



## Marie N. Word

May 4, 1928 - January 27, 2026

Mrs. Marie Nichols Word, 97, departed this life on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at her residence in Chattanooga, Tennessee, surrounded by her loving, devoted family. Marie was born on May 4, 1928, in Birmingham, Alabama to Ruthie Mae Pfifer and Dan Calvin. At the tender age of 3, Marie's mother went to be with the Lord, and Marie was raised by her grandmother, Levonia Lloyd. She graduated from Immaculata High School in Birmingham. She met and married Joseph Word, Sr., and they moved to Chattanooga in 1951.

Upon moving to Chattanooga, Marie became a member of Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. William H. Ryan, Jr., where she served on the BTU. Marie was employed by Cumberland Case Company and Erlanger Medical Center.

Marie was a devoted mother and grandmother, and her love was her family. She loved the family get-togethers/holidays because she knew she would be with family and eat good.

Marie was preceded in death by her youngest son, Randy W. Word; daughter-in-law, Geraldine Word; and son-in-law, Thomas Smith.

Marie leaves a legacy of love through her children, 7 daughters, Patricia L. Word of Chattanooga, Gloria J. (Arthur) Carlisle of Stockbridge, GA, Barbara

A. (John) Brown, Linda F. (Garry) Toops, Althea M. Smith, Iris L. Walker, and LaWanda Gail (Walter) Russell; 2 sons, Joseph (Cathy Randolph) Word and Charles L. (Rosemary Herring) Hester of Chattanooga; special nieces, Patrice (Isiah Hester) of Chattanooga and Pauline Word of Birmingham; goddaughter, LaShawn Hawthorne; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

Marie lived a great life and her legacy lives on.

Marie will lie-in-state on Thursday, February 5, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held on Friday, February 6, 2026, at 12:00 noon at Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church located at 1800 N. Chamberlain Avenue with Pastor Bobby Hampton as Eulogist. Burial in Forest Hills Cemetery.

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# Cemetery Details

## Forest Hills Cemetery

4016 Tennessee Avenue  
Chattanooga, TN 37409

# Previous Events

## Lie-In-State

FEB 5. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

FEB 6. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church  
1800 North Chamberlain Avenue  
Chattanooga, TN 37406-2903

## Burial

FEB 6. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Forest Hills Cemetery  
4016 Tennessee Avenue  
Chattanooga, TN 37409



# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Service-Marie Word*



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**Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.** - April 25 at 11:03 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Cemetery Service-Marie Word*

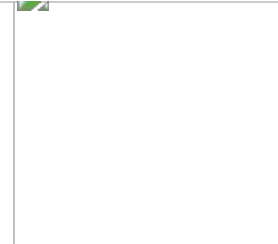


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**Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.** - April 25 at 11:03 PM



“ *Wilma Poole lit a candle in memory of Marie N. Word*



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**Wilma Poole** - February 06 at 07:42 PM



“ *Sending much love and prayers to you all...  
Love your Columbus, Ga. family..*

PaQuita Thomas - February 06 at 11:05 AM



“ *Linda Woods lit a candle in memory of Marie  
N. Word*

Linda Woods - February 05 at 08:56 PM



“ *I just wanted to send my condolences and  
prayers to the family and to let you know that  
God got you through this difficult time. Please  
hold on to his unchanging hand. 🙏*

Teri Smith - February 05 at 12:51 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. Mrs. Word was  
like a mother to me. I called her mama. She  
always had a smile on her face. Giving out  
good hugs. Take your rest. You deserve it.  
Flying high with God's angels. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏  
🙏*

*Marian Petite (Little Bit)*

Marian Petite - February 05 at 04:04 AM



“ *My Heartfelt Condolences Goes Out To Her Loving Children Who Loved Her So Much And The Closeness And The Bond They Had Couldn't Be Broken. God Strengthen Them Family And Friends She Will Truly be Missed It's Very Hard In Life To Meet A Person Like The Sweetest Ms. Marie Would Always Give Good Advice Glad To Have Met You Sweet Lady So God Called You Now Take YYour Rest* 🌸❤️🌹

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**Mary Hill Hill** - February 05 at 03:10 AM



“ *Ms. Lene lit a candle in memory of Marie N. Word*

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**Ms. Lene** - February 05 at 01:58 AM



“ *My condolences for all of the Word Family praying by for strength and healing.*

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**Ms. Lene** - February 05 at 01:54 AM

