



Syvella White

April 27, 1939 - September 11, 2023

Syvella Mae White, 84, of Chattanooga, passed away Monday, September 11, 2023, in a local hospital. She was born on April 27, 1939 in Cassandra, Georgia to Samuel Shelton and Ruth Mae Evans Shelton. Syvella was educated in public schools in Cassandra, GA and Chattanooga, TN. She met, fell in love, and married Melvin Louis White, I. Joining this union were 5 children, which 2 daughters preceded her in death. Syvella was a lifelong devoted member of Greater Friendship Community Church under the leadership of Bishop Damian Wigfall, Sr., where she served on the Mother Board. Syvella was a domestic worker for the McMillian family and Kovacevich family, 2 prominent families of Lookout Mountain, TN. She enjoyed watching westerns, working crossword puzzles, reading her bible, talking to her family and friends over the telephone, and shopping for cards and gifts to share with everyone. Syvella was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel and Ruth Mae Shelton; husband, Melvin Louis White, I; daughters, Shantay Monique White and Linda Joyce Harris; grandson, Harris DeJuan Lee; sisters, Maggie Lee Williams and Glenda Jo Stewart; brother, Gene Dale Evans; and closest friends who were true and dear to her heart and used to communicate with on a daily basis, Ann Reed, Marlene Gladden, Johnetta Clemmens, Mechelle Clemmens, Charlene Battle, Iris Brown, Rita Ward, and Peggy Kovacevich. Survivors include her daughters, Vanessa White of Chattanooga and Antionette (Arthur) Perry of Fayetteville, NC; son, Melvin Louis (Kathryn) White, II of Chattanooga; granddaughters, Ave`

Billingslea of Fayetteville and Ashley White of Chattanooga; grandsons, Derrick Shelton, Cedric Shelton, Deontae Lee, Melvin Louis (Keya) White, III, all of Chattanooga, Mondo (Cheri) Billingslea of Wilmington, NC, and Jeremy White of Dallas, TX; 23 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; sister, Alma Harris; brother, Samuel Lee Shelton, Jr.; sister-in-law, Aleta Norman; brother-in-law, Willie (Gwen) Norman; aunt, Ethel Thomas, all of Chattanooga; a host of nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives and friends. Syvella will lie-in-state on Thursday, September 28, 2023 from 12:30-5 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Friday, September 29, 2023, at 12 noon in the chapel with Bishop Damien Wigfall, Sr. as the eulogist. Burial in Forest Hills Cemetery.

Directions for Live Stream: Click on the link below to view the funeral service on Friday.

<https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTY5NTkxMTE5NzEyMjIxMDIhb25lcm9vbS1lbWFpbCZpbmZpdGF0aW9uX2NvcHlfbGluaw==>

Cemetery Details

Forest Hills Cemetery

4016 Tennessee Avenue
Chattanooga , TN 37409

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

SEP **28**. 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

SEP **29**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TJ

“ I am sad to hear that MRS white is gone and i hope that the family can have some peace.



trevon johnson - October 26, 2023 at 10:41 AM

TJ

“ Trevon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Syvella White



trevon johnson - October 25, 2023 at 08:06 AM

TJ

“ the Johnson family sends their deepest condolences to the white may syvella white be with the lord and in good hands and we are paying for Mrs white and the family.

trevon johnson - October 25, 2023 at 08:06 AM

TJ

“ my deepest condenses to the white family my MRS white be with the lord the god and my mrs white be with her family in the big sky.



trevon johnson - October 25, 2023 at 07:52 AM



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Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - October 07, 2023 at 05:35 PM



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“ My Condolences Ms.Toni to you and your family my prayers are with you.
Brenda Vaughn

Brenda T.Vaughn - September 29, 2023 at 07:48 PM



Extended prayers and condolences to you and your family Ms. Toni

James - October 04, 2023 at 12:47 PM



May she be with God 🍷🙏

Trevon Johnson - October 26, 2023 at 03:38 PM

TM

“ RIP cousin Syvella. Your beautiful smile lives on.



Trawana McConnell-Ervin - September 29, 2023 at 12:23 PM

TR

“ I remembered as a child growing up the conversations we had whenever she visited mom (Lucille) . She always has a great sense of humor and related to the young very well. You will be surely missed by friends and family. Rest in Peace . Prayers for All.
Tim Ramsey & Family

Timothy Ramsey - September 28, 2023 at 08:04 PM



“ Rose Impression Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Syvella White.



September 26, 2023 at 05:34 PM

AB

“ May the Lord continue to strengthen the family.



Anna Butler - September 26, 2023 at 01:45 PM

KW

“ Kimberly Washington lit a candle in memory of Syvella White



Kimberly Washington - September 26, 2023 at 10:21 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Syvella White.



September 26, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Syvella White.

September 26, 2023 at 09:49 AM

JD

“ Joann Dwight lit a candle in memory of Syvella White



Joann Dwight - September 21, 2023 at 03:25 PM

JD

My heart goes out to the family

Joann Dwight - September 21, 2023 at 03:27 PM

RT

“ *Robbie Toney lit a candle in memory of Syvella White*



Robbie Toney - September 21, 2023 at 11:41 AM

BM

“ *Beverly Mccrobey lit a candle in memory of Syvella White*



Beverly Mccrobey - September 15, 2023 at 09:54 AM

WD

“ *Praying for comfort, strength and peace for the family.*
Willie Bell Davis



Willie Bell Davis - September 14, 2023 at 10:58 AM

WC

“ *I'm already missing you Cousin, I'll see you later !!*

Winifred Careathers - September 13, 2023 at 08:05 PM