

## *Pallbearers*

Phelps Appling

Freeman Nottingham

Glen Ford

Leward Walker

Darrell Hicks

Arthur Willis

## *Flower Attendants*

Order of Eastern Stars, Chapter #480

## *Special Thanks*

Our family extends its heartfelt appreciation for the prayers, phone calls, visits and many acts of kindness shown. You will never know how much you have helped us during our time of bereavement. The greatest comfort during our sorrow was the expression of sympathy conveyed to us by so many. We ask that you continue to lift us up in your prayers.

**The Family**

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# *Celebrating* THE LIFE OF



March 16, 1927

July 2, 2022

**CORDIE J. WALKER**  
**Edwards Small Mortuary**

Tuesday July 12th, 2022

11:00am

1011 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive  
Fort Valley, GA 31030

**Rev. Donald Williams, Eulogist**

# A Life Well Lived

On July 2, 2022, God called into eternal rest our beloved **Cordie Edith Jenkins Walker**. Cordie was born on March 16, 1927, in Brooks County, Georgia to Joshua and Ila McCall Jenkins, the seventh child of eleven children. She attended public schools in Brooks County and graduated as Valedictorian of Morven Rosenwald High School. She then attended Fort Valley State College and graduated in 1955 with a degree in Education. Later, she attended Columbus College in Columbus, Georgia and became certified to teach Special Education. Cordie worked for many years as an Educator in the state of Georgia. She taught four years in Brooks County; eleven years in Sumter County; one year in Macon County; 22 years in Peach County; and ten years for the Middle Georgia Technical College, Warner Robins, Georgia.

Cordie was raised to serve the Lord and was baptized at an early age. In 1951, Cordie became a member of Central Union Baptist Church, Fort Valley, Georgia. She loved the Lord and served faithfully until her health declined. She was devoted to many ministries during her life and served in multiple positions at length. Some of those positions were: President, A.J. Shaw Choir; Sunday School Assistant Superintendent; Class Instructor, Adult Ladies Sunday School; Chairperson, Historical and Archival Ministry; and President of the Missionary Ministry.

Cordie was also actively involved in the greater Fort Valley community. She served as President of the Carnation Social and Savings Club for over 50 years; Worthy Matron, Conductress, Associate Matron, and Secretary, Pride of Fort Valley#480, Order of the Eastern Star. She was a member and former Tamis, and Grammateus, of The Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Beta Rho Zeta Chapter, Fort Valley, Georgia. Cordie was an Emeritus and life-long member of the Peach County Retired Teachers Association and served as President for one year. She was also a member of the Peach County Board of Tax Equalization for five years.

Cordie was a fighter for fairness and justice. In 1972 she was the lead plaintiff in a civil action suit filed along with three fellow teachers against the Peach County Board of Education for unfair termination. Cordie and her fellow teachers prevailed in this suit and as a result, all teachers who were not given contracts for the 1972-73 school year were returned to their original classrooms for the 1973-74 school year.



# A Family Affair



During her lifetime of service, Cordie received many awards and honors. Some of those awards and honors are as follows:

- Georgia Retired Educators Association Leadership Award
- Dedicated Service Award, Order of the Eastern Star, Pride of Fort Valley #480
- Past Worthy Matron Award, Order of the Eastern Star, Pride of Fort Valley #480
- Central Union Missionary Baptist Church Woman of the Year
- Citizenship Education Commission Houston Stallworth Achievement Award
- Hunt Educational and Cultural Center Award for Outstanding Service,
- Citizenship Education Commission President's Award (25 years of service as Treasurer)
- St Louis CME Church Outstanding Senior Citizen in Middle Georgia (2003-2004)

On August 20, 1951, Cordie was wed in Holy Matrimony to Algie Walker, Sr., (Hammy). From this union three children were born, Algie Jr, Patrice Valencia, and Sheila Denise. Cordie was a loving and devoted wife for 57 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Algie Walker, Sr; her grandson, Kevin A. Walker; four brothers, Robert Jenkins, Joshua Jenkins, Willie James Jenkins, and Herbert Jenkins; and three sisters Thelma Freeman, Eberneeze Simmons, and Dorothy Hines.

