



## Margie Butler Byrd

June 3, 1929 - October 28, 2025

Margie Eleanor Butler Byrd, 96, of Chattanooga, left this world on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, in the comfort of her home with her baby girl holding her hand. She was born June 3, 1929, in Chicago, Illinois to Lizzie Mae Smith. Upon Lizzie's untimely death, Margie was adopted by her mother's first cousins, Alvertus and Ila Lowe Butler.

Margie was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Gradye Byrd, Sr.; sisters, Mary Glasper and Jessie Varner; son-in-law, Ernest Thomas, Sr.; and grandson, Derrick Bush.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her children, Cynthia Byrd (Ernest, Sr.) Thomas, Valerie Byrd (Eric) Penn, Sr., and Dennis O. (Darlene) Byrd, Jr., all of Chattanooga, TN; 15 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-great-grandchildren; devoted niece, Malvalean Long of Prattville, AL; dear friends, Barbara Bonds, Walter and Bernadette Evans, Brenda Martin, Delores Lewis, and Connie Williams; several nieces; nephews, cousins, and children she raised and nurtured over the years; The Ladies' Fellowship of Grace Baptist Tabernacle, Dr. Marshall Robinson, PhD., UHC and Carebridge, Dr. John Boldt, MD, and Dr. Monica Gefter, MD for their prayers and words of comfort, and Taylor Funeral Home for their phenomenal service.

Margie will lie-in-state on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at

Community Missionary Baptist Church with the funeral service to follow at 12:00 noon at the church with Pastor Emeritus Marshall Robinson as the Eulogist. Burial in Lakewood Memory Gardens East. Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Memory Gardens East

4621 Shallowford Road  
Chattanooga, TN 37411

# Previous Events

## Lie-In-State

NOV 8. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Community Missionary Baptist Church  
1001 East 8th Street  
Chattanooga, TN 37403-2702

## Funeral Service

NOV 8. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Community Missionary Baptist Church  
1001 East 8th Street  
Chattanooga, TN 37403-2702

## Burial

NOV 8. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Lakewood Memory Gardens East  
4621 Shallowford Road  
Chattanooga, TN 37411

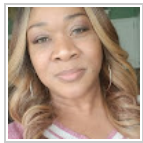


# Tribute Wall



“ *Granny was a beautiful person inside and out, she was our neighborhood Granny, thanks for sharing your mother with us Valerie 🙏 rest in heaven ❤️*

**Shawn Preston** - November 06, 2025 at 06:46 PM



“ *In Memory of the sweet Ms. Byrd*

**Princetta Stovall** - November 05, 2025 at 11:22 PM



“ *Melvin and Gladys Smith. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Margie Butler Byrd.*



**Melvin and Gladys Smith.** - November 05, 2025 at 11:43 AM



“ *Pastor Walter & Lyn McMath-Owens*

**Lynietra-McMath Owens** - November 04, 2025 at 04:19 PM

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“ *Lynietra-McMath Owens lit a candle in memory of Margie Butler Byrd*

Lynietra-McMath Owens - November 04, 2025 at 04:17 PM

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“ *Sending love to Valerie and all of the family!*

Lynietra-McMath Owens - November 04, 2025 at 04:15 PM

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“ *To YOUR New Birth GrannyByrd*



*WE Will Miss YOU*



*But GOD Must Want YOUR SunShine*



*- Kevin, Damon and Family*💕

Kevin Smith - November 04, 2025 at 12:37 PM

KF

“ Kevin, Damon and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Margie Butler Byrd.



Kevin, Damon and Family - November 04, 2025 at 07:28 AM

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“ Mrs. BYRD WAS MOTHER BYRD TO ME SHE WAS MY, MY MOTHER BYRD I WILL MISS OUR MEETING AND 💔 TALKS YOU WILL ALWAYS BE ❤️ IN MY HEART ❤️ VAL THANKS AGAIN FOR LETTING ME ❤️ BE A PART OF ❤️ YOUR FAMILY!! LOVE ❤️ AND THANKS AGAIN 😊  
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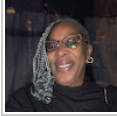
Barbara Bonds - November 04, 2025 at 06:17 AM



“ Moma, who would have thought that this day came so soon. You always told me 110 was where you were aiming. Last year at number 95 you said 15 years to go in good health. But illness snuck in and claimed you before you could achieve it. Too the woman I made a Moma, to my heart and my friend I could tell anything I will miss your earthly body but I know you are home with the God you so loved. I know you are pain free and stepping high. To everyone you were Margie but you will always be my Lucy and My Daddy's Jo. I miss you Lucy, til we meet again



Cynthia Thomas - November 02, 2025 at 06:35 PM



*Deepest condolences to you and the family prayers for you all*

**Loretta Nunn** - November 05, 2025 at 05:08 PM



“ *I ❤️ have so much love for Mrs. Margie  
She was like a mother to me . She gave my a  
lot of wisdom strength that I did know I had  
She was my Angle  
We had lots of great times She was highly  
motivated  
From Margaret Lackey and family*

**Margaret eLackey** - November 02, 2025 at 04:48 PM



“ *My Aunt had a beautiful soul and a forgiving heart I miss hearing  
her voice singing in the church choir we had some of the most  
amazing conversations and laughs and heart felt talks that always  
ended with I Love you.*

**mavis Burson** - October 31, 2025 at 10:53 PM



“ *We remember when we wanted to hear or know something about  
our family from long ago, Aunt Margie was our go to person. She  
was a God-Send. We will miss her dearly. We ask for peace,  
comfort and strength for the family.  
Marian and Leanie*

**Allene Strickland** - October 31, 2025 at 05:24 PM

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“ *Granny Byrd you will truly be missed. I most definitely will miss those warm hugs of yours. May you rest in paradise. Tracee Little and family send their deepest condolences and prayers to the family.*

Tracee Little - October 31, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ *Cynthia,  
Your mother had a meaningful, happy life on this earth & you can be sure that she loved her family & friends to the utmost. She was a virtuous woman to the 10th power.  
The Davenport's send heartfelt condolences to your family with prayers attached.  
Y'all keep your heads up because you all did your parts.  
May she sleep in peace & we'll see her in the morning!  
XOXOXOXO*

Diane Williams - October 30, 2025 at 07:12 PM

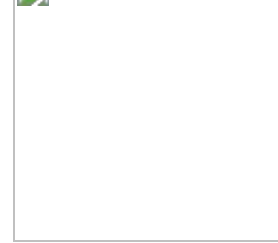
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“ *Odessa Gunn lit a candle in memory of Margie Butler Byrd*

Odessa Gunn - October 30, 2025 at 06:01 PM



“ Valerie your mom knew she was loved. Thank God for your precious memories



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**Virginia Daniel** - October 30, 2025 at 04:35 PM



“ Missing you granny :-(



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**Bri Marie** - October 30, 2025 at 12:14 PM



“ Missing you granny :-( the house doesn't feel the same without you here.



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**Bri Marie** - October 30, 2025 at 12:13 PM

JP

“ Cynthia,  
You and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏🙏🙏



Jean Pickens - October 29, 2025 at 02:17 PM



“ Tosha Cook-Mcdade lit a candle in memory of Margie Butler Byrd



Tosha Cook-Mcdade - October 29, 2025 at 05:32 AM



“ Granny i love u so much ❤️❤️

Tosha Cook-Mcdade - October 29, 2025 at 05:31 AM