



Mrs. Marilyn Edwards

August 2, 1958 - January 26, 2025

Marilyn Edwards, affectionately known as “Ms. Meryl” and “Maw Maw,” was born on August 2, 1958, to Cora Mae Chambers and William Otis Chambers. She peacefully passed away at her residence on Sunday, January 26, 2025.

A proud graduate of Waldo High School’s Class of 1976, Marilyn dedicated her career to private care, where she lovingly and devotedly served as a caretaker for her clients.

Marilyn had a warm, loving, and inviting spirit that touched everyone she met. Her sweet and genuine nature shone through her infectious smile, always brightening the day of those she greeted. Though she was a mother to three, she was known as “Maw Maw” to many in her community. She deeply cherished her family and friends, and those who truly knew her felt the same love in return.

She found joy in cooking and caring for her grandchildren. And, of course, no mention of Marilyn would be complete without highlighting her famous sweet tea and deviled eggs—true treats for anyone lucky enough to enjoy them.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband Calvin Edwards, and her brothers Caleb Chambers and Alonzo Chambers.

She leaves behind a legacy of love, cherished by her daughters Tracy (Broderick) Heard, LaTonia Smith, and LaToya Smith, all of Magnolia, AR; her treasured grandchildren DeMarte Clayton, Alexia (Alex) Opoku, Arica Clayton (JaKalon), Brodarian Heard, Jabari Edwards, and Jamarian Hardwell; and her precious great-grandchildren Jayden Clayton, Jayla Clayton, Alexandria Opoku, Amir Opoku, Aubree Opoku, and Imani McBride. She is also survived by her devoted sisters Mable Chambers, Jacqueline Chambers, Cora Chambers, and Sheena Young, all of Waldo, AR; her brothers Robert Martin and Otis Chambers, both of Waldo, AR, Albert Chambers of Magnolia, AR, and William Chambers of El Dorado, AR.

A host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends will forever cherish her memory and miss her deeply.

Celebration of Life services will be held Sunday, February 2nd, 2025, at the Columbia District Auditorium in Magnolia, Arkansas at 2:00 p.m. with burial to follow at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Waldo, Arkansas, under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC.

A visitation will be held Friday {Jan. 31st}, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., at R.L. Reed Funeral Home in Magnolia.

“For precaution due to the COVID-19, Masks are Encouraged but Not Required While Attending the Services and During Visitation Hours. However, wearing masks ensures safety for you and others. Thank you.”

Cemetery Details

Cedar Grove Cemetery

821 E. McKissack
Waldo, AR 71770

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home
100 Hwy 79 North
Magnolia, AR 71753
(870) 901-3536

Celebration of Life

FEB 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Columbia District Auditorium
611 S. Madison St.
Magnolia, AR 71753

Tribute Wall

KR

“ *Kenneth Ransom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Kenneth Ransom - January 31 at 01:48 PM

GJ

“ *Glenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



glenda jones - March 25, 2025 at 08:32 PM

VL

“ *LIT A CANDLE FOR MS. MARILYN EDWARDS AND SHE WILL BE TRULY MISS*



VANESSA LESLIE - February 14, 2025 at 11:51 PM




SH

“ *Condolences to the family!!*



Shatasha Harris - February 06, 2025 at 09:35 AM

TF

“ My deepest condolences and prayers to my cousins . Marilyn will be missed dearly. I know one thing nobody could cook some fried cabbage like Ms. Meryl . Get your rest love 
I can hear you say  Dog Bite Cha 
Rest in love TT



Teresa Fulton - February 01, 2025 at 01:25 PM

KW

“ I love you Mawmaw! And you'll forever be in my heart!



Ke Walker - February 01, 2025 at 01:14 PM

SC

“ Sharon Cole lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Sharon Cole - February 01, 2025 at 11:57 AM

WG

“ Wanda Lambert Goodner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Wanda Lambert Goodner - February 01, 2025 at 07:58 AM

RH

“ *The sweetest lady ever. Sleep well Marilyn.
My condolences to her family.* ”



Regina Y Henderson - February 01, 2025 at 01:19 AM

TS

“ *Teresa Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Marilyn Edwards* ”



Teresa Smith - January 31, 2025 at 10:37 AM



“ *Dianne Williamson lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Marilyn Edwards* ”



Dianne Williamson - January 31, 2025 at 06:28 AM

VM

“ *Vontisha Murphy sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mrs. Marilyn Edwards* ”



Vontisha Murphy - January 30, 2025 at 10:16 PM

LD

“ *Lacedra Dunn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Lacedra Dunn - January 30, 2025 at 06:47 PM

HJ

“ *My condolences to the family of Marilyn.*

Hellen Jones - January 30, 2025 at 05:50 PM

OR

“ *Ora Radford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Ora Radford - January 30, 2025 at 05:25 PM

