



First Lady Willie Mae Edwards

April 26, 1946 - September 5, 2018

An unfaltering trust in the Lord and an obligation to support, teach, lead and counsel as the first lady of Shiloh Full Gospel Church, is the hallmark by which Willie Mae Edwards lived her life. The eldest of 13 children, she was born to Willie and Ella Jones in Columbus, MS. Her early education was spent at Concord. She was a 1966 graduate of R. E. Hunt High School and she attended MUW.

Early in life, she met her soul mate, Bishop Freddie Edwards and on December 24, 1967 their union was solidified before God. A commitment that was unparalleled which encompassed love, laughter and created two wonderful children. This beautiful love story lasted 50 years.

For those who had the pleasure of knowing First Lady (Doll Baby), they were greeted with a smile and always departed with a memory to cherish for a lifetime. She exemplified life, courage and a special kindness for those around her.

Our beautiful, loving and gracious first lady, transitioned on September 5, 2018.

She was preceded in death by her father Willie Jones, 2 sisters, Ella Mary Pratt and Shirley Harris.

She leaves to cherish her memories: A loving and devoted husband of 50 years, Bishop Freddie Edwards, Sr., her loving mother Ella Jones of Columbus, MS; one loving daughter, Clarisca (Ron) Carr of Columbus, MS; A loving son, Freddie (Sharesa) Edwards, Jr. of Columbus, MS; 1 granddaughter Kourtlin Edwards, 2 God grandchildren; Montrez Williams, and Jadia Allen; 4 sisters, Betty (Craig) Simmons of El Paso, TX; Christine Wilson, Bessie Harris, Rose (Terry) Bush, all of Columbus; 6 brothers, Roosevelt (Eliza) Gregory of Columbus, MS; Willie (Lee) Jones, Jr. of Topeka, KS; Eddie (Tanya) Jones of Grand Rapids, MI; Dennis Jones of Lexington, TN; Bobby (Lesia) Jones of Liberty, AL; William Earl Jones of Columbus, MS; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens

176 S Frontage Rd
columbus, MS 39701

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **14**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Lee-Sykes Funeral Home
422 12th Street North
Columbus, MS 39705
(662) 328-4335
leesykes@cableone.net
<http://www.leesykesfuneralhome.com>

Service

SEP **15**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Shiloh Baptist Church
120 19th S St
Columbus, MS 39701

Tribute Wall



“ *First Lady Willie Mae Edwards*

October 09, 2023 at 04:28 AM



“ *Shabrina Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of First Lady Willie Mae Edwards*



Shabrina Williams - January 08, 2020 at 03:54 PM



“ *Condolences to all loved ones as you mourn the loss of your dear beloved. The death of a dear loved one is a curse due to sin and imperfection. The pain resulting from such a great loss is not an emotion we will ever be able to avoid. We are assured by God that he will take that sting away by eliminating death forever and wiping the tears from all faces. (Isaiah 25:8). I am sorry for your loss.*

Char - October 13, 2018 at 07:29 AM



“ *Not only was she my mother at church, My First Lady she also was a very faithful client. I felt joy and warmth whenever she came in the salon. Really gonna miss her presence. Take your rest*

linda Doughty - September 15, 2018 at 04:18 PM

SP

“ Our hearts are heavy since we lost you but we know you are rejoicing with the lord .Im going to miss your beautiful smile and miss how it was so exciting to see WHAT You would be wearing on those Appreciation Days,, NO ONE could do it like you ,, I will miss how we would speak to each other saying HEY TEENAGER to each other but I am so thankful for having known such a beautiful Jewel as yourself ,, RIH Lady E love you !

stephanie pusha - September 15, 2018 at 12:06 AM

TH

“ So Sorry to hear about the passing of First Lady Edwards. We will continue to keep the family in prayer.



Through all of your heart aches & tears remember that God is always with you. May God continue to give you comfort and peace.

God Bless You!!

Tina Hairston-Turner & Family
Jonesboro, Ga.

Tina Hairston-Turner - September 14, 2018 at 09:43 PM

GD

“ Praying for the Family at this time of sorrow. May God continue to bless each of you, give you strength to endure and comfort to know that he cares for each of you.

Gloria Dancy Davis
Class of 1967

Gloria Dancy Davis - September 14, 2018 at 04:50 PM

SF

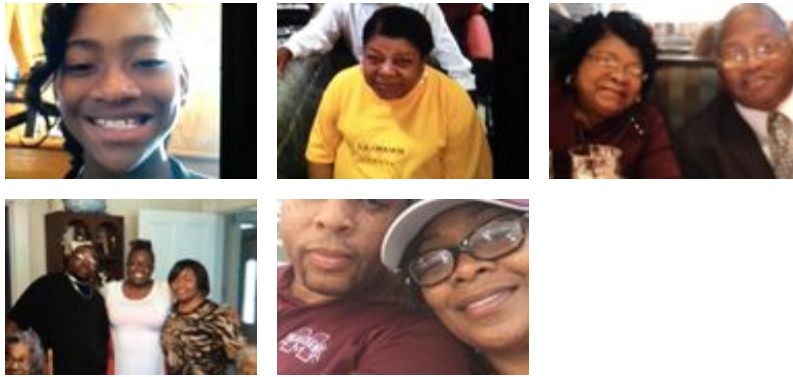
“ Sis. ELIZABETH FULLILOVE lit a candle in memory of First Lady Willie Mae Edwards



Sis. ELIZABETH FULLILOVE - September 14, 2018 at 04:11 PM



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Lee-Sykes Funeral Home - September 14, 2018 at 01:02 PM

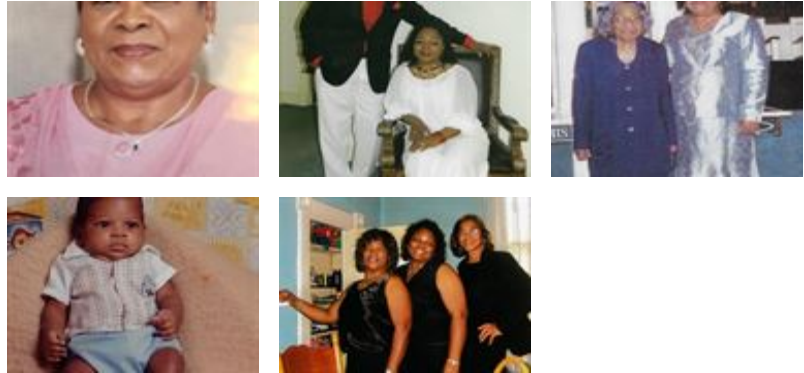
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I will always remember her beautiful smile..I love you Bishop, Faye, Freddie, Sheresa and Family..I'm sorry that I'm not there for Mama Edwards'homegoing celebration..R.I.H...I MISS ALL OF YOU. LOVE Sis. Liz Fullilove and Family

Sis. ELIZABETH FULLILOVE - September 14, 2018 at 04:19 PM



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Lee-Sykes Funeral Home - September 14, 2018 at 09:25 AM



“ Nancy Blair Bell sent a virtual gift in memory of First Lady Willie Mae Edwards



Nancy Blair Bell - September 13, 2018 at 04:43 PM



“ The First Lady was a neighbor when they lived on 11th Ave. She was a quite and lovely person. My thought an prayers are with the family. God will give you strength at this difficult time. 🙏

Nancy Blair Bell - September 13, 2018 at 04:42 PM