



Josephine Vance

December 31, 1927 - March 16, 2026

Josephine Vance was born on December 31, 1927, in Chattanooga, Tennessee to Luther and Lillie Mae Varnell. She attended Booker T. Washington High School in the 1940's.

Josephine attended Mr. Calvary Baptist Church, while living in Chattanooga, Tennessee. During that time, she was introduced to Christ Jesus.

Among those who proceeded her in death include her parents, Luther and Lillie Mae Varnell; husband, Nathinal Vance; son, Joe H. Vance; granddaughter, Annette Browder; brothers, Eldridge, Labron, and Melvin Varnell; sisters, Lorene Parmes and Evelyn Jackson.

Josephine passed away on Monday, March 16, 2026, at home in the care of Althia Hamilton and Hospice at the age of 98 years old. Cherishing her memories include her son, Lebron Vance; Althia Hamilton and Christine Davis; granddaughter, Laura Blanchard; grandsons, Joe H. and Rodney Vance; seven great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; long-time sister-in-law, Nadine Varnell; a host of nieces and nephews.

She will lie-in-state on Friday, April 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 12 noon in the chapel. Burial in Chattanooga National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

APR **10**. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

APR **10**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Burial

APR **10**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Sylvester Ware lit a candle in memory of Josephine Vance*

Sylvester Ware - April 07 at 11:44 PM

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“ *Josephine is my Father, Sylvester Ware Sr. (Babe), Niece. She is my Dad's sister, Lillie Mae (Ware) Varnell daughter. I never met either of the two. In my thoughts of Love, I feel as though I know Cousin Josephine, as I felt and still feel about my Aunt Lillie Mae. I think of missing the chance to get to know her. She lived a long life, and I hope she enjoyed a life of treasured times that gave her happiness. To my Relatives of the Ware, Varnell, Vance Family, I want to express my Sincerely Condolences with the passing of your Dear Love one to whom I would Love to consider my own. In troubling times of loss and pain, I Pray the Lord watch over and guide you all... Sylvester Ware Jr. and Family.*

Sylvester Ware - March 31 at 11:08 PM