



Juanita Kennedy Reel

March 11, 1934 - January 15, 2025

Juanita Kennedy Reel, March 11, 1934, was the first born to Willie R. Reid and Willie Mae Walton. Juanita was given to Mr. and Mrs. James Marshall and Ida McKamey Kennedy, and had the privilege of being raised with her foster-brother, William Harvey Hayes. When married, Willie R. and Willie Mae Reid, had 3 other children, Ernest Reed, Frederick Reid, and Jacquelyn Reid-Steele.

Juanita joined the Seventh-Day Adventist Church at an early age. On May 30, 1951 she graduated from Booker T. Washington school and attended Knoxville College. She became a social worker for the state of Tennessee. On December 12, 1953, she joined Edward L. Reel in holy matrimony. From this they raised 3 daughters, Deborah L. Reel, Angelia Reel, and Thalya V. Reel as well as 2 sons of James Aubrey Hammond; Eric T. Hammonds and Alonzo J. Hammonds-Reel.

She was preceded in death by her husband, daughters, Thalya Green and Angelia Reel; biological and adopted parents, and siblings of her biological parents.

She was happiest when surrounded by family, a woman of strength, who recognized the power of prayer, very instrumental in providing her grandchildren love, discipline, support, fun, and a foundation to reach their

goals. She also enjoyed doing hair and treasured life-long friendships with Clara Hughes, Carolyn Hammonds, and Pamela Brown, who all have preceded her in death.

Ms. Reel on January 15, 2025, peacefully entered into rest from this life with her granddaughter, Ericia Bell and great-granddaughter, Rickia Bell at her bedside. She leaves her love and memories with her daughter, Deborah Reel; sons, Eric T. Hammonds and Alonzo J. Reel, Sr.; grandsons, Eric N. Jones, II, Anthony Grimes, Jr., Donny N. Carter, Jr. Alonzo Reel, Jr.; granddaughter, Ericia (William H., Jr.) Bell; brother, William H. Hayes of Omaha, NE; friend Elnora Miller; great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, sons-in-law, Eric N. Jones I, Donny N. Carter, Sr. and Melvin Green; a host of other family and friends. A special thanks to DeAnna Smith. She will lie-in-state on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel. Burial in Chattanooga National Cemetery.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

JAN 22. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Service

JAN 22. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Burial

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

Chattanooga National Cemetery
1200 Bailey Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Tribute Wall

GS

“ *GLENDAY FAYE STOUDEMIRE lit a candle in memory of Juanita Kennedy Reel*



GLENDAY FAYE STOUDEMIRE - January 28, 2025 at 08:04 AM

SW

“ *Sharon Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Juanita Kennedy Reel*



Sharon Wilkins - January 22, 2025 at 12:58 PM

TL

“ *Sending condolences to the family of Juanita K. Reel. Family stay strong. God is a faithful God. Hold on to His loving kindness.*

*Your Family
The Logans of Chattanooga, TN*

The Logans - January 22, 2025 at 12:22 PM

AH

“ *Death cannot quench ❤️ Love. Sweet Memories in my heart like a museum preserved forever.*

*My Beloved Sexy always
Angela Hicks
Your Sexy always*

Angela Hicks - January 22, 2025 at 10:17 AM

CJ

“ To the Reel family and my classmate, Alonzo you are in my thoughts and prayers. Carol Bell- Johnson BHS 82

Carol E Johnson - January 22, 2025 at 09:24 AM

VD

“ The Olivet Baptist Church Bereavement Support Ministry share sincere condolences to the entire family. May the warmth of God provide comfort, and strength during this difficult season.



Viola douthit - January 21, 2025 at 09:37 PM

BH

“ Ms. Juanita was like a second mother to me and my sister. Our mother, Clara Hughes, and her were best friends and she would always call both of us on our birthday, because her birthday and our birthday was one day apart from each other. She helped raising us, and she celebrated our achievements, and consoled us when we were challenged with life. You will be truly missed and you are loved by both of us. Rest in peace. Our condolences goes out to the family.

The twins, Brian and Bridget Hughes

Brian & Bridget Hughes - January 21, 2025 at 08:12 PM

WG

“ To Deborah, Eric (Chico) and Alonzo I pray your memories of life with Ms. Juanita will comfort you as you mourn her loss; she will be missed. I met Ms. Juanita as a young girl when she and my Aunt Pamela Gocher Brown became friends. I remember her as a fun loving, caring person. She knew how to have fun and made sure all around her were having a good time especially at her card parties. She had a caring spirit and always the "social worker" assisting people with getting needed services. RIP Ms. Juanita!
- Wanda Gocher-Johnson

WANDA GOCHER-JOHNSON - January 21, 2025 at 06:06 PM

TF

“ The Wunningham family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Juanita Kennedy Reel.



