



Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander

November 29, 1950 - October 27, 2020

Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Yander was truly a virtuous woman. She loved Christ her husband, family, friends, and community. She was exceptionally beautiful both inside and out. Her outer presentation always represented her inner-being. Vibrant, stylish, elegant, brilliant, and hardworking are just a few words used to describe this beautiful soul.

Jeanette was born on November 29, 1950 in Haywood County, Tennessee. She was the youngest child of the late Willis "Doc" O. Carney and Annie H. Reames Carney Cox. Jeanette was married to her true soulmate, Walter E. Yander, Sr., a Vietnam and 24-year US army retired veteran. Together they exemplified the true essence of real love. Their love will continue always and forever! She was loved dearly by many and will be greatly missed.

Special memories are left to be cherished by seven children; Tracy Wiggins, Renee Wiggins, Ronnie (Stephanie) Wiggins, LaTonya Yander-Moody, Walter (Angela) Yander, Jr., Jamila (George) Yander-Miller, and Andre (Marie) Yander, twelve grandchildren; Dr. Kelby (Christopher) Garner, Chazni A. Darden, Jaydin L. Wiggins, Amani R. Wiggins, Princia Moody, Jayla Yander, Walter Yander III, Talia Young, Jaynia Miller, Samara Miller, Jeremiah Miller, Kendrea Yander, eight siblings; Annie Bell Williams (Preceded in Death), Vivian (June) Bond, Willie June Carney, Wilma (Freddie) Burnette, Michael Carney, Yvonne

Carney, Reginald (Ella Jean) Coleman, Cynthia Coleman Bond and a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Jeanette accepted Jesus Christ as her personal savior at an early age. She was a proud member of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, of Jackson, TN where she served as the President of the Deaconess Ministry, Vacation Bible School Teacher, Choir Member, and Director of the James Booth Scholarship Program.

Jeanette graduated Class of 1968 from Carver High School in Brownville, Tennessee, where she was actively involved in the Band as a trumpet player. Upon graduating from high school, Jeanette enrolled at Jackson State Community College and later, Lane College of Jackson, TN. At Lane College Jeanette received a Bachelor's degree in Business Education. Jeanette received her Certification in Elementary Education and a Master of Arts in Education from Union University. She also attended Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, TN, where she received hours above a Master's degree.

Jeanette had an extensive work history with over fifteen years in business and more than twenty-five years as an educator in Haywood and Jackson-Madison County school systems. Jeanette retired from education in December 2015. She was an excellent educator and it was her mission to encourage youth to reach for greatness both inside and outside the classroom.

Jeanette was a servant leader who loved to enhance her community. In addition to her involvement and leadership at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Jeanette was also a member of several organizations. She was a member of The Top Ladies of Distinction, Jackson Chapter, where she served as the Coordinator & Chairperson of Community Beautification, Alpha Kappa Alpha

Sorority, Gamma Alpha Omega Chapter, Lane College Alumni Association, Jackson Chapter, NAACP, Jackson Chapter, served as a member of the nominating committee, Dunbar Carver High School Alumni Association, served as the First Vice President, Brownsville, TN, Community Resource Development (CRD) Association, Dyersburg, TN, Member of the Retired Tennessee Education Association (RTEA), Relay For Life Supporter, St. Jude, Hospital Supporter, and the America Heart Association Supporter.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.
807 N. Hays Avenue
Jackson, TN 38301
(731) 427-7411
info@stephenson-shaw.com
<https://www.stephenson-shaw.com>

Graveside Service

NOV 1. 12:00 PM (CT)

Ridgecrest Cemetery
200 Ridgecrest Road
Jackson, TN 38301

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Oh, the laughter we shared at West Middle School! Jeanette will always be remembered as a bright light! I am only now hearing of her passing into Heaven's gates, and I am so saddened. I am thankful that our paths crossed at Stein Mart about a year ago and for the cheerful hour we spent talking and catching up. My sympathy to her family.*

Bethany Brown - February 02, 2021 at 04:13 PM



“ *Bobby Pruitt Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander*



Bobby Pruitt Jr. - November 13, 2020 at 12:30 AM



“ *Catherine was a friend and one of the nicest person I have known. I will miss her so much. Rest in Heaven dear friend. My condolences to the family for a life well lived. Always in our hearts.*

