



## Minnie L. Witcher

October 26, 1933 - February 13, 2025

Minnie Lee Gary Witcher, known by “Moochie”, “Mama Witcher”, and “Minnie Mom”, 91, of Chattanooga, passed away Thursday, February 13, 2025, at her residence. She was born October 26, 1933, to Thomas S. Gary and Essie Mae Gary. She was a 1951 graduate of Howard High School. Minnie was a nanny for Amos Trotter of Trotter Pontiac Company for many years. She later began to work as a nanny for Dr. William Tip Kelley, DDS. Minnie broadened her horizon through the Orange Grove Center of Chattanooga as a teacher and mother to her students. Minnie was a faithful member of East Third Street Church of Christ, where she was on the Kitchen Culinary Team. She was preceded in death by her parents; daughters, Sandra Lynette Dallas and Kimberly Darlene Starks; sisters, Mary Pearl Newby, Irene Dave, Elizabeth Bonds, Oda Mae Woods, Thelma Gary, and Mizora Woods; niece, Iris Careathers; nephew, Ben Anderson; brothers, Thomas Gary and Alfonzo Gary. Survivors include her daughter, Edith Joyce Wadley; grandchildren, Ricardo “Utique” (Magdeline) Ware, Desman “Danté Ware, Sr. (Chiemeka Jones), Chirmére Monique Hardaway, and Bundles Elité Wadley; great-grandchildren, Kellel Nicole Ware, Desman Dante Ware, Jr., Jarius Ware, Micah Ware, Rease Harris, Ethan Billingsley, Wilson Simervil, and Olivia Simervil; sister, Elnora Kirby of Chattanooga; a host of nieces; nephews; cousins; extended family; many friends, “besties” Onnie Channel, Gertrude Bailey; and a host of other friends, neighbors, caregivers, and loved ones. Minnie will lie-in-state on Monday, February 24, 2025, at 9 a.m. at Taylor

Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 10 a.m. in the chapel with Brother John R. Taylor, Sr. as the Eulogist. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

1954 Greenwood Road  
Chattanooga, TN 37406

# Previous Events

## Lie-In-State

FEB 24. 9:00 AM (ET)

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

## Service

FEB 24. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

WP

“ *Wilma Poole lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher*



**Wilma Poole** - March 02, 2025 at 01:04 AM

KD

“ *Kelli Darden lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher*



**Kelli Darden** - February 28, 2025 at 01:18 PM

KD

*Ms. Mochie made the BEST TEA EVER!!!!!! She and my mom were great friends and enjoyed East 3rd St Church of God*

**Kelli Darden** - February 28, 2025 at 01:19 PM

Mary  
McCauley

“ *Mary McCauley lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher*



**Mary McCauley** - February 26, 2025 at 12:36 AM

NB

“ *Nicole Barrett lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher*



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**Nicole Barrett** - February 24, 2025 at 10:09 AM

CJ

“ *Carol E Johnson lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher*



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**Carol E Johnson** - February 24, 2025 at 09:31 AM

YJ

“ *It's going to be so hard not seeing or hugging Mama Moochie, especially at worship service or church events. Condolences to the family and friends. I love you mama Moochie.*

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**Yolanda Johnson** - February 23, 2025 at 05:56 PM

UN

“ *Undra hinton*



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**undra** - February 23, 2025 at 02:06 PM

GD

“ *Gloria J Daniels lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher*



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**Gloria J Daniels** - February 22, 2025 at 06:21 PM

TR

“ *Teresa Reed lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher*



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**Teresa Reed** - February 22, 2025 at 04:16 PM

LR

“ *Lera Richmond lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher*



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**Lera Richmond** - February 22, 2025 at 10:33 AM

JS

“ *Janice Sledge lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher*



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**Janice Sledge** - February 21, 2025 at 04:31 PM

