

~ **Expression of Thanks** ~

The family would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for every act of kindness, love, support and comfort extended to us during this time of bereavement. Your kind words, prayers and presence have provided strength and comfort we need during this difficult time.

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In Loving Memory

*Deastrice Uvon
Whitehead Mathis*

Feb 28, 1976 — Jul 11, 2026

Saturday July 18, 2026

4:00 PM

Kingdom Hall of
Jehovah's Witnesses

1537 US Hwy 34I

Fort Valley, GA 31030

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I Have Memories

by Eddie Mathis

Deastrice Uvon (Whitehead) Mathis

A capable wife, who can find a capable wife. Her value is far more than that of corals.
She rewards him with good, not bad. Proverb 31:10, 12

The two and a half years of being married to you was a lifetime of love and memories. Like a 1,000 piece puzzle, one piece was missing and it was you. We went to the mountains and rafted on inner tubes. We attended a Native American Festival and sat in a tee pee. You loved life and truly fought hard. While you were sick, they said I took good care of you, but the truth is, you were the perfect piece and you took care of me and pulled me through!

I love you Dee Dee (Shug)

~ Obituary ~

Deastrice Uvon Whitehead Mathis was born in Peach County on February 28, 1976. She was the third of seven children born to the late Ulysess Whitehead II and Johnnie Mae Postell Whitehead; she was the pride and joy of her Daddy! Family and close friends called her Dee Dee.

Dee Dee attended Peach County Schools and graduated in 1994. During her high school years while working at Harvey’s Grocery Store, she developed a passion for caring for the elderly. After completing Middle Georgia Technical College, she turned her attention to teaching special needs children. This became her lifelong career until she retired due to failing health. She loved taking pictures and visiting people to offer comfort in their time of need.

Dee Dee was baptized as one of Jehovah’s Witnesses on July 1, 1989. She was zealous in the preaching work and was widely known for that, not only in the house-to-house ministry, but in her community and at work. People knew her as someone who genuinely cared for people. Even as her health declined, she continued sharing God’s Word with many.

Dee Dee and Eddie F. Mathis were married on January 24, 2024. Eddie said she was a capable wife. “Her value was far more valuable than that of corals.” (Proverbs 31:10) She is survived by her husband Eddie F. Mathis, his son Edward, whom she had known all his life. Her siblings: Patricia Cullens Ingram (Thomas), Garry Cleveland Cullens Jr, Ulysess Whitehead III (Brandi), Justin Lee Whitehead (Keffany), Brandon Michael Whitehead (Jennifer) and Allen Whitehead (Carlita). Two aunts: Lillie Mae Howell and Shirlene Avant. Two nephews: Di’Antre and Jase. Five nieces: Koa, London, Kai, Logan, and Olivia. Many cousins, who were very dear to her. She also leaves behind a host of very close friends, as well as spiritual fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters.

~ ORDER OF SERVICE ~

Slideshow.....Andrew Shoultz
Obituary Reading.....Maurice Shoultz
Memorial Discourse.....John Troutman

Song 151 (Vocal) “He will Call”

Closing Prayer.....Alex Farrie
Announcements.....Andrew Shoultz
Slideshow.....Andrew Shoultz