*Iris Gardner (Lanite)
Paris, TN*

Iris Gardner - November 05, 2020 at 09:17 PM

KJ

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family, I remember her very well, always loved to hear her sing , when we came down for the summer at my Grandparents church (Antioch) in Bells, TN. Praying for your strength. May God bless and keep you all*



Kimberly Bean Jones - November 04, 2020 at 08:48 PM

YF

“ *Yandal, Tyus, & Mitchell Families lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander*



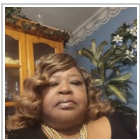
Yandal, Tyus, & Mitchell Families - November 01, 2020 at 10:45 PM



“ *Bobby Pruitt Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander*

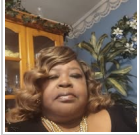


Bobby Pruitt Jr. - November 01, 2020 at 01:43 AM



“ *A beautiful person inside and out. You will never be forgotten. Spread your wings and fly high! ❤️*

Pamela Worles - October 31, 2020 at 05:46 PM



“ *Pamela Worles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander*



Pamela Worles - October 31, 2020 at 05:42 PM

EB

Gone but never ever forgotten. Rest In Peace soldier.

Evangelist Robbie Beverly - November 02, 2020 at 12:24 PM

IC

“ *Ida M Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander*



Ida M Coleman - October 31, 2020 at 03:53 PM

NC

“ *Natalie Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander*



Natalie Coleman - October 31, 2020 at 03:52 PM

MI

“ *Walter*
May your memories of the wonderful times you shared with Jeanette comfort you and your family today and always. May the Lord Jesus strengthen you as you go through this time of sorry.
Michael Bond

Michael - October 31, 2020 at 12:18 AM

CP

“ *Carrie Parker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander*



Carrie Parker - October 30, 2020 at 07:40 PM

LW

“ *Love Always, Soror Brenda Graves- Walker purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander.*



Love Always, Soror Brenda Graves- Walker - October 30, 2020 at 06:19 PM

BF

“ *Betty Ellis and Family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander.*



Betty Ellis and Family - October 30, 2020 at 02:45 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander.*



October 30, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ *Betty Buckingham And lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander*



Betty Buckingham and - October 30, 2020 at 01:21 PM



“ *Wayne, Patricia, and the HaleStorm Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander.*



Wayne, Patricia, and the HaleStorm Family - October 30, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ *Jeanette is a very sweet Lady, Angel and friend of my family. I remember my grandmother going by Ms Annie's house when we were younger. I speak of her in presence tense because her Spirit will remain in my heart. God Bless and Praying for you all ❤️💜.*
Debra Dickerson NC (Classmate of Reginald)

debra dickerson - October 30, 2020 at 12:32 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander.*



October 30, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ *Laura Pearson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander*



Laura Pearson - October 30, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander.*



October 30, 2020 at 11:38 AM

BG

“ *Mrs. Jeanette was a sweet spirit. I recently learned that she and my mother were friends. She came to my mother's wake in September, and we talked for a while. I even learned that we may be related. She told me that she and my mother would talk periodically on the phone to stay in touch. I reminded her about the times I would spend the night at her house with Renee when we were in high school. She made me laugh with sweet memories. I hope that the wonderful memories of your mother last a lifetime and bring you comfort and peace in the days ahead. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers! Love always,*
Brenda Graves-Walker



Brenda Graves-Walker - October 30, 2020 at 10:15 AM

CM

“ *Jeanette had a heart of gold! She loved and served the Lord with gladness! Forever the optimist; Her smile, her chuckle will be missed!*



Carla Mann - October 30, 2020 at 12:20 AM

BM

“ *Barbara Woods Miller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander*



Barbara Woods Miller - October 29, 2020 at 10:57 PM

HB

“ Hazel Boyd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander

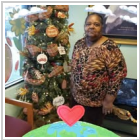


Hazel Boyd - October 29, 2020 at 10:51 PM



“ Jeanette was one of my childhood friend and class mate John E Allen Sr.

