



## Mrs. Virginia Dickerson Wade

March 29, 1922 - April 24, 2023

Margaret Virginia Dickerson Wade was born March 29, 1922, in Mason, Fayette County, Tennessee. The daughter of John and Ida Mae Chandler Dickerson.

She departed this life on Monday, April 24, 2023, at the age of 101 years young. She was a legend within her own right.

In 1948, Virginia married the late Travis Wade, Sr. and to this union six children were born.

She was educated in the Crockett County School System, attending Bells Elementary School, Central High School and graduating from Lane College.

Virginia began her career in education and became the first African American principal at Friendship Elementary School in Friendship, Tennessee. She was hand-picked by the Superintendent of Schools to serve as a kindergarten teacher at Alamo High School and worked there until retirement.

Her strength and perseverance are only minor attributes as we describe her legacy. She was admired and respected by many in the community and was loved by all in her family.

Virginia professed her life in Christ at an early age. She attended St. Luke Church of God in Christ for her entire life.

Virginia never met a stranger. She enjoyed conversation and activities at the Crockett County Senior Center. As a personal flair, Virginia made sure to sign her name on all of her personal effects. Some of her most joyous moments were spent at the annual Dickerson, Chandler, Freeman family reunion, the Wade Camporee, Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners, 4th of July fireworks, and daily recordings of Bishop G.E. Patterson. Given her many talents, she renamed her home "The House of Knowledge."

She was preceded in death by her husband, Travis Wade, Sr., sons Floyd T. Wade and Howard Powell, son-in-law Earl M. Shaw, Jr., parents John and Ida Dickerson. Sister, Jessie (L.F.) Simmons; brother Eddie (Edith) Dickerson; sister Ruby (Elbert) Reams; brother Floyd (Jessie) Dickerson; brother Eugene (Martha) Dickerson; sister Ora (James) Macklin; brother Chester (Beatrice) Dickerson; and brother-in-law John Wyatt.

Those who remain to honor her legacy are, Dr. Jo Ann (Fred) Sumrall; Travis, Jr. (Gail) Wade; Beverly Shaw; Wendell (Pam) Wade; Mendel (Lisa) Wade; brother Larence (Countess) Dickerson; sister Annie Wyatt; Brother-in-law M.D. (Mae) Wade, Jr.; sister-in-law Joyce (Murlyn) Cole; daughter-in-law Jo Anne Powell. Grandchildren, Monica (Ashley) Thomas; Ronald Sumrall; Marcia (James) Hodges; Damian Wade; Tameka (Leonard) Lucas; Dion (Shadairea) Wade; Tiffany Wade; Ashley (Eddie) Febres; Trista Wade; Amber Shaw, Earl M. Shaw, III.; Chandler Shaw; Stewart Wade; Annette Powell Moore, and Carmen Powell Carter. Great-Grandchildren Sterling Carter; Daimone Golden; Xavier Chatman; Monte and Mensha Wade; Ari Thomas; Joauna Carter, Lauren Thomas; Bradford Hodges; Landon Lucas; Zaneria Wade; Taylor Hodges; Daniel Shaw Moore, Lanah Lucas; Dallas Wade; Matthias Wade and Naomi Febres.

The heights of Virginia's life were rooted in her faith, family, and farm. Her artistic talents were beautiful; painting, sewing, crocheting, quilting, beading bracelets, gardening, playing the piano, and canning seasonal foods. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

# Cemetery Details

## Old Liberty Cemetery

5585 Johnsons Grove Road  
Alamo , TN 38001

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 30. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

## Celebration of Life

MAY 1. 12:00 PM (CT)

Unity Temple Church Of God In Christ  
369 Lexington Street  
Jackson, TN 38301

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Virginia Dickerson Wade*



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**Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc** - May 01, 2023 at 12:16 PM



Khaliah  
Littleton -  
Williams

“ *What a beautiful homegoing celebration for our beloved Aunt Gent. We have not looked outside our Family for a women to immulate in over 100 years. The Dickerson-Wade women are virtuous trailblazers and I thank God their legacy lives in us* ❤️

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**Khaliah Littleton - Williams** - May 01, 2023 at 03:12 PM

SD

“ *Sally Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Virginia Wade*



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**Sally Dickerson** - May 01, 2023 at 12:44 PM

CS

“ *Crissie Stitts lit a candle in memory of Virginia Wade*



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**Crissie Stitts** - May 01, 2023 at 12:13 PM

BD

“ *My Aunt 'Gent , I loved her dearly. Three switches braided together in her hand, kept me awake at night long after the family reunion was over. So much love and laughter.* 😂❤️🙏

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**Beverly A Dickerson** - May 01, 2023 at 12:12 PM

MW

“ *To the Wade-Dickerson family.... We have been connected ALL of my life and family is who you are to me. My earliest memories includes all of you and your Madea was there for all of my milestones. Although she has run her race and now taken her rest, Mrs. Virginia Wade is not one to be easily forgotten and she left her mark on countless children as well as anyone else she met. My prayer for you today is that God will comfort you and encapsulate you with His peace that passes all understanding, in Christ Jesus. Much love to you all and God bless.*