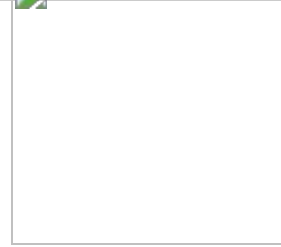


“ *Cheryl Rowe lit a candle in memory of Marie N. Word*

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**cheryl rowe** - February 04 at 04:42 PM



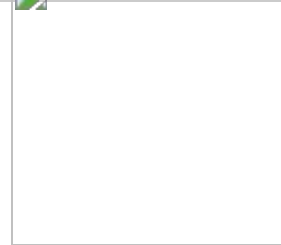
“ *Consuela Hatten lit a candle in memory of Marie N. Word*



Consuela Hatten - February 04 at 02:39 PM



“ *I will miss seeing her sitting on her porch enjoying the beautiful sunshine during the summer months. Heaven gained another Angel. Rest in Peace.*



Sheralaine Bradley - February 04 at 07:03 AM



“ *Your VBA HR Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marie N. Word.*

Your VBA HR Family - February 04 at 12:22 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marie N. Word.*



February 04 at 12:22 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Marie N. Word.*



February 03 at 10:15 AM



“ *Tim and Robin Barfield planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marie N. Word.*

**Tim and Robin Barfield** - February 03 at 10:15 AM



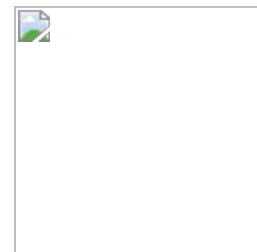
“ *My condolences to the family*



**Sophia Hall** - February 03 at 01:47 AM



“ *I surely hate she had to go but now she can be at peace with no more pain. I know you all are in a lot of pain but it is going to be alright. Stick together and Love on Each other. GOD WILL GET YOU THRU THIS 🙏  
#THISTOOSHALLPASS  
#JUSTKEEPTHEFAITH*



*You are probably thinking to yourself that's right her dad's been dead 42yrs mom's been dead 26 yrs but I feel your pain. Nobody can tell you all how to or how long to grieve. I LUV CUZ ❤️*

**Stephanie Holmes** - February 03 at 12:25 AM

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“ *Dirria Bell lit a candle in memory of Marie N. Word*



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**Dirria Bell** - February 02 at 01:34 PM



“ *What a beautiful angel*



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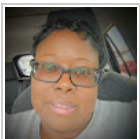
**Ivonya Douglas** - February 02 at 02:02 AM



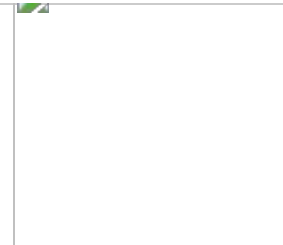
“ *Our deepest and sincere condolences to the Word family and friends during this difficult time. May the Lord continue to strengthen and comfort each of you. Our prayers are with you all, The Penn Family*

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**Kheisa Penn** - February 01 at 08:30 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family. May God give you strength.*



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**Tiamara Wynn** - February 01 at 07:55 PM



“ *To the Word Family,  
Moms are special people, especially ones like  
Ms. Word. She was an amazing mother with a  
deep love for her children and for all those  
who embraced her as their own. She had  
such a quiet, sweet spirit. Your mother was the kind of person who  
inspired integrity and kindness in everyone around her. Her legacy  
will live on through the many lives she touched. She will truly be  
missed.*

*With heartfelt sympathy,  
The Sampson, Roshell, Coger, Watkins, and Petite Families*

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**Lillie Sampson-Roshell** - February 01 at 04:42 AM



“ *Lillie Sampson-Roshell lit a candle in memory  
of Marie N. Word*

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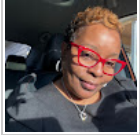
**Lillie Sampson-Roshell** - February 01 at 04:31 AM



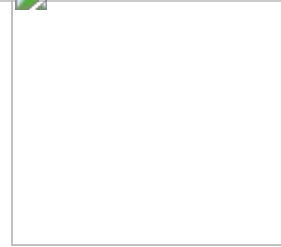
“ *Adrienne Cross lit a candle in memory of  
Marie N. Word*

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**Adrienne Cross** - February 01 at 04:16 AM



“ *Ivonya Douglas lit a candle in memory of Marie N. Word*

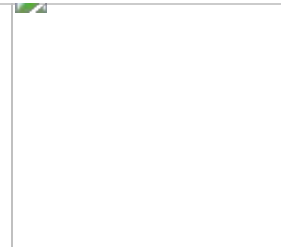


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**Ivonya Douglas** - February 01 at 04:01 AM