TA

“ *Tamekia lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Tamekia - January 30, 2025 at 07:10 AM

AW

“ *Angela Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Angela Williams - January 30, 2025 at 04:27 AM

BW

“ *Brenda Wesley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Brenda Wesley - January 29, 2025 at 08:44 PM

BW

My Condolences and Prayers for the Family 🙏

Brenda Wesley - January 29, 2025 at 08:45 PM

EH

“ *Praying for the family 🙏*



eureka hardin - January 29, 2025 at 07:41 PM

LB

“ Loretta Beck lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Loretta Beck - January 29, 2025 at 07:19 PM

LM

“ Prayers!! 🙏



LaCheryl Mauls - January 29, 2025 at 05:57 PM

SJ

“ Sandra Turner Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Sandra Turner Jackson - January 29, 2025 at 05:28 PM



“ Laura Loudermill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Laura Loudermill - January 29, 2025 at 05:06 PM



“ *Laura Loudermill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Laura Loudermill - January 29, 2025 at 05:04 PM

HF

“ *Hazel Mask Smith & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Hazel Mask Smith & Family - January 29, 2025 at 06:56 AM

WT

“ *Waynell Tatom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Waynell Tatom - January 29, 2025 at 12:37 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards.*

January 28, 2025 at 07:50 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards.*



January 28, 2025 at 07:50 PM



“ *Natasha Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Natasha Jones - January 28, 2025 at 07:37 PM



“ *Kelly Gentry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



kelly Gentry - January 28, 2025 at 06:43 PM



“ *KELLY WOODSON lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



KELLY WOODSON - January 28, 2025 at 04:51 PM

BD

“ *Barbara Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Barbara Daniels - January 28, 2025 at 04:32 PM

IS

“ *Irene Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Irene Smith - January 28, 2025 at 03:04 PM

GC

“ *Condolences and prayers to the family of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards. May GOD keep you all wrapped in HIS arms of comfort and strength during this difficult time now and hereafter.* † 🙏 🤝 💜 🤝 †



Gwen Carter - January 28, 2025 at 02:19 PM

LF

“ *LaShanda Fears lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



LaShanda Fears - January 28, 2025 at 01:53 PM

TT

“ *Travis Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Travis Tucker - January 28, 2025 at 01:12 PM

AW

“ *Annie Witcher lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Annie Witcher - January 28, 2025 at 01:10 PM

DH

“ *Sorry for your loss, Praying for the family*



Debra Hendricks - January 28, 2025 at 10:56 AM

TJ

“ *Tracy Deshonda Jackson-Doss lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Tracy Deshonda Jackson-Doss - January 28, 2025 at 10:12 AM

DY

“ *Darlene Young lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Darlene Young - January 28, 2025 at 06:12 AM

TS

“ *Tony Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Tony Smith - January 28, 2025 at 12:32 AM

JM

“ *Jennie Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Jennie Martin - January 27, 2025 at 10:43 PM

SP

“ *Sandra Page sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Sandra Page - January 27, 2025 at 10:32 PM

SP

“ Sandra Page lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Sandra Page - January 27, 2025 at 10:32 PM

KL

“ Keosha Love lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Keosha Love - January 27, 2025 at 10:28 PM

MS

“ Maurice Strong sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Maurice Strong - January 27, 2025 at 09:25 PM

WG

“ Wanda Lambert Goodner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Wanda Lambert Goodner - January 27, 2025 at 05:56 PM

WG

Marilyn was a beautiful soul, inside and out!! May God grant the family and friends peace and understanding!! She will be missed.

Wanda Lambert Goodner - January 27, 2025 at 05:57 PM

DG

Amen and amen

Derrick Grundy - January 27, 2025 at 10:05 PM

WG

“ *Wanda Lambert Goodner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Wanda Lambert Goodner - January 27, 2025 at 05:55 PM

AE

“ *Arnetta Easter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Arnetta Easter - January 27, 2025 at 04:17 PM

EQ

“ *Miss Marilyn will be missed. I've known her since I was a child and later she took time to love my daughter unconditionally. I light this candle in remembrance of a remarkable woman.*



Erica Queary-Davis - January 27, 2025 at 02:40 PM

TG

“ *Trudy Glover lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Trudy Glover - January 27, 2025 at 02:00 PM



“ *Betty Chappel-Wright lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Betty Chappel-Wright - January 27, 2025 at 12:53 PM



“ *Carla Dockery-Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Carla Dockery-Sanders - January 27, 2025 at 11:04 AM

LS

“ *Linda S Sharp lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Linda S Sharp - January 27, 2025 at 11:01 AM

DW

“ *Deniseo Witt sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Deniseo Witt - January 27, 2025 at 11:01 AM

WW

“ *Wayland Witt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Wayland Witt - January 27, 2025 at 11:00 AM