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**Marie Whitthorne** - May 01, 2023 at 11:39 AM

EW

“ *elvira willis lit a candle in memory of Virginia Wade*



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**elvira willis** - May 01, 2023 at 10:42 AM

NB

“ *2 files added to the album photos & videos*



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**Nicole Barnes** - May 01, 2023 at 08:30 AM

BG

“ *Mrs Wade was a sweet lady. She was my kindergarten teacher at Central school. Mrs Wade and my Mom, Jean Anderson, belonged to the same church. Therefore, I continue to see her years after I moved away. It was so nice that she remembered me as we both grew older. She was a beautiful and kind Lady. My condolences to the family.*

*Brenda Greene*

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**Brenda Greene** - April 30, 2023 at 09:46 PM

MC

“ *Mary Cliff lit a candle in memory of Virginia Wade*



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**Mary Cliff** - April 30, 2023 at 07:57 PM

BN

“ *Barbara Maclin Nunn lit a candle in memory of Virginia Wade*



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**Barbara J. Maclin Nunn** - April 30, 2023 at 05:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Virginia Dickerson Wade.*



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April 29, 2023 at 11:46 AM

MB

“ *Mary Elizabeth McLin (Bae Bae) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Virginia Dickerson Wade.*



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**Mary Elizabeth McLin (Bae Bae)** - April 29, 2023 at 10:16 AM

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**Mary Elizabeth McLin (Bae Bae)** - April 29, 2023 at 10:16 AM

JM

“ *While I did not have the pleasure of knowing your beautiful mom, Beverly, I am sending you my deepest condolences to you and your family on such a tremendous loss.*

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**Joanne Merry** - April 29, 2023 at 01:08 AM

MJ

“ *Mae (Hardville) Jones lit a candle in memory of Virginia Wade*



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**Mae R. (Hardville) Jones** - April 28, 2023 at 06:51 PM

KW

“ *I meet a beautiful spiritual bound women of God.  
I will miss her just from the short time, I has known her.  
Beautiful times listening to Rev. G, E. Patterson ministry with her.  
Prayers and condolences to all of the family.  
That the Lord continue to be with you all.  
Yours truly, Karen Wilkes*

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**Karen Wilkes** - April 28, 2023 at 05:33 PM

EC

“ *Ella Coleman lit a candle in memory of Virginia Wade*



**Ella J. Coleman** - April 28, 2023 at 02:59 PM



“ *Sending heartfelt condolences to Beverly and her siblings, her grand children all students she taught, and everyone whom mourns her loss !!*



**Mary Wynne** - April 28, 2023 at 01:28 PM

MH

“ *To the family of cousin Virginia, we've always loved & admired the Beautiful & kind soul of Virginia. Our deepest sympathy & prayers for you @ this difficult x. Frances Howard & Family.*

**Mary Frances Howard** - April 28, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Virginia Dickerson Wade.*



April 28, 2023 at 11:16 AM

JS

“ *Sending prayers and condolences to the Wade family. May God provide strength and comfort.* ”



Jock and Belinda (Morgan) Sterling - April 28, 2023 at 07:15 AM

AR

“ *The family of Mrs Virginia Wade have my deepest sympathy and prayers* 🙏❤️ ”



Alexis Reddick - April 28, 2023 at 12:28 AM

NB

“ *Words and flowers cannot express the great joy Aunt Gent brought into our lives. Sending virtual hugs and love from The Barnes & Smith Family - Levi (Bonnie) Barnes, James Barnes, Michael Barnes, Nicole Barnes, Dr. Aisha Smith* ”

Nicole Barnes - April 27, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mrs. Virginia Dickerson Wade.* ”



April 27, 2023 at 10:17 PM

BI

“ *My sincere condolences to the Wade/Shaw Family.*  
*Jerry & Brenda Ingram*



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**Brenda Ingram** - April 27, 2023 at 05:45 PM

OF

“ *You are in our prayer.we so sorry for your lost Mr.Mrs Barney Joe Brooks*

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**Ollie f.Brooks** - April 27, 2023 at 04:59 PM

OF

“ *Ollie f.Brooks lit a candle in memory of Virginia Wade*



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**Ollie f.Brooks** - April 27, 2023 at 04:57 PM

MP

“ *Melvin Carolyn Polk lit a candle in memory of Virginia Wade*



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**Melvin & Carolyn Polk** - April 27, 2023 at 02:43 PM

MF

“ Condolences to the Wade family. Mrs. Virginia was a very sweet lady, an inspiration to all. She will truly be missed.

Melvin Polk & Family - April 27, 2023 at 02:31 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Virginia Dickerson Wade.



