 AM

PM

“Karen, Wannie, Larry, Hollis, and the entire family of Mrs. Izola W. Acklin, I extend my heartfelt sympathy, condolences, and prayers to you. I pray for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to keep His loving arms of comfort around you and bring you peace.



"Queen Mother" (as I affectionately call her) was a strong, faithful woman of God. She was a loving, caring, thoughtful, and humorous woman that loved to have fun and enjoy life to the fullest, which she did!!! I will truly miss her dearly. The fond memories of our times together will be forever embedded in my heart.

Much love to the family & God Bless,

Phyllis D. Maples

Phyllis D Maples - January 16, 2025 at 05:51 PM

E&

“Edith Houston & Debra lit a candle in memory of Izola W. Acklin



Edith Houston & Debra - January 16, 2025 at 03:09 PM

VD

“Sincere condolences to the family. May the precious memories of a life well lived help to fill the void and bring you comfort during this season.



Viola douthit - January 16, 2025 at 09:47 AM

SH

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Izola W. Acklin*



Susie L. Holland - January 16, 2025 at 09:43 AM

RS

“ *Renee Sharp lit a candle in memory of Izola W. Acklin*



Renee Sharp - January 16, 2025 at 09:17 AM

KC

“ *Sending our Condolences and Prayers. Kathy Cooper-Sligh.*



Kathy Cooper-Sligh - January 15, 2025 at 07:20 PM

AD

“ *ANGELA Denise DANIELS lit a candle in memory of Izola W. Acklin*



ANGELA Denise DANIELS - January 15, 2025 at 04:23 PM

AD

I would not be the Woman of God that I am, if you hadn't entered into my life....to God be the Glory

ANGELA Denise DANIELS - January 15, 2025 at 04:25 PM

CH

“ *Connie Howard lit a candle in memory of Izola W. Acklin*



Connie Howard - January 15, 2025 at 03:35 PM

CH

My friend, Izola will be greatly missed and her memory will always be in my heart and mind. Its with a heavy heart, I say Rest in peace my dear friend. Love, Dot Woods

Connie Howard - January 19, 2025 at 05:30 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Izola W. Acklin.*



January 15, 2025 at 03:17 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Izola W. Acklin.*

January 15, 2025 at 03:17 PM

RJ

“ *Randy L Jacks lit a candle in memory of Izola W. Acklin*



Randy L Jacks - January 15, 2025 at 12:57 PM

VT

“ *Vickie Fielder Thornhill lit a candle in memory of Izola W. Acklin*



Vickie Fielder Thornhill - January 15, 2025 at 10:53 AM

TS

“ *Thailia Smith lit a candle in memory of Izola W. Acklin*



Thailia Smith - January 15, 2025 at 04:42 AM

RS

“ *Renee Sharp lit a candle in memory of Izola W. Acklin*



Renee Sharp - January 14, 2025 at 11:48 PM

CB

“ *Comm. Greg And Pat Beck lit a candle in memory of Izola W. Acklin*



Comm. Greg and Pat Beck - January 14, 2025 at 10:55 PM

TG

“ *Sending sincere condolences to the family of Sister Acklin. She was a true soldier in the Army of the Lord. She was always encouraging upbeat and vibrant. RIP Sister* 🕊️🌺🛤️

Thelma Gillom - January 14, 2025 at 09:58 PM

BS

“ *Beverly Sales lit a candle in memory of Izola W. Acklin*



Beverly Sales - January 14, 2025 at 08:12 PM