



## Joyce Winfrey Edwards

March 25, 1940 - July 9, 2023

Joyce Winfrey Edwards, 83 of Greenville, S.C. Wife of the Late James Allen Edwards Sr., Passed away peacefully Sunday July 9, 2023.

Born in Athens, Georgia, she was the daughter of the late Ernest Boyd Winfrey and Annie Ednis Chester. She met the love of her life in Atlanta, Georgia while attending her grandmother's church. They were married 52 wonderful years, raising their family to serve God and others.

She thoroughly enjoyed being a faithful wife, devoted mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

She enjoyed serving her community in Bible Study Fellowship, Prasso, Heart Strings, KAIROS women's prison ministry, the Garden Club, and Good News Club. She was a member of Second Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her sister: Sue Richie; her daughter: Patty Burgess (Gary); and son: Scott Edwards (Ashley); grandchildren: Melissa Henry (Josh), Sarah Sandifer (Michael), Hannah Winker (Greg), Joshua Burgess (Ashleigh), Hailey Edwards, Ryley Edwards, James Wilson Edwards: great-grandchildren: James Bowen Henry, Lorelei Henry, Ashlyn Winker, Aiden Winker, Audrey Sandifer, Aaron Sandifer.

Along with her parents and husband she was predeceased by a son James Allen Edwards Jr., sister and brothers; Marcielene Marshall, James Thomas Winfrey, Calvin Winfrey, Jerome Winfrey, and Douglas Winfrey.

She would testify that the most important date in her life occurred when she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior in 1972. As a strong Christian

woman for over 50 years, she studied God's word diligently and prayed daily. She desired that each person would personally know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

She was a genuine encourager and an inspiration to so many. We will greatly miss her.

The family will receive friends Saturday, July 15th, 2023, from 1:00PM until 2:00 PM at Second Presbyterian church at 105 River Street Greenville, S.C. 29601.

Funeral services will be Saturday July 15th, 2023, at 2:00 PM.

Burial will be private at a later date at M.J. Dolly Cooper Veteran's Cemetery.

The family will be at their respective homes.

Memorials may be made to Good News club 918 S. Pleasantburg Drive Suite 152 Greenville, S.C. 29607 or KAIROS Women's Prison Ministries PO Box 22421 Hilton Head Island S.C. 29925 or Second Presbyterian Church 105 River Street Greenville, S.C. 29601.

# Cemetery Details

## M.J. Dolly Cooper Veterans Cemetery

140 Inway Drive  
Anderson, SC 29621

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Second Presbyterian Church  
105 River St.  
Greenville, SC 29601

## Church Service

JUL 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

Second Presbyterian Church  
105 River St.  
Greenville, SC 29601

# Tribute Wall

BB

“Joyce was my first BSF leader 10 years ago. She was such a lovely Godly lady. I will miss seeing her but rejoice that she is with our Savior Jesus Christ 💕💕 Barbara Blanton

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**Barbara Blanton** - July 23, 2023 at 05:45 PM

KP

“I’m so sorry for your loss. Joyce was a beautiful person. Every time I saw her she had a smile and you could see the love she had for her family. My prayers go out to all of the family. 🙏  
Love, Kim Pepicelli



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**Kim Pepicelli** - July 16, 2023 at 08:30 AM

KE

“ Mrs. Joyce was just with us at our little Heartstrings work day last Wednesday, July 5. Even though she had been having some health issues, SHE CAME. She told us she wasn't missing it. I'm so glad we shared that afternoon with her and that we texted for several days after, and she was sending us recipes.

*From the first time I went to Heartstrings in 2014, Mrs. Joyce welcomed me and encouraged me. She encouraged everyone. She knew her Scriptures, and she was always pouring into all of us. She was a wise saint, and she will be very much missed at our gatherings. ❤️*

*I know that she lost her son, Jim, many years ago. Now they are reunited in the presence of Jesus. ❤️*

*I know Mrs. Joyce heard these words:*

*'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'*  
*Matthew 25:21 ESV*

*Go Rest High, Mrs. Joyce. Thank you for always showing us Jesus. We'll see you soon. 💙❤️🌈✝️*

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**Kathy Elrod** - July 14, 2023 at 06:58 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Winfrey Edwards.



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July 14, 2023 at 02:45 PM

JW

“Joyce, was my sister-in-law. We go back a life time. I will really miss her. I am so blessed to have talked with her last Thursday for about an hour. Love to all her family. Aunt Judy Zephaniah 3:17

Judy Winfrey - July 12, 2023 at 01:40 PM

AH

“What a beautiful sweet spirited servant for the Lord! I knew Joyce through Heartstrings". Joyce showed her passionate love of God through ALL of her actions, words, and deeds. What a blessing to know this special lady. She will be missed. Praying for the family left behind. May you find your comfort, strength, and ultimately perfect peace in Our Good God. As you reflect on beautiful memories, may they bring joy to your hearts.

Anna Hewett - July 12, 2023 at 01:33 PM



“Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Winfrey Edwards.



July 12, 2023 at 08:06 AM

AE

“Joyce was my mother in law but treated me always as if I was a daughter. She was the matriarch of our family and the glue that held us together. Joyce was the most amazing grandmother and my children were so blessed by her. She was such a huge part of our life. We already miss her so much! I am so grateful to her for so many things. I know she is celebrating her homecoming with Jesus and grandad.

Ashley Edwards - July 11, 2023 at 11:11 PM

WE

“ One of my favorite memories with grandmom was when we went to furman with my sisters and had a picnic and walked around furman. We were signing and dancing and having the best time.

will edwards - July 11, 2023 at 01:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce Winfrey Edwards.



July 11, 2023 at 01:50 PM



“ Joyce was a pure joy to know. Her love of the Lord was always front and center. She encouraged and prayed for me many times over the years and she provided a wonderful example for me of how to depend on the Lord during difficult times. Her hands were never idle, and I'm certain she is currently busy in Heaven serving the Lord however she may. We miss her, but know we will see her again.

Amy Burgess Beck - July 11, 2023 at 01:45 PM

HE

“ There are so many memories with my precious grandmother. My favorite memory with her is making egg sandwiches and getting our trays ready to sit out on the porch. We sat on her porch overlooking her beautiful yard. She prayed for us and I always loved how she would pray to the Lord before each meal. We sat on the porch just smiling at one another enjoying our delicious sandwiches my grandmother made. (She made the BEST egg sandwiches) I loved my quality time with her just laughing and seeing that beautiful smile. She always made me feel safe & happy. This day was extra special because she was so helpful with advice when it came to adulting, she gave me so much great advice that has helped me to this day. She is my biggest blessing and I will continue to take her advice with me everyday.

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**Hailey Edwards** - July 11, 2023 at 01:40 PM

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“ I remember living in New York when I was a child (less than 6) and grandmother came to visit. I remember playing some version of hide and seek or tag, but I thought grandmother was "old" so she couldn't catch me, and I believe I said something similar to her. So she tricked me and ran after me one time and got me. My little self was so impressed and thought she couldn't be old because she was faster than me. She was always so good with children.

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**Sarah Sandifer** - July 11, 2023 at 01:32 PM