April 27, 2023 at 02:10 PM

MD

“ Mr Mrs Larry Davis lit a candle in memory of Virginia Wade



Mr & Mrs Larry Davis - April 27, 2023 at 10:46 AM

MD

“ Condolences to the Wade-Dickerson Family. I fondly remember Mrs Virginia with her Elementary Students when I was in High School at Central High in Alamo. She was a Beautiful and such a Nice Lady! She will be missed. Prayers for the family. ❤️



Mary (McLemore) Davis - April 27, 2023 at 10:44 AM

AB

“ *Alonzo Betts lit a candle in memory of Virginia Wade*



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**Alonzo L. Betts** - April 27, 2023 at 08:40 AM

JS

“ *Jewell Sistrunk lit a candle in memory of Virginia Wade*



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**Jewell Sistrunk** - April 27, 2023 at 12:31 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Virginia Dickerson Wade.*



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April 26, 2023 at 11:28 PM

JP

“ *Joyce Pirtle lit a candle in memory of Virginia Wade*



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**Joyce Pirtle** - April 26, 2023 at 10:40 PM

TF

“ *The Deborah Chandler-Chatman Family purchased the Gerberas and Palms Spray for the family of Mrs. Virginia Dickerson Wade.*



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**The Deborah Chandler-Chatman Family** - April 26, 2023 at 06:53 PM

LF

“ *Lamar Wade and Family purchased the Pink Pot pourri Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Virginia Dickerson Wade.*



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**Lamar Wade and Family** - April 26, 2023 at 03:45 PM

ST

“ *Mother Wade's will be miss,praying for the family, stan an almeda kenton union city tn*



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**Stan almeda kenton union city tn** - April 26, 2023 at 12:10 PM

JR

“ *The Reddick Family send there condolences.*



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**James Reddick** - April 25, 2023 at 07:49 PM

BR

“ *The Ligon family of Bells, Tn. Send their condolences to the entire Wade Family. Our prayers will forever be with you all.*



**Brenda Reddick** - April 25, 2023 at 07:40 PM

DB

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Butler, send there condolences to the Wade family, May God replenish your strength .*



**Diane Butler** - April 25, 2023 at 07:24 PM

BR

“ *Condolences to the Wade family.*



**Bobby Joe Riddick** - April 25, 2023 at 05:52 PM

WP

“ *1 file added to the album photos & videos*



**Wanda Palmer** - April 25, 2023 at 04:37 PM

KW

*Beautiful family*

**Karen Wilkes** - April 28, 2023 at 05:36 PM

TP

“*Ms. Virginia Wade was a dear, sweet lady whom I admired. She taught so very many kids in school & always stated how she taught her children to put on an apron and get in the kitchen and cook, even all those boys she raised.*

*I Loved Her and I know she'll be missed by her loving family of which she was the matriarch. RIP Ms. Virginia XO.*

**Teresa R. Pool** - April 25, 2023 at 02:49 PM

BM

*Condolences to the Wade family such a beautiful, kind, and sweet lady. Prayers for the entire family.*

*Barbara Woods Miller*

**Barbara Woods Miller** - April 27, 2023 at 04:49 PM

TP

“*Teresa Pool lit a candle in memory of Virginia Wade*



**Teresa R. Pool** - April 25, 2023 at 02:47 PM

TV

“ *The Vanderbaes purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Mrs. Virginia Dickerson Wade.*



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**The Vanderbaes** - April 25, 2023 at 12:41 PM

OF

“ *Sorry for your lost Mr & mrs Barney J Brooks*

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**Ollie f.Brooks** - April 25, 2023 at 12:03 PM

MD

“ *Marva Dupree lit a candle in memory of Virginia Wade*



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**Marva Dupree** - April 25, 2023 at 08:40 AM

MC

“ *Mr. Mrs. Henry & LaVelle Claybrook lit a candle in memory of Virginia Wade*



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**Mr. & Mrs. Henry & LaVelle Claybrook** - April 25, 2023 at 08:12 AM

CS

“ *Crissie Stitts lit a candle in memory of Virginia Wade*



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**Crissie Stitts** - April 25, 2023 at 03:56 AM

LH

“ *Lloyd Hardville lit a candle in memory of Virginia Wade*



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**Lloyd Hardville** - April 24, 2023 at 09:23 PM

JP

“ *Justin Powell lit a candle in memory of Virginia Wade*



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**Justin Powell** - April 24, 2023 at 08:16 PM

MT

“ *Marsha Taylor-Cole lit a candle in memory of Virginia Wade*



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**Marsha Taylor-Cole** - April 24, 2023 at 06:57 PM

GB

“ My sweet & beautiful aunt Gent, to the wade family. my condolences. my prayers are with you all. I'm going to truly her. I remember how hard she was on all of us. 🤔 but it was for our own good. she taught us so much. We thank her for showing us the way. as she & I would always say (girl) I love you. take your rest my angel. 🙏🥹❤️

Gwen Burton - April 24, 2023 at 05:54 PM

HK

“ She was my second grade teacher and had a very kind heart but was strict. She made sure you had everything to learn with I will truly miss Mrs Wade. The family has our deepest sympathy from Helen King and family.

Helen King - April 24, 2023 at 02:39 PM

WP

“ Wanda Palmer lit a candle in memory of Virginia Wade



Wanda Palmer - April 24, 2023 at 02:22 PM