

A portrait of an elderly woman with dark, curly hair, wearing a wide-brimmed hat with a black and white geometric pattern. She is wearing a white top, a silver chain necklace, and large hoop earrings. The background is white with various floral illustrations: large red roses in the top left and bottom left, a purple flower in the middle right, and smaller pink and yellow flowers at the bottom. Gold-colored leaf and branch motifs are scattered throughout.

CELEBRATING
THE LIFE
OF

Vernell
ARTIS
EDWARDS

SUNRISE
AUGUST 3, 1938

SUNSET
DECEMBER 14, 2024

A Beautiful

Obituary

Vernell Artis Edwards, 86, of Coatesville, PA, passed away Saturday, December 14, 2024, surrounded by her family at home.



ful Life

Born in Snow Hill, NC, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Geneva Exum Artis. She was affectionately known as "Country" because of her southern accent.

She worked as a custodian at the Coatesville School District until she retired.

Vernell was a pillar of strength and love within her family and community, cherished for her generous spirit and warm heart. She had an uncanny ability to bring people together, often through her passion for cooking. Her home was filled with the comforting aroma of delicious chicken and dumplings or mouth-watering macaroni and cheese.

An avid card player, Vernell found joy in the simple game of Pitty Pat, where she delighted in the company of friends and family. Music was another of Vernell's great passions.



She found solace and joy in the rhythms of R and B and the uplifting harmonies of Gospel music.

She leaves cherished memories to her sons, John H. Woodward, Jr., Phillip Woodward (Theresa), Albert Edwards all of Coatesville; daughter, Tracey Kelso of Coatesville; sister, Cora L. Harvey (Billy) of Goldsboro, NC, Geneva Grantham of Pikeville, NC; brothers, Jesse Lee Artis (Elnora), Walter Artis (Edna Mae), George Artis (Lillie), and James Artis (Bertie) all of Goldsboro, NC; 14 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by sisters, Dollie "Doll" Artis Ward, Mary Bradley; brothers, Columbus "Bill" Artis, Cornell Artis, Willie Artis, and Jacob Artis.



Vernell will be deeply missed
and her memory will live on
in our hearts.

Sorrowfully Submitted,
The Family





Order of Service

Officiating Clergy.....	Elder Sylvia Edwards
Musical Prelude.....	Roberta Scott
Processional	Clergy & Family
Final Viewing	
Opening Hymn	
Scripture Reading	
<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>Psalm 25</i>
<i>New Testament</i>	<i>John 14:1-6</i>
Prayer of Comfort	
Music Selection “I Won’t Complain”	Patricia Murray
Reading of Cards, Condolences & the Obituary	Elder Sylvia Edwards
Family Reflections (2 minutes)	Jameka St. John Raleisha Edwards
Musical Selection	Joe Lewis
Eulogy.....	Bishop Lindberg Edwards
Remarks.....	Ventnor Wright
Committal Service	
Recessional	Clergy & Family

Celebration of Life Service

Saturday, December 21, 2024

10:00 AM Viewing

11:00 AM Service

SERVICE LOCATION

Hutchinson Memorial UAME Church

825 Chestnut Street

Coatesville, Pennsylvania

Rev. Jeffrey A. Miller, Pastor

PALLBEARERS

Rashad Edwards

John C. Woodward

Lawrence Woodward

Alfie Horne

Phillip Edwards

Clifford Horne

FLOWER BEARERS

Ralesha Edwards

Alquisha Edwards

Nassiah Edwards

Jameka St. John

Giselle Washington

Nicole Allen

Armani Oliver

Alesha Watson

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you with sincere gratitude for your care and concern shown during our time of bereavement. Special thanks to Vernell's niece, Maryann Ray and her husband Julian Ray for the countless times they transported her when she was unable to drive. Thank you all for your support and love. May God bless you.
Sincerely, The Family



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