



## Mrs. Edna Smith Williams

July 2, 1961 - December 30, 2022

Edna Earl Smith Williams was born on July 2, 1961, in Red Banks, Mississippi, to the late Mrs. Truly Mae Taylor. She departed from her earthly home on Friday, December 30, 2022, at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital in Jackson, Tennessee.

Edna was raised in Brownsville, Tennessee, and she graduated from Haywood High School in 1981. She spent her collegiate experience at the University of Tennessee at Martin where she found her beloved soulmate, Dewayne. They were married in 1983 and had three beautiful children, raising them in Bells, Tennessee.

Edna professed her faith and love for Christ at an early age at Taylors Chapel CME Church in Brownville, TN. After marrying her husband, she became an active and faithful servant of Bells Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Bells, Tennessee. She was a member of the choir, leading her illustrious songs "Old Landmark" and "Jesus." Edna loved her family and left an astonishing mark everywhere that she went.

Edna was a hard worker and went above and beyond to complete any job or task. She was a dedicated employee for Porter-Cable, Bells Nursing Home, and the Jackson Clinic.

Edna was preceded in death by her husband, Dewayne Williams; parents,

George and Truly Mae Taylor; grandparents, Ras and Agather Taylor; father-in-law, Willis Jacox; stepmother-in-law, Annette Jacox; and granddaughter, Karlee Dotson.

She leaves to cherish her legacy and memory: her children, Lakesha (Kelby) Williams of Murfreesboro, TN, Eric (Lindsay) Williams of Bells, TN, and Kiara (Joshua) Dotson of Humboldt, TN; siblings, Calvin (Yanchun) Hearn of Fremont, CA, Henry (Amanda) Smith of Jackson, TN, Agather (Jerome Sr.) Miller of Brownsville, TN, Larry (Michelle) Smith and Sandra Smith, both of Jackson, TN, Patricia Taylor of Medina, TN; special granddaughters, Jaeqania Claybrook and Kinzlee Dotson; grandchildren, Nate, Haydn, Konnor, Kortney, JaKyla, Jailyn, and Joslyn; mother-in-law, Mary Frances Williams of Bells, TN; brothers-in-law, Donnie Williams of Nashville, TN, Stanley Williams of Bells, TN, Chris (Stacey) Williams of Maury City, TN, and Darrell Jacox and Brian Jacox, both of Minneapolis, MN; sisters-in-law, Norma (DeLonn) Wade, Jennifer Jacox, and Wendy Jacox, all of Minneapolis, MN; two special brothers, Lee (Susie) Smith of Victoria, MS, and Rudy (Laverne) Whitelaw of Holly Springs, MS; a special cousin/friend, Stephanie Luster of Jackson, TN; and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakview Memorial Gardens

Highway 412  
Alamo, TN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 6. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

JAN 7. 12:00 PM (CT)

Macedonia Baptist Church  
106 Glass Street  
Jackson, TN 38301

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Edna Smith Williams*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *It is never easy losing a loved one! Kiara, my thoughts are with you and your entire family at this very difficult time. I know your mom will live on in your minds and hearts forever. You have my deepest condolences sweet lady!!*

**Karen Fuller** - January 07, 2023 at 03:44 PM



“ *Our prayers and heartfelt sympathy are with all of you. Your mother, sister, and grandmother was loving and caring and your sweet memories of her will always live on in your hearts and minds.*  
*Pauline Chisholm & Family*



**Pauline G Chisholm** - January 07, 2023 at 09:13 AM



“ *Larry Mary Davis lit a candle in memory of Edna Williams*



**Larry and Mary Davis** - January 06, 2023 at 10:21 PM

RJ

“ *Condolences to the family. Look to our Savior during your time of bereavement and he will give you strength.*

*Rhonda Jones*

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**Rhonda Jones** - January 06, 2023 at 12:10 PM

BD

“ *Brenda Dotson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Edna Smith Williams.*



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**Brenda Dotson** - January 06, 2023 at 11:57 AM

MP

“ *Monola Patterson lit a candle in memory of Edna Williams*



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**Monola Patterson** - January 05, 2023 at 07:20 PM

MT

“ *Grateful for the happy memories we shared. My heart is heavy. Rest now. You will be greatly missed.*



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**Macie Turley** - January 05, 2023 at 01:43 PM

DD

“ Praying for Family and Friends 🙏💜. Debra Dickerson and Family (Class of 1975)

Debra Dickerson - January 04, 2023 at 08:26 PM

LD

“ Condolences to the family. Edna will be missed in our neighborhood. She was always kind and sweet. Praying God will send comfort and peace at this difficult time. ❤️



Larry and Mary Davis - January 04, 2023 at 06:22 PM

LG

“ My sincere condolences to the entire family.