The Wunningham family - January 21, 2025 at 03:32 PM

TF

“ From: The Wunningham family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Juanita Kennedy Reel.

The Wunningham family - January 21, 2025 at 03:32 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Juanita Kennedy Reel.



January 21, 2025 at 02:13 PM

JJ

“ *Ms. Juanita
The Love u 💕 showed me n my family on the Ponderosa n else
where is 2nd to none. May the Wings of an Angel carry u 2 ur
resting place with the Lord
Only with ❤️ Jr. Ford*

James Ford Jr - January 21, 2025 at 07:18 AM

TF

“ *The Young, Drake, and Louis Family purchased
the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family
of Juanita Kennedy Reel.*



The Young, Drake, and Louis Family - January 20, 2025 at 10:48 AM

TF

“ *The Young, Drake, and Louis Family planted a Memorial Tree in
honor of Juanita Kennedy Reel.*

The Young, Drake, and Louis Family - January 20, 2025 at 10:48 AM

LL

“ *Lynda Louis lit a candle in memory of Juanita
Kennedy Reel*



Lynda Louis - January 20, 2025 at 10:39 AM

LL

Ms. Juanita and our late mom, Ms. Dimple Young, were good friends. James and I send the family our deepest condolences.

Lynda Louis - January 20, 2025 at 10:53 AM

AM

“ *Angel Monroe lit a candle in memory of Juanita Kennedy Reel*



Angel Monroe - January 19, 2025 at 05:30 AM

PB

“ *Pamela Jayne Berry sent a virtual gift in memory of Juanita Kennedy Reel*



Pamela Jayne Berry - January 18, 2025 at 10:10 AM

ER

“Granny is an amazing woman of strength, wisdom, and love. Some of my precious memories as a child is her teaching me how to make corn bread, took my brother and I to see Disney on ICE and picking us up to watch Michael Jackson special on her tv with popcorn. Granny always was very heightened on holiday celebrations and made sure my hair was very pretty and unique. Granny supported my school events, and even in my teenage years taught me of good record keeping and the value of inner strength. I thank Granny for the love and dedication she contributed in her efforts to keeping our family united. I truly love Granny and am grateful because starting November 2012 her and I planned her funeral arrangements and she love and trusted me enough to carry them through. Believing in me and preparing the best she could for this time, in her physical absence is still training me for future events. I constantly hear her telling me, "you have no reason to hold your head down. Keep your head up and stand tall, when you have done your best, no matter the outcome." I will continue to stand, knowing Granny is proud of me and her final words to me were, "I'm so proud of you, I wish I could do more. Go home and put your feet up, you've done well. I am only a phone call away." Granny is amazing, and I am glad to have been there to demonstrate my love and gratitude for her dedication not only to me but her family and preserve her dignity and be her voice, her advocate during her moments of silence. I am grateful for my amazing Granny

Ericia - January 17, 2025 at 09:24 PM

JB

“Janice Beard lit a candle in memory of Juanita Kennedy Reel



Janice Beard - January 17, 2025 at 01:55 PM

CB

“ Carolyn Bailey lit a candle in memory of Juanita Kennedy Reel



carolyn bailey - January 17, 2025 at 12:06 PM

JW

“ Joann Whitlock lit a candle in memory of Juanita Kennedy Reel



Joann Whitlock - January 17, 2025 at 11:15 AM

AA

“ Prayers and condolences to the family of Juanita Reel, you will be missed and forever loved, from, Mrs. Elnora Miller RIH

Alfreda Austin - January 16, 2025 at 09:30 PM

SM

“ Sharron Sims McClarty lit a candle in memory of Juanita Kennedy Reel



Sharron Sims McClarty - January 16, 2025 at 06:54 PM

BS

“ Beverly Sales lit a candle in memory of Juanita Kennedy Reel



Beverly Sales - January 16, 2025 at 04:52 PM



“ Brenda Drake lit a candle in memory of Juanita Kennedy Reel



Brenda Drake - January 16, 2025 at 04:43 PM



RIH, Sweet Lady, Mom loved you and you were the best Hairdresser in town, gone but never forgotten Mrs. Juanita,

Brenda Drake - January 16, 2025 at 04:46 PM

LM

“ Condolences to the family.

Lindia J Mathis - January 16, 2025 at 03:57 PM

AB

“ Juanita was a fine lady filled with curiosity and warm love! Although she was blind, her vision of life and family was more intense than most people who had 20/20 vision. It was a blessing to have known her!

Anne S. Bailey - January 16, 2025 at 02:42 PM