JD

“ *Janice Dave lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher*



Janice Dave - February 21, 2025 at 10:54 AM

MT

“ *Marva Taylor lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher*



Marva Taylor - February 20, 2025 at 09:05 AM

HF

“ *CONDOLENCES out to the WITCHER Family, SORRY for your loss. It's SAD to see this...I've been looking for my girl. It's strange that i've known, talked to Minnie for MANY years, never knew her name. I can see her now mostly riding solo, waving when we saw each other passing. I used to tell her that she was nothing but a lil Roadrunner. I knew that i hadn't seen her in awhile, but figured it was because Food City had moved. ( Where i saw her mostly ) She was a really nice Lady, actually "made" me smile to watch her walk off like she was in a hurry! ( Smile! ) MAY SHE REST AMONG OTHERS IN HEAVEN.... HOWARD AKINS, ( HER FRIEND ) FAMILY*



HOWARD AKINS, FAMILY - February 20, 2025 at 05:54 AM

RH

“ *Condolences and prayers goes out to the family. May God continue to bless you and give you peace during this time.*



Reginia D Hamilton - February 19, 2025 at 03:31 PM

T,

*Sister Teresa, sending my condolences 🌸 to the family,*

Teresa , - February 19, 2025 at 08:50 PM

WJ

“ *Cousin Moochie was an absolute gem! Beautiful inside and out and had a heart of gold. I truly miss our weekly chats on the phone. I loved how excited she would be when she heard my voice. I loved how she insisted I not leave her house without praying over her first. She was a fierce, loving, kind hearted daughter of God. She was an amazing example of being the hands and feet of Jesus to me and so many others. She will be truly, truly missed. Thank You Father God for the 91 years that Cousin Moochie graced thod world with. Job Well Done Cousin Moochie!!!.Job well done!*



Wendy Jackson - February 19, 2025 at 02:38 PM

VT

“ Vickie Thornhill lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher



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**Vickie Thornhill** - February 19, 2025 at 11:22 AM

CB

“ Comm. Greg And Pat Beck lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher



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**Comm. Greg and Pat Beck** - February 19, 2025 at 10:01 AM

QM

“ Quisha Mathis lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher



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**Quisha Mathis** - February 19, 2025 at 09:32 AM

RK

“ A True Angel has left us here to go be with our Lord. I have loved Miss Moochie practically ever since I have been in this world. She has always been sweet and kind hearted. I know she will be surely missed by the East Third Street Church of Christ. I can just see her now in the Church kitchen taking care of business. For years I have called her "My Little Teenager". It saddens my heart that she is no longer in "this land of the Dying", but it's so good to know that she has her Wings now, and she is in the "Land of the Living". May God continue to Bless the Family during this time of bereavement. I can just picture Miss Moochie smiling because "EVERYDAY will be HAPPY over THERE".

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Regina Kelley-Starr - February 19, 2025 at 08:38 AM

EW

“ Effie (Brooks) Wilson lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher



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Effie (Brooks) Wilson - February 18, 2025 at 07:57 PM

LS

“ To the family of Minnie Witcher. Sis. Witcher played a vital part in my life as a young man. Sis. Witcher always made sure myself and my siblings always had what we needed. As a young boy I needed God in my life .Sis. Witcher and many other east 3rd st Church of Christ members made sure they taught me all they could. I obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ because of her and others. Her love was unimaginable for God. Because of her I am now a minister, elder,teacher and so much more. May God grant peace and comfort during your time of grief.



Leonard B Smith - February 18, 2025 at 06:00 PM

FB

*This hit hard I will truly miss her .*

Forrestine Smith Brown - February 18, 2025 at 11:21 PM

LP

“ To say she is gone is to hard 😞the love my husband and I shared with her will always be here, rest in peace Sis. Moochie a true sister in Christ We love you Rest in Peace.

Linda Pride - February 18, 2025 at 11:20 AM

TF

“ The Jordan, Gordon & Parham Family lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher



The Jordan, Gordon & Parham Family - February 17, 2025 at 08:32 PM

LD

“ I will Truly miss my Dear Sis. In Christ'  
Mama Moochie, you were my Girl,  
Rest Lady Love You !!!