KW

“ *Kathy Sharp Witt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Kathy sharp Witt - January 27, 2025 at 11:00 AM

MP

“ *Mary S. Pickings sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Mary S. Pickings - January 27, 2025 at 10:18 AM

RC

“ *Reginald Curry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Reginald Curry - January 27, 2025 at 10:18 AM

DH

“ *Dearlean Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Dearlean Hughes - January 27, 2025 at 09:38 AM

LF

“ *Lyndell Franklin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Lyndell Franklin - January 27, 2025 at 09:35 AM

RP

“ *Rita Pastchol lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Rita Pastchol - January 27, 2025 at 09:33 AM

RP

Condolences to the family 🙏🙏

Rita Pastchol - January 27, 2025 at 09:35 AM

TP

“ *Tonya Porchia lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Tonya Porchia - January 27, 2025 at 09:31 AM

SD

“ *Sandra Smith Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Sandra Smith Daniels - January 27, 2025 at 09:25 AM



“ *Praying for the family*



Shavone Aubrey - January 27, 2025 at 08:58 AM

LE

“ Linda Easter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Linda Easter - January 27, 2025 at 08:53 AM



“ Thank you for looking after us Caldwell Kids Ms Marilyn. You will be greatly missed



Jennifer White - January 27, 2025 at 08:30 AM

FM

“ Felicia McKinneyLanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Felicia McKinneyLanders - January 27, 2025 at 07:48 AM

TE

“ Tearee Easter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Tearee Easter - January 27, 2025 at 06:53 AM

MF

“ Murrel Fridia sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Murrel Fridia - January 27, 2025 at 06:37 AM

RF

“ Ramona Fears sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Ramona Fears - January 27, 2025 at 05:39 AM

RF

“ Ramona Fears lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Ramona Fears - January 27, 2025 at 05:38 AM

BS

“ Barbara Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Barbara Smith - January 27, 2025 at 05:30 AM

TY

“ *Tiffany Young sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Tiffany Young - January 27, 2025 at 03:37 AM

GJ

“ *George Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



George Jenkins - January 27, 2025 at 03:09 AM

GJ

“ *Gladys Talley Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Gladys Talley Jones - January 27, 2025 at 02:29 AM

TR

“ *Tricia lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Tricia - January 27, 2025 at 02:02 AM

SC

“ Sonya Colvin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Sonya Colvin - January 27, 2025 at 01:38 AM

SC

I'm lost for words....I'm going to miss u so much forever u will be in my heart I'll forever be grateful for u and how u treated me as if I was one of your children💔👉

Sonya Colvin - January 27, 2025 at 01:47 AM

CG

“ Carol Garland sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Carol Garland - January 27, 2025 at 01:36 AM



“ To the family of Mrs. Marilyn Edward has my deepest sympathy & my Condolences!!

Pamela Shaw - January 27, 2025 at 01:12 AM



“ Pamela Shaw sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Pamela Shaw - January 27, 2025 at 01:10 AM



“ Pamela Shaw sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Pamela Shaw - January 27, 2025 at 01:09 AM



“ Pamela Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Pamela Shaw - January 27, 2025 at 01:09 AM



“ Charles Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Charles Davis - January 27, 2025 at 12:21 AM

KD

“ *Kelly Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Kelly Davis - January 27, 2025 at 12:21 AM



“ *Angela Stevens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Angela Stevens - January 26, 2025 at 11:39 PM

CP

“ *Cheryl Paschal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Cheryl Paschal - January 26, 2025 at 11:02 PM

ME

“ *My condolences to the family and prayers*



Margaret Easter - January 26, 2025 at 10:48 PM

TC

“ *She was such a beautiful soul! She will truly be missed* ❤️🙏



Tammi Cooper - January 26, 2025 at 10:43 PM

RK

“ *Renae King lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Renae King - January 26, 2025 at 10:35 PM

SM

“ *Sherry Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Sherry marshall - January 26, 2025 at 10:34 PM

GJ

“ *Glenda Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Glenda Jones - January 26, 2025 at 10:25 PM



“ *Lisa Easter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Lisa Easter - January 26, 2025 at 10:22 PM

LB

“ *Loretta Beck sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Loretta Beck - January 26, 2025 at 10:16 PM

ER

“ *Praying for our family God gives us strength RIL n peace you will surely be missed*



Edna Rowden - January 26, 2025 at 10:08 PM

ER

“ *Edna Rowden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards*



Edna Rowden - January 26, 2025 at 10:06 PM

JE

“ Jackie Easter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Jackie Easter - January 26, 2025 at 10:03 PM

FJ

“ Fred Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Fred Johnson - January 26, 2025 at 10:00 PM

LH

“ Lee Otis And Amanda Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Lee Otis and Amanda Henderson - January 26, 2025 at 09:58 PM

DW

“ Dianne Willis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Edwards



Dianne Willis - January 26, 2025 at 09:58 PM