



Malinda Blakely

May 20, 1930 - July 29, 2025

Malinda Kirk Blakely, affectionately known as “Dodie,” transitioned to celestial peace on July 29, 2025, at the age of 95. She was born on May 20, 1930, in Waverly, Alabama to the union of Robert Kirk, Sr. and Jimmie Lee Moody Kirk, who were blessed with 12 children. She was educated at High Pines School, located in Waverly. Malinda was married to Euriah Blakely and had 3 sons, George Donnis Floyd, Roger and Argie Kirk. She moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee as a young adult with her parents and children. She found employment at Hamilton County Nursing Home.

Malinda loved her life and the privilege of knowing and working with compassionate people. Her unwavering faith led her to be a dedicated member of St. James A.M.E. Church. During her time at St. James prior to her health challenges, she was an active member of the Church Missionary Society, where she served in roles as Head Stewardess, and later as Resident. She was also a member of the hospitality committee, where she actively participated in helping prepare and serve meals during church functions. She further shared her spirit of service by giving and generous nature through membership on the Shepherd Community Council.

Malinda was preceded in death by her husband, Euriah Blakely; parents, Robert Kirk, Sr. and Jimmie Lee Moody Kirk; 2 sons, George D. Floyd and Roger Kirk; all of her 11 siblings, of which she had 3 brothers and 8 sisters.

She leaves to cherish her life her son, Argie Kirk; a very big family of nieces and nephews and other relatives; one sister-in-law, Annie (John) Kirk; and lots of friends.

Malinda will lie-in-state on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel with Pastor Archie Griffin as the Officiant and Rev. Dr. Sheila Harris as Eulogist. Burial in Chattanooga National Cemetery on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 12:30 p.m.

DIRECTIONS TO LIVE STREAM: Please click on the link below to view the service.

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Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

AUG **9**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

AUG **9**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Burial

AUG **11**. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Chattanooga National Cemetery
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Tribute Wall



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Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - August 23, 2025 at 03:04 PM



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Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - August 23, 2025 at 03:04 PM

CS

“ I will always remember her smile. She will be truly missed. Me and my fiance visited her on her 95th birthday while we were in town. She has now reunited with Grand Momma Lee and Grand Poppa Robert Kirk and her sister which include my Grand mother and her brothers. 🙏💙

Christopher S. Winston, Sr. - August 07, 2025 at 08:47 AM

MO

“ Michael Owens purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Malinda Blakely.



Michael Owens - August 06, 2025 at 02:38 PM

MO

“ Michael Owens planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Malinda Blakely.

Michael Owens - August 06, 2025 at 02:38 PM

JN

“ My Great Aunt Malinda aka "Aunt Dodie" anytime I got to see you growing up ,always welcoming and loving always cheerful ,always taking care of your family and also took care of the patients you nursed I know all were grateful to have you in their lives, Im happy to have known you Auntie and I know God and the Angels are gonna love you in Heaven as you were an Angel here on earth ,Rest now Auntie you deserve it because you worked so hard here on Earth ,love your Great nephew James Erron

James & Latasha Nelson - August 06, 2025 at 01:16 PM

JN

“ James & Latasha Nelson lit a candle in memory of Malinda Blakely



James & Latasha Nelson - August 06, 2025 at 01:02 PM

LM

“ *Lindia B Mathis lit a candle in memory of Malinda Blakely*



Lindia B Mathis - August 06, 2025 at 11:58 AM

LM

“ *Mrs. Malinda had a quite spirit but yet you knew she meant business. Growing up in the community I have been a witness to her love for her family and neighbors. You will be truly missed. R.I.P.*

Lindia B Mathis - August 06, 2025 at 11:58 AM

NH

“ *Natalie High lit a candle in memory of Malinda Blakely*



Natalie High - August 01, 2025 at 01:55 PM

FS

“ *Frank Swopes lit a candle in memory of Malinda Blakely*



Frank Swopes - August 01, 2025 at 09:58 AM

LM

“ *Lindia B Mathis lit a candle in memory of Malinda Blakely*



Lindia B Mathis - July 31, 2025 at 02:22 PM

SW

“ *Our condolences and prayerful support to Argie Kirk and the large extended families whose lives were so positively enriched by our dear aunt. She was our Mother's last sibling.*



*With Agape' Love,
Johnny (J.J.) and Sharon Winston*

Sharon Hester Winston - July 31, 2025 at 08:38 AM

IS

“ *Ivy Strickland lit a candle in memory of Malinda Blakely*



Ivy Strickland - July 30, 2025 at 06:53 PM