

Honorary Pallbearers

Deacons of Trinity Baptist Church

Pallbearers

Ronnie Williams, Jr

Donte' Williams

Rontavius Williams

Flower Attendants

Family & Friends

Acknowledgements

The family would like to thank the many friends who prayed, called, and inquired about Mary Julia during her absence from the mainstream. The staff at Arbor Manor Assisted Living gets a special thanks for all their expert care during her stay there. May God richly bless each and every one of you.

With sincere appreciation,

THE FAMILY

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



SUNRISE

February 23, 1925

SUNSET

February 3, 2026

Mary Julia Marshall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH 507 STATE UNIVERSITY DRIVE

Celebrating

THE LIFE & LEGACY

Mary Julia Edwards Marshall was born to the late Martin and Julia Mitchell Edwards on February 23, 1925 on Pine Street in Fort Valley, GA at the family home. Mary Julia, as she was affectionately called, was the third child of seven siblings, who all preceded her in death.

Mary Julia grew up in Fort Valley and graduated from H. A. Hunt High School. She went on to further her education at The Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School, which is the present, Fort Valley State University.

After completing her education, she moved to Chicago, IL to live with her oldest sister, Eloise. While there, she met and married the love of her life, Floyd Marshall, who preceded her in death. To this union, one daughter, Julia Karen Marshall was born, who also preceded her in death.

After several years in the big city, Mary Julia returned to Fort Valley and began a career of teaching in the Taylor County School System. She taught and nurtured all her students. To this day, many remember her with admiration and respect.

She began a second career at the family-owned business, Edwards Funeral Home. She was a licensed funeral director and with her mother, was the first female attendants at the then Edwards Funeral Home.

Mary Julia was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association, Inc., and Trinity Baptist Church.

All who knew Mary Julia, knew she had a strong love for her family and flowers. Any place she dwelled, there were always flowers and plants.

She is survived by one sister-in-law: Mary (Claybon) Edwards. Nephews: Ronnie (Dita) Williams and Andrew (Thelma) Edwards; nieces: Diane (Kenneth) Rutherford, Atlanta, GA, Cassandra Cotton, Angela (Leonard) Jones, Cynthia Brown, Arita Edwards, and Denise (Anthany) Small; along with several great nephews, great nieces, cousins, and friends.

ORDER OF *Service*

PROCESSIONAL

PRAYER

Rev. Dr. John Davis

OLD & NEW TESTAMENT

Rev Ricky Jackson

SONG

Pastor Keith Milton, Sr

REFLECTIONS

Two Minutes Please

MUSICAL SELECTION

Minister Dexter Davis

EULOGY

Rev. Dr. Ja'Quan Stewart

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