



Joan Edwards

January 4, 1939 - January 4, 2026

Joan “Dr. Mom” Edwards, 87, of Chattanooga, passed away Sunday, January 4, 2026, in a local hospital. She was born January 4, 1939, in Cleveland, Ohio. She was affectionately called by family and friends, “Mom”. She graduated from Glenville High School, in Cleveland, Ohio. Joan went on to earn an Associate degree in Nursing and received her Pharmacology license from Case Western Reserve, also in Cleveland, Ohio. Joan worked as a preceptor for training doctors straight out of Medical School at University Hospital. In addition, she worked at Cleveland Clinic Hospital and various nursing homes.

Joan relocated to Chattanooga, Tennessee over 20 years ago and was employed by Hamilton County Nursing Home. She retired from Life Care of Chattanooga after many years of service.

Joan was well known for getting family and friends in the neighborhood together to do Richard Simmons work out videos, play Monopoly, Jeopardy, and held family weekly Bible Study at home. Additionally, Joan was not only skilled in nursing, but was a powerhouse in bowling, earning several trophies. Joan enjoyed watching the television shows Matlock, Murder She Wrote, and Perry Mason.

Although most of Joan’s time after retirement was devoted to being a member

of Pneuma Church, she enjoyed watching Creflo Dollar and Joyce Meyers. Joan was known for giving a bible scripture when she was asked for advice. Everyone knew that she has a great love for God and the Word. Her favorite saying was always "To God be the Glory!"

Joan was preceded in death by her father, Henry Howard; mother, Annie Lee Howard; daughter, Marcelle Ann Caldwell; and granddaughter, Jennifer Nicole Holimon.

Those left to cherish Joan's memory include three daughters, Michelle (Jimmy) Ingram, Irene Holimon of Chattanooga, and Vanessa (Roderick) Johnson of Seattle, WA; two sons, Stefron T. Saunders of Las Vegas, NV and Michael G. Saunders of Chattanooga; sister, Mable E. McQueen of Los Angeles, CA; grandchildren, Dr. Joann Saunders; Donell E. Holimon, Jr., Jessica Johnson, Derrick D. (DJ) Windom, Sierra Webb, Stephen Johnson, Courtney (Fred) Glover, and Taylor Gist; a host of great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; God-sister, Yvonne Moore of Cleveland, OH; other relatives and friends.

Joan will lie-in-state on Thursday, January 22, 2026, from 1-5 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Burial will be Friday, January 23, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in Lakewood Memory Gardens, East. Funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. at Pneuma Church with Dr. R. J. McCowan, Sr. as the Eulogist.

DIRECTIONS TO LIVE STREAM: 1. Go to Your Facebook Page 2. Type: [taylorfuneralhomeofchattanooga](#) 3. Click Like or Thumbs Up 4. Scroll down to view the service.

Once the Cemetery Service is over, you will need to do the same for the Funeral Service.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

JAN **22**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Burial

JAN **23**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Lakewood Memory Gardens East
4621 Shallowford Road
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Funeral Service

JAN **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Pneuma Church
7345 Old Cleveland Pike
Chattanooga, TN 37421-1038

Tribute Wall



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Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - April 25 at 10:42 PM



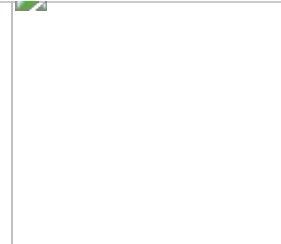
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Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - April 25 at 10:42 PM



“ Job well done Momma!! I Love you!! ❤️ Your oldest Michelle



Michelle Ingram - February 23 at 05:53 PM

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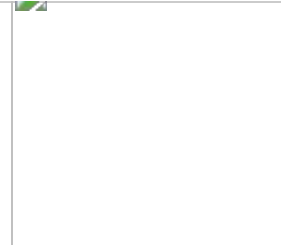
“ Love, Cousin Terri Wallace purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joan Edwards.



Love, Cousin Terri Wallace - January 22 at 07:50 PM

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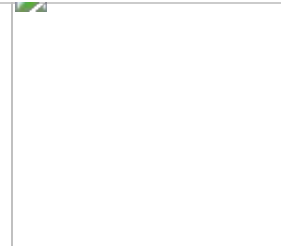
“ Sue Anderson lit a candle in memory of Joan Edwards



Sue Anderson - January 22 at 07:34 PM

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“ The Tyler family may God be with you at this time love you



Alicia tyler - January 22 at 03:41 AM

 Irene Holimon

“ We love You mommy!



Irene Holimon - January 19 at 05:46 AM



“ Mommy I love you. I thank God for chosing You to be my mom. You are the best mom a girl could ever have. I salute You for a job done well! Love your Daughter Irene.

Irene Holimon - January 19 at 05:43 AM



“ Joan Owens lit a candle in memory of Joan Edwards

Joan Owens - January 18 at 01:48 AM