Cordie leaves loving memories to her children: Algie Walker, Jr. (Sylvia) Dumfries, VA; Patrice W. Hightower, Fort Valley, GA; and Rev. Sheila W. Crawford (Bennie), Macon, GA; five grandchildren: Natosha W. Booker (James) Woodbridge, VA; Genleah C. Swain (Craig), Tallahassee, FL; Seumus Hightower (Ashley) Savannah, GA; Takenya Hightower, McDonough, GA; Bennie T. Crawford (Chelsea) Warner Robins, GA; 16 cherished great-grandchildren, three sisters: Lillie Stivens, Cleveland, OH; Inez Smith, Cleveland, OH; Reatha Stevens, Savannah, GA; one sister in law, Norma Jean Jenkins, San Antonio, TX; a special nephew, Edward McCormick (Beatrice) Poughkeepsie, NY; a goddaughter, Ray Daniels (Otis) Fort Valley, GA; a devoted cousin, Betty Wolfolk, Fort Valley, GA; loving and devoted nieces and nephews; and wonderful cousins and friends.



# Order of Service

Rev. Sheila W. Crawford, Officiant

The Prelude

Processional

Closing of the Casket.....Edwards Small Mortuary Staff

Musical Selection

Prayer of Peace & Reconciliation.....Rev. Dr. Walter L. Glover

Old & New Testaments .....Rev. Morris Hillsman Sr.

Musical Selection

## Reflections about Cordie

Deacon Andrew Carter.....Central Union Missionary Baptist Church

Dr. Josephine Davis.....Retired Educators Association

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.....Sorority Representative

Edward L. McCormick.....Nephew

Natosha W. Booker.....Granddaughter

Bennie T. Crawford.....Grandson

Journey N. Hightower.....Great-Granddaughter

## The Service

Solo.....*Precious Lord*.....Genleah C. Swain, Granddaughter

Tribute to Mother.....Rev. Sheila W. Crawford

Eulogy.....Rev. Donald Williams

Acknowledgements.....Edwards Small Mortuary Staff

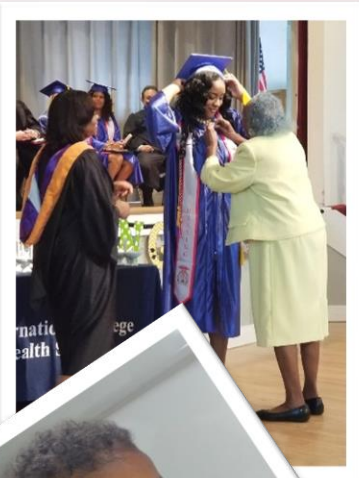
Recessional





# Family Over Everything

FAMILY  
WHERE  
life BEGINS  
and  
love  
NEVER ENDS



Our Family  
Is a Circle of Strength;  
Founded on Faith, Joined in Love  
Kept by God, Together  
*forever*

*Family*  
A LINK TO THE PAST  
A BRIDGE TO OUR FUTURE

# An Angel



An angel lived among us,  
A gift from God above.  
She showered us with kindness  
And shared with us her love.  
She cherished every moment  
With the man who was her life;  
Walking hand in hand together,  
Facing life with all its strife.  
She loved her children dearly.  
Each one a different way,  
Nestled close within her heart.  
Though, now, she's far away.  
She's gone to live with Jesus.  
But, she's here with us today,  
Smiling down on every one of us,  
And telling us she's okay.



A Special Poem to My Mom One Mother's Day



## Just One Red Rose



Pondering for days for a choice gift for you,  
Desiring it to be extraordinary as well as memorable too  
Hemmed by uniqueness, an infallible mamma you are  
So deciding to present you with one red rose mamma became my  
demanding memoir  
Just one red rose mamma but dispatched with a geyser of devotions  
This one red rose mamma embraces my deathless love and unfolds my  
genuine emotions  
This one red rose is a mirror of all the immeasurable prayers you  
sent heavens way  
Yearning for your child to trust and believe that God is just a prayer  
away  
Though my one rose is inexpensive and possibly borderline cheap  
Mamma there's no money in the world that can replace the symbolic  
worth this rose speaks  
Just one red rose mamma on this special day for you  
May you have a blessed Mother's Day and all your prayers to come  
true

*Cherishing Love, Tricey (Mother's Day 5/14/2000)*