Charlotte M Allen - October 29, 2020 at 10:39 PM



“ Charlotte M Allen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander



Charlotte M Allen - October 29, 2020 at 10:35 PM

L(

“ Lue Verne Martin (Cookie) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander



Lue Verne Martin (Cookie) - October 29, 2020 at 09:30 PM

AT

“ Annie Turner.Freeman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander



Annie Turner.Freeman - October 29, 2020 at 08:34 PM

BS

“ Brown And Gardenell Springfield lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander



Brown and Gardenell Springfield - October 29, 2020 at 08:25 PM

GW

Jeanette was a childhood friend, classmate, and colleague. Jeanette and her sister Wilma lived with my in-laws when they started college. Our lives continued to intertwine over the years. She was a loving and compassionate person inside and out. She will truly be missed. My family and I send our condolences to the family. May God provide you with strength and mercy during this difficult time! The Whitelaw Family: Gwen, Charles, Shirley, Angela, Lovie and children 🙏

Gwendolyn J. Whitelaw - October 31, 2020 at 11:09 PM

PP

“ In memory of Jeanette , may you Rest In Peace. Lifting your family up in prayer. Love Pam



Pamela Pearson - October 29, 2020 at 08:18 PM

AT

“ *Annie Turner.Freeman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander*



Annie Turner.Freeman - October 29, 2020 at 05:27 PM

HB

“ *Hattie Boyd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander*



Hattie Boyd - October 29, 2020 at 04:26 PM



Janice Pugh

Jeanette, I'm going to miss you! Yet, I know God needed and loved you more!

Janice Pugh - October 29, 2020 at 09:27 PM

AC

“ *Angela Mitchell Cole lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander*



Angela Mitchell Cole - October 29, 2020 at 03:26 PM

MD

“ *Maurine DCannon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander*



Maurine DCannon - October 29, 2020 at 03:22 PM

MJ

“ *Mae Dickerson Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander*



Mae Dickerson Jackson - October 29, 2020 at 02:55 PM

AC

“ *Angela Mitchell Cole lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander*



Angela Mitchell Cole - October 29, 2020 at 01:32 PM

QM

“ *Queen Merriweather lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander*



Queen Merriweather - October 28, 2020 at 10:32 PM

HS

Helen Stewart my condolences for the family

Helen Stewart - October 29, 2020 at 07:49 PM

SR

“ *Shirley Davis Russell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander*



Shirley Davis Russell - October 28, 2020 at 08:39 PM

JB

“ *Johnnie Boyd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander*



Johnnie Boyd - October 28, 2020 at 08:17 PM

RB

“ *Rev. Nathaniel Bell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander*



Rev. Nathaniel Bell - October 28, 2020 at 06:20 PM

AB

“ Anne Banks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander



Anne Banks - October 28, 2020 at 03:55 PM

EC

“ ELLA COLEMAN lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander



ELLA COLEMAN - October 28, 2020 at 03:16 PM

DS

“ I was so saddened to hear of the death of Jeanette. She was a close friend to me and my family. May God be with her family during this time, and beyond.



Deborah Sturdivant

Deborah Sturdivant - October 28, 2020 at 01:28 PM

AT

My heart is still heavy after hearing of the transitioning of my classmate and good friend Jeanette. Praying for you and your family during this difficult time.

Annie Turner.Freeman - October 29, 2020 at 05:23 PM

JL

Joy Long, Cholyn Henning

We'd like to extend our heart felt condolence to the family of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins-Yander

Joy Long - October 31, 2020 at 09:48 PM

BB

“ *You will be missed*

barbara bell - October 28, 2020 at 01:11 PM

DS

“ *Dr. Ethel Spivey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Wiggins Yander*



Dr. Ethel Spivey - October 28, 2020 at 08:43 AM

ET

The local Alumni Chapter of Dunbar- Haywood County Training-Carver High School, Brownsville, Tennessee, acknowledges the great dedication of Mrs. Yander to the school. She will be greatly missed.

Local graduates of the school

Eloise Terry - October 29, 2020 at 12:52 PM

ET

The Terry family will certainly miss Jeanette. She was our friend. Our prayers are with the family.

Eloise Terry - October 29, 2020 at 12:55 PM



Linda Terry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Jeanette Yander.

Linda Terry

Linda Terry - October 29, 2020 at 01:03 PM



Jeanette was a long time neighbor of the Brooks family, and we are so very surprised and sorry to hear of her passing. One thing we know for sure is that she love the Lord, so I know she is resting in peace.

Carolyn Brooks - October 30, 2020 at 10:18 AM