

*If Tears Could Build a Stairway*  
If Tears could build a stairway and memories were a lane,  
We would walk right up to Heaven and bring you back again.  
No farewell words were spoken, no time to say good-bye,  
You were gone before we knew it, and only God knows why.  
Our hearts still ache in sadness, and secret tears still flow,  
What it meant to lose you, no one will ever know.  
But now we know you want us, to mourn for you no more,  
To remember all the happy times...Life still has much in store.  
Since you'll never be forgotten, We pledge to you today,  
A Cherish place within our hearts, is where you'll always stay!

### *Acknowledgements*

The family of Mrs. Virginia Evans Marshall sincerely offers appreciation for each of you for all you have done to help bring comfort and consolation during this time of bereavement. Many thanks for your expressions of kindness, prayers, food, flowers, cards, calls, your presence and other expressions of kindness. We would like to extend a special thanks to the staff of Southern Grace Hospice for all that you have done for us during our time of need.



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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE  
FOR

*Virginia Evans Marshall*

*Sunrise*  
July 4, 1940

*Sunset*  
November 1, 2025



*Tuesday, November 11, 2025*  
12:00 Noon

*Anthony L. Watkins Funeral Home*  
Hattie G. Watkins Memorial Chapel  
163 North Avenue, Jonesboro, GA 30236

Apostle Sandra Evans-Dukes, Officiant

# Reflections of Life

Virginia Evans Marshall, affectionately known as “Gin” of Hapeville, Georgia was born on July 4, 1940, to the late William M. Evans, Sr., and the late Minnie Bell Bivins Evans in Atlanta, Georgia. She peacefully entered into eternal rest on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at the age of 85. In addition to her parents, Virginia was preceded in death by her first husband, Jesse O. Woods, Sr.; her second husband, Tommy Marshall; three of her beloved children, Dwayne Evans, Angela Woods, and Jesse O. Woods, Jr.; six sisters, Dorothy Benton, Naomi Evans, Geneva Hill, Mildred Kendrick, Clara Liowns, and Beatrice Nicely; four brothers, William Evans, Jr., Bobby Evans, Johnny Evans and Emory Evans.

At a young age, Virginia’s family moved to Warrenton, Georgia where she attended Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Later in life, Virginia wanted to be sure of her salvation, so she rededicated her life to Christ on a call with her niece, Apostle Sandra Evans Dukes. While she didn't have a church home towards the end of her life, she lived her life in the spirit of Christ, she loved others.

Early in life, Virginia received her childhood education in the Atlanta Public School System and upon moving to Warrenton, Georgia with her family, she attended school in the Warren County School System as well. After becoming an adult, Virginia moved back to Atlanta, Georgia and briefly worked for the Scripto Pen Company. Afterwards, she worked for the Atlanta Public School System as a cafeteria worker until she retired in 1982.

Virginia’s favorite pastimes were shopping, cooking, listening to gospel music, reading and watching TV. She was a very devoted mother to her eight children and she loved them dearly. She also loved and helped raised some of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well. She was an excellent cook and known for her delicious potato salad and sweet potato pies. Virginia was married twice. In 1960, she married Jesse O. Woods, Sr., and in 1986, she married Tommy Marshall.

Left to cherish her most precious memories, three daughters, Clarice Evans and Tonika (Wallace) McGhee both of Hapeville, Georgia, Cathy (Melvin) Turner of Jonesboro, Georgia; two sons, Darrell (Brenda) Woods of Ellenwood, Georgia and Tristan (Quanishia) Woods of Atlanta, Georgia; fourteen grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren, and ten great-great grandchildren; two sisters, Walter Mae Moss of Lithonia, Georgia and Tessie Mae Evans of Warrenton, Georgia; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Prelude

Processional.....Clergy, Family & Friends

Scripture Readings.....Pastor Annie Evans Vann  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer.....Apostle Bernard Dukes

Solo.....Chandra Ivey McGee

Obituary Reading ..... *Read Silently*

Poem.....Amberlynn Battle, *Great-Granddaughter*

Remarks ..... Cathy Turner, *Daughter*  
Family and Friends (*Two Minutes Please*)

Video Montage

Solo.....Chandra Ivey McGee

Eulogy.....Apostle Sandra Evans –Dukes

Acknowledgments.....Anthony L. Watkins Staff

Recessional

## *Flower Ladies & Pallbearers*

Family and Friends

## *Interment*

Southview Cemetery

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