



A celebration of life



Evelina "Bigma" Badger

Sunrise: December 21, 1940

Sunset: May 9, 2025

Beloved Mother, Sister, Grandmother & Friend

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Obituary

Evelina Badger transitioned peacefully on a bright spring day, surrounded by the love and legacy she built throughout her life. She was known for her warmth, strength, unwavering faith, and deep love for her family and community.

She was born in Walls, Mississippi, to James Badger and Rosie Lee Ricks (Badger). She was preceded in death by her parents, as well as her siblings Narvel and Cardel.

Evelina was the proud mother of four children: Brenda Badger, Anthony (Debra) Washington, Irving Earl Washington, and Reginald (Lesli) Washington. She was affectionately known as “Bigma,” a name that speaks to the role she played as the heart of her family.

She leaves behind a powerful legacy carried on through her grandchildren: Onteaya (Antonio) Tate, Ivory (Solomon) Hatch, Brenda Badger, Marquis (Erica) Watson, Antonio (Ashley) Watson, Felicia Collins, Reginald Nash, Qiandre “Nikki” White, Domonique Washington, Jamal (Brittany) Washington, Latasha Washington, Tyonna Windbush, Misha Cooper, Tinesha (Lamont) Matthews, and Johnny Harris.

She was cherished and adored by her 36 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Evelina is also remembered with love by her siblings: Preitus Mitchner, Charles (Dale) Mitchner, Bill (Helena) Badger, Pearl (Randolph) Taylor, Elliot (Celeste) Badger, Debra Lawson, Lynn Badger, Horace Badger, and James (Betty) Mason. She was preceded in death by Dorothy Mitchner and Garfield Lawson. She is cherished by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

She absolutely loved her church family at Faith Family Chattanooga Church, where she was surrounded by members who truly cared for her.

Evelina’s life was one of strength, faith, and endless love. She gave freely, cared deeply, and left this world better than she found it. Her spirit lives on in every life she touched.

Order of Service

- Solo.....*Sheena Parson “Goodness of God”*
- Greetings.....*Deaconess Patty Bumpass*
- Scripture Reading.....*Anthony Washington*
- Prayer.....*Deacon Gregory Boykin*
- Praise/Worship - *FFCC Praise Team*.....*Friend of God
Awesome*
- Obituary/Acknowledgements.....*Carmelia Ashford*
- Solo.....*Deaconess Lisa Boykin “Because of Who You Are”*
- Remarks.....*2 minutes please*
- Eulogy.....*Pastor Reginald Washington*
- Recessional.....*The Family
“I Need You to Survive” - Hezakiah Walker*



A Closing Tribute

Evelina Badger was a radiant example of what it means to be a woman of God. Her life was a living testimony of unwavering faith, deep trust in the Lord, and the power of walking with Him daily. She did not just believe; she embodied that belief. She showed us what it looked like to lean fully on God, to live by His promises, and to trust Him in all things.

One of her favorite songs was framed in her home, a quiet reminder of the worship that lived in her heart:

*“I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul, rejoice
Take joy, my King, in what You hear*

May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.”

She lived a life that was truly a sweet sound to heaven; and now, she is home.