Leonard Graves - January 04, 2023 at 01:48 PM

AF

With deepest Sympathy and Heartfelt prayers for The Williams Family

Annette Fisher - January 06, 2023 at 10:54 AM

GB

“ Gloria "Buffie" Braddock lit a candle in memory of Edna Williams



Gloria "Buffie" Braddock - January 03, 2023 at 11:38 PM

LH

“ Sending love and prayers to children, grandchildren, and family. Ms. Edna will be greatly missed. Such a sweet and loving woman.



Lakeshia Hardville - January 03, 2023 at 10:30 PM

RH

“ We are so deeply saddened by the loss of our beloved classmate and friend. Such a sweet soul. May God continue to grant you strength during this difficult time. Prayers lifted for the family.  
Classmate,  
Rhonda Horton, Michigan

rhonda horton - January 03, 2023 at 10:29 PM

LC

“ LaWanda Cole lit a candle in memory of Edna Williams



LaWanda Cole - January 03, 2023 at 07:05 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Edna Smith Williams.



January 03, 2023 at 05:19 PM

EC

“ *ELLA COLEMAN lit a candle in memory of Edna Williams*



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**ELLA JEAN COLEMAN** - January 03, 2023 at 09:59 AM

PJ

“ *Penny Jacox lit a candle in memory of Edna Williams*



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**Penny Jacox** - January 02, 2023 at 07:36 PM

SR

“ *I am so sorry for your loss my cousins. Your mother was a beautiful and loving and kind hearted person. She always greeted you with that beautiful smile and gave the best hugs!! She will be truly missed!!! We are praying for all of you!!*



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**Sandra Robinson** - January 02, 2023 at 07:25 PM

AW

“ *Antonio Whitelow&family sent a virtual gift in memory of Edna Williams*



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**Antonio Whitelow&family** - January 02, 2023 at 06:56 PM

MC

“ *Mary Cliff lit a candle in memory of Edna Williams*



Mary Cliff - January 02, 2023 at 06:52 PM

AR

“ *To my family I love you and your mom will be missed. My prayers and love for you at this time!!* 🙏❤️



Alexis Reddick - January 02, 2023 at 06:16 PM

MC

“ *Marsha Cole lit a candle in memory of Edna Williams*



Marsha Cole - January 02, 2023 at 06:12 PM



“ *. lit a candle in memory of Edna Williams*



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GH

“ *Glenda Ann Hess lit a candle in memory of Edna Williams*



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**Glenda Ann Hess** - January 02, 2023 at 04:40 PM

AB

“ *Annie Brooks lit a candle in memory of Edna Williams*



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**Annie Brooks** - January 02, 2023 at 03:46 PM

JE

“ *Jo Ellison lit a candle in memory of Edna Williams*



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**Jo Ann Ellison** - January 02, 2023 at 02:30 PM

RE

“ *Rhonda Ellison lit a candle in memory of Edna Williams*



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**Rhonda Ellison** - January 02, 2023 at 02:29 PM

LA

“ Prayers for Edna’s children, grandchildren and entire family. She was loved by many and will be greatly missed! 🙏❤️🕊️



LaWanda Anderson - January 02, 2023 at 01:27 PM

DP

“ Danette Pitts sent a virtual gift in memory of Edna Williams



Danette Pitts - January 01, 2023 at 09:46 PM

LF

“ Ligon Family lit a candle in memory of Edna Williams



Ligon Family - January 01, 2023 at 07:45 AM

MW

“ Praying for the family



Marvin and Deborah Woods - December 31, 2022 at 10:38 PM

JI

“ *Jerry Ingram lit a candle in memory of Edna Williams*



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**Jerry Ingram** - December 31, 2022 at 12:09 PM

MC

“ *Marsha Cole lit a candle in memory of Edna Williams*



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**Marsha Cole** - December 31, 2022 at 08:22 AM

MA

“ *To the William and Taylor family y'all have my deepest condolences and prayers. R. I.P Aunt Edna until we meet again.*

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**Marie** - December 31, 2022 at 03:31 AM

RM

“ *Another one gone but not forgotten! Down home isn't gonna be the same. Praying for the family.*



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**Rebecca McLin Mann** - December 30, 2022 at 11:09 PM

MW

“ *Williams family, I only knew Edna as a sweet, gentle and loving person. My most sincere condolences, thoughts and prayers are with you all.*



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**Marie Whitthorne** - December 30, 2022 at 07:36 PM

JP

“ *J Powell sent a virtual gift in memory of Edna Williams*



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**J Powell** - December 30, 2022 at 07:31 PM

CT

“ *Charlotte Twiddy sent a virtual gift in memory of Edna Williams*



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**Charlotte Twiddy** - December 30, 2022 at 07:13 PM