

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.



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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.

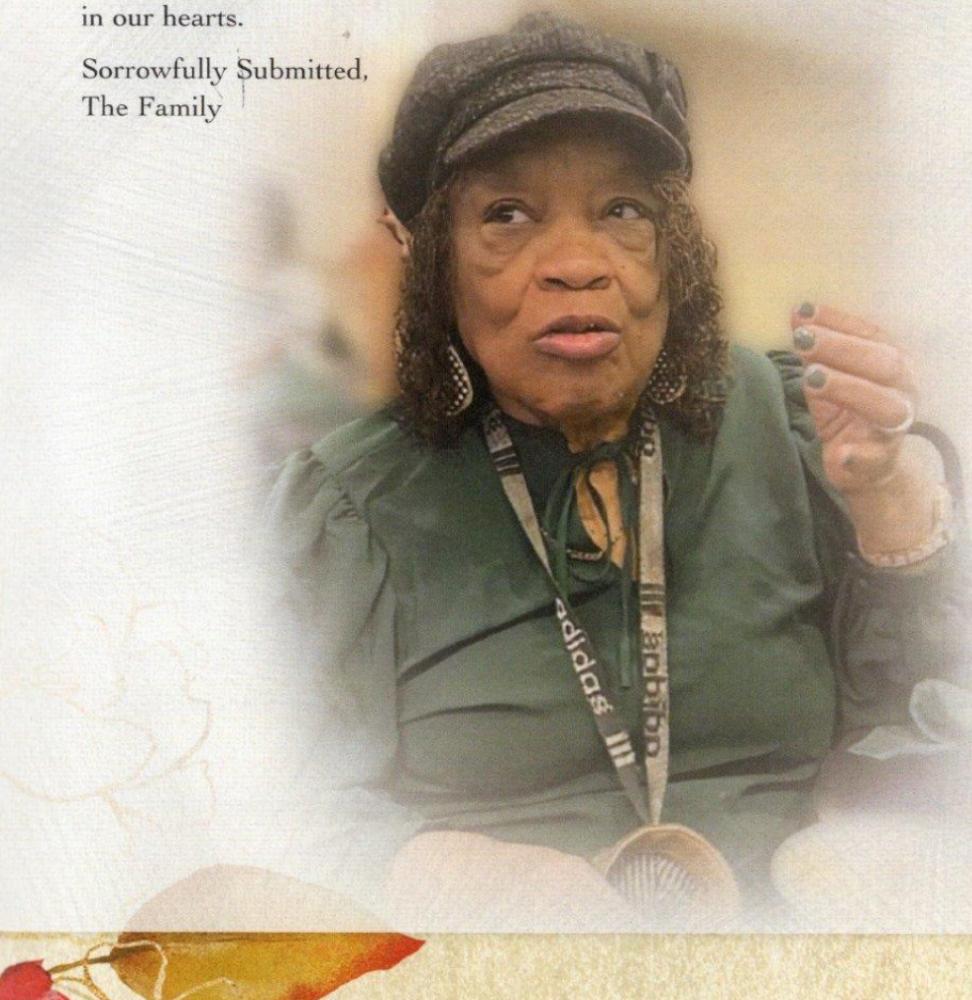
She was preceded in death by sisters, Dollie "Doll" Artis Ward, Mary Bradley; brothers, Columbus "Bill" Artis, Cornell Artis, Willie Artis, and Jacob Artis.





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

Sorrowfully Submitted,
The Family





Order of Service

Officiating Clergy	<i>Elder Sylvia Edwards</i>
Musical Prelude	<i>Roberta Scott</i>
Processional	<i>Clergy & Family</i>
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"	<i>Patricia Murray</i>
Reading of Cards,	
Condolences & the Obituary	<i>Elder Sylvia Edwards</i>
Family Reflections (2 minutes)	<i>Jameka St. John</i> <i>Raleisha Edwards</i>
Musical Selection	<i>Joe Lewis</i>
Eulogy	<i>Bishop Lindberg Edwards</i>
Remarks	<i>Ventnor Wright</i>
Committal Service	
Recessional	<i>Clergy & Family</i>

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

Alfie Horne

John C. Woodward

Phillip Edwards

Lawrence Woodward

Clifford Horne

FLOWER BEARERS

Ralesha Edwards

Giselle Washington

Alquisha Edwards

Nicole Allen

Nassiah Edwards

Armani Oliver

Jameka St. John

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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