Lonnetta Dixon - February 17, 2025 at 04:00 PM

SA

“ Stacy & Sonya Anderson lit a candle in  
memory of Minnie L. Witcher



Stacy & Sonya Anderson - February 17, 2025 at 01:49 PM

CB

“ Comm.Greg And Pat Beck sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Minnie L. Witcher



Comm.Greg and Pat Beck - February 17, 2025 at 12:53 PM

JB

“ JoAnn Ballard sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Minnie L. Witcher



JoAnn Ballard - February 17, 2025 at 12:17 PM

JB

*Mrs Minnie was a sweetheart and I loved her very much, she loved my brother as if he ( Reginald) was he own Son. Rest in Glory Mrs Minnie.*

JoAnn Ballard - February 17, 2025 at 12:21 PM

KW

“ *Kellye And Nicholas Woods lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher*



Kellye and Nicholas Woods - February 17, 2025 at 11:27 AM

GN

“ *The Newby's*



Gee Gee Newby - February 17, 2025 at 10:07 AM

Mary  
McCauley

“ *Mary McCauley lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher*



Mary McCauley - February 17, 2025 at 02:01 AM

RS

“ Renee Sharp lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher



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**Renee Sharp** - February 16, 2025 at 09:09 PM

SW

“ To the family and extended church family,

*During this time of bereavement, we send our prayers of comfort and support as another hard worker for the Lord has been called from labor to reward. Keep leaning on the Lord - - the great reunion day is coming when we will be around His throne all together, changed, no tears, no sorrow - we will have entered the Joy of the Lord.*

*With Agape' Love,*

*J. J. and Sharon Winston  
Ooltewah*

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**Sharon Hester Winston** - February 16, 2025 at 05:06 PM

AS

“ Anita Sims lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher



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**Anita Sims** - February 16, 2025 at 09:00 AM

JF

“ THIS IS HOW IT HAPPENED...WE WERE ALL SITTING AROUND LAUGHING AND TALKING WITH THE EAST THIRD STREET COC FAMILY..WASNT THINKING ABOUT SIS WITCHER MIGHT BE LEAVING US TODAY. BUT DR NEDRA WAS KEEPING AN EYE ON SIS WITCHER. SHE WOULD HOLD THAT ARM UP CHECK HER WATCH LOOK AT SIS WITCHER TO SEE IF SHE WAS OK.. LOW AND BEHOLD DR NEDRA CHECKED HER WATCH WENT OVER TOOK PULSE CHECKED RISE AND FALL OF HER CHEST THEN DR NEDRA SAID SHES GONE..SIS WALLACE THEN GOT UP PUT HER FACE TO SIS WITCHERS MOUTH SAID YES SHES GONE..I THEN SAID LET ME SEE FOR MYSELF .I STRAIGHTENED HER HEAD CHECKED HER NECK THEN HER WRIST..I SAID YEAH YALL SHES GONE..THE ANGEL CAME ESCORTED HER QUIETLY OUT FROM OUR REALM WHILE WE WERE LAUGHING AND TALKING..IF IT HADNT BEEN FOR DR NEDRA LORD WE WOULD STILL BE LAUGHING AND HAVING FUN IN THE LORD ..THANK YOU JESUS FOR CHRISTIANS THAT YOU SENT TO CAMP AROUND HER AS SHE MADE HER EXIT..WHAT A WAY TO GO ON HOME..AMEN THANK EVERYONE THAT WAS THERE FOR THAT GREAT AND DIFFERENT HOMEGOING..

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**Joyce and family** - February 15, 2025 at 08:26 PM

LO

“ Louise Davis O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher



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**Louise Davis O'Neal** - February 15, 2025 at 01:23 PM

CC

“ *Cassandra Cooper lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher*



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**Cassandra Cooper** - February 15, 2025 at 08:33 AM

SD

“ *Shirley Davis lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher*



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**Shirley Davis** - February 15, 2025 at 06:56 AM

CJ

“ *Carolyn Jones lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher*



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**Carolyn Jones** - February 15, 2025 at 01:22 AM

JS

“ *Jackie Smith lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher*



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**Jackie Smith** - February 15, 2025 at 01:22 AM

SM

“ *Sharron Sims McClarty lit a candle in memory of Minnie L. Witcher*



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**Sharron Sims McClarty** - February 14, 2025 at 05:17 PM

LP

*I will really miss my friend my sister in Christ and the loving, and giving and kind person* 💕💕💕

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**Linda Pride** - February 15, 2025 at 12:06 PM