



## Evangelist Viola Childs

November 15, 1929 - May 21, 2017

Mrs. Viola Mary Childs (Evangelist) was born on November 15, 1929 (Tuskegee, Alabama) to the late John Henry and Lula Mae (Cason) Chisholm, the youngest of eight. There were two sisters and five brothers, whom are deceased. Evangelist Viola Childs departed this life surrounded by love and family on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at the age of 87.

Evangelist Childs attended Oakgrove Elementary of Tuskegee, AL. She gave her life to Christ at an early age. She attended Oakgrove Baptist Church, during her early Christian experience. In her later years she became a member of Paradise House of Prayer, along with being a member of several churches. She later pastored her own church known as "House of Prayer" (Loachapoka, AL). Before becoming ill and proceeding in her death, she became a member of the First Saint Peter African Methodist Episcopal Church of Stone Mountain, GA.

Evangelist Childs was united in marriage to Deacon Roosevelt Childs, Sr. and moved to Atlanta, GA at the age of 18. They were married for 63 years up until Mr. Childs's death as of 2011. She and Deacon Childs leaves behind five children; one son, Roosevelt Childs, Jr. (Mary) of Fayetteville, GA, Helen Childs of Atlanta GA, Velma Childs Bell (Abdul) of Decatur, GA, Thelma Childs Cook (Horace) of Lithonia, GA and the youngest, Diane Childs Bailey (Raleigh) of Douglasville, GA. They also returned to God their third child, Mae

Carolyn Childs McColley of Atlanta, GA.

Evangelist Childs leaves behind three sister-in-laws: Lavada Chisholm (widower of Henry James); Rhetona Chisholm (widower of Charles "Lover") and Dean Childs (Ed Lewis) whom she held very near and dear to her heart. She leaves behind a host of grandchildren, Larry McColley, Tajuana McColley, Deidrene Gross, Darylema Williams, Amber Wiggles, Carwayna McColley and Arielle Wiggles. She also leaves behind seventeen great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

After all her children became grown, she attended Morris Brown College for 3 ½ years. Evangelist Viola Childs was a well respected and loved Paraprofessional (teacher's aide) for the Atlanta Public School System where she taught for over 25 years and later retired from Anderson Park Elementary in 1991.

Even though she suffered from Alzheimer's she stayed strong and continue to worship her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the late hours of her bed by lifting her hands, even when she could not speak. "Pretty Girl" is what her granddaughter would call her, will be greatly missed. She was the glue to the family and a praying warrior who will forever be remembered with her favorