



Mrs. Matilda Finkley

July 14, 1945 - November 12, 2022

On July 14, 1945, in Brunswick, Georgia, God saw fit to bless Ella Pender Ladler and Robert Williams with the first of her six children, Matilda Williams. Afterwards, Ella took the newborn Matilda to live in Blackshear, GA with her mother, Mary Pender (whom Matilda affectionately referred to as granny). When it was time for Matilda to start school, Ella left the farm in Blackshear and moved to Goulds in Miami, FL.

Matilda received her formal education in the Dade County School System where she would meet her future husband, upperclassman, Chester Finkley. She met her best friend and soul mate, “Chet” on her way to class while eating a mango at Polly Mays High School. She graduated from Carver High School.

Immediately after high school, “Chet” joined the US Air Force and married Matilda. Now with their first child, Cynthia, they began their lifelong journey of travel around the world. Stationed in Louisiana, Guam, TX, NH, FL, Germany and back to Georgia, her family added two boys, Rodney & Kevin. While raising their children, Matilda continued her education obtaining her certification as a Dental Assistant.

Matilda retired after the birth of her second grandchild to have more time to spend with them. She cherished her family, enjoyed traveling the world with

her husband to faraway places like Spain, Italy, France, Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, Niagara Falls and multiple Caribbean Islands. Locally, Matilda always enjoyed supporting family at reunions, weddings, graduations and sporting events. Matilda loved the lord and was an active member of the Green forest Community Baptist Church where she served on the usher board and the Deacon wives ministries.

Matilda was a devoted wife, a loving mother, and a doting grandmother. She was preceded in death by her mother, Ella Ladler, Sister- Gloria White Ladler and brother- Winfred Ladler. She is survived by her husband, Chester, her 3 children Cynthia (William), Rodney (Leslie), and Kevin (Shuntay), 3 grandchildren Aaron, Kevin, and Kelli, 3 siblings Annette, Jerry (Francina), Kenneth (Erica) and a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Cemetery Details

Hillandale Memorial Gardens

6201 Hillandale Dr
Lithonia, GA 30058-4759
(770) 981-1144

Previous Events

Visitation (Mask Required)

NOV 18. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett - Rockdale Chapel
1999 Hwy 138 SE
Conyers , GA 30013

Burial

NOV 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Celebration of Life (Mask Required)

NOV **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Greenforest Community Baptist Church
3250 Rainbow Dr
Decatur, GA 30034-1713
(404) 486-1120

Tribute Wall

SH

“ Always a woman that wanted the absolute best for her children. Deepest Condolences to family. Bask in great memories and knowing that she is with the Lord now!!!

Sonia HighSmith - November 18, 2022 at 01:46 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Matilda Finkley.



November 18, 2022 at 11:11 AM

MH

“ Deacon Finkley and family it is with heartfelt sympathy that we offer condolences in the passing of Sister Matilda. May God give you peace and sweet memories of the life you shared with her. Deacon Melvin and Connie Haynes Greenforest Baptist Church

Melvin Haynes - November 18, 2022 at 06:42 AM

VH

“ To the Finkley's, Cynthia, Rodney and Kevin you have my sincere condolences and prayers for strength. Our father wrapped his arms around your mom and said, "Come on home my child"!!



Vesa Hood - November 17, 2022 at 03:31 PM

VH

Mr. Finkley you two had many many blessed years together; my prayers go out to you with my deepest condolences.

Vesa Hood - November 18, 2022 at 08:25 AM

CG

Deacon Finkley and family we share your loss and we love you may God give you the comfort and strength that you need to carry on. God is with you right now.

Charles and Betty Gadsden

Charles Gadsden - November 19, 2022 at 11:19 AM