“ *Ivonya Douglas lit a candle in memory of Marie N. Word*

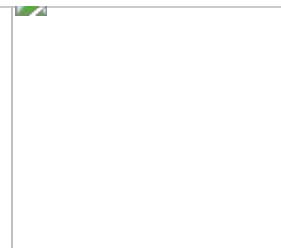


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**Ivonya Douglas** - February 01 at 03:59 AM



“ *JERRI DISMUKE lit a candle in memory of Marie N. Word*

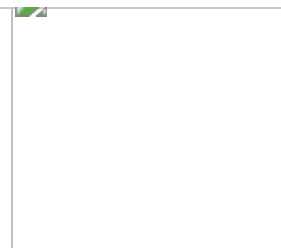


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**JERRI DISMUKE** - February 01 at 03:03 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family you have my prayers*



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**Valerie Brown** - January 31 at 06:47 AM



“ *Im sorry for you all's loss my prayers are with the family*

**Ruthie Flemister** - January 31 at 02:46 AM



“ *To the Word Family, May God give the strength and comfort that you need at this most difficult time. May God Bless each one of you. You all are in my prayers* ❤️🙏❤️

**Margaret Ryan** - January 29 at 11:48 PM



“ *Condolences to the Word family for the loss of your loved one. I will keep you all in my prayers. May many memories of happiness give you all the peace and comfort you need during this most challenging time. May she rest in eternal peace. Please accept my sincere condolences.*

**Gracelia Moore** - January 29 at 07:37 PM



“ *Ms. Marie will be truly missed. A very sweet Angel gained her wings.*

**Sheralaine Bradley** - January 29 at 05:36 PM

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“ *Mary Nell Hill lit a candle in memory of Marie N. Word*



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**Mary Nell Hill** - January 29 at 05:13 PM



“ *Rosa Watkins lit a candle in memory of Marie N. Word*

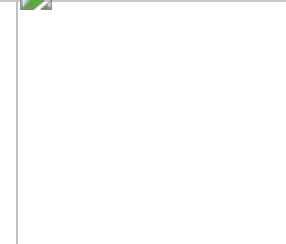


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**Rosa Watkins** - January 29 at 04:36 PM



“ *My condolences to the Word Families, May God give you strength and comfort at this time. May God Bless each one of you!*  
*Margaret Ryan*



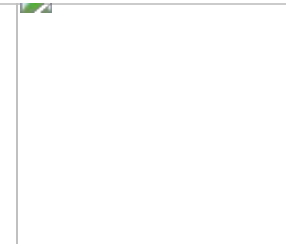
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**Margaret Ryan** - January 29 at 02:14 AM

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“ *My prayers are with Barbara and her family. Love you all.*

*Minister Rosalyn Smedley*



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**Rosalyn Smedley Dodson** - January 28 at 05:37 PM



“ *My condolences to the family on the loss of your love one May God's grace and mercy comfort you doing this time a bereavement*

*James and DeHavilland Elder*

DeHavilland Elder - January 28 at 03:32 PM



“ *Linda, you and your family has our sincere Condolences. Andy and the Widows Harvest ministries will keep you all lifted up in prayers..*

Joyce Fears - January 28 at 02:38 PM



“ *Linda and Family,*

*We are so sorry for your loss. We extend our deepest sympathy and lift prayers of comfort for your family. We love you!*

*Kellye and Nicholas Woods*

Nicholas - January 28 at 01:58 PM



“ *Linda and Family,*

*We are so sorry for your loss. We extend our deepest sympathy and lift prayers of comfort for your family. We love you!*

Nicholas - January 28 at 01:56 PM

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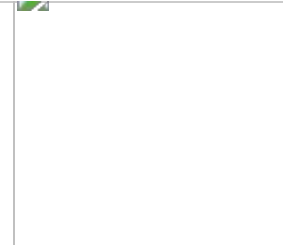
“ *Joyce Fears lit a candle in memory of Marie N. Word*



Joyce Fears - January 28 at 01:54 PM

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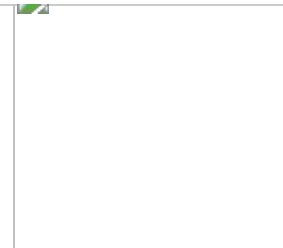
“ *My deepest condolences to the family*



Sophie King - January 28 at 03:52 AM

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“ *Sending prayers and condolences to the family Vonzell Smith Garner*



Mary Garner - January 28 at 01:35 AM

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“ *Gloria Patton Griffin lit a candle in memory of Marie N. Word*



Gloria Patton Griffin - January 27 at 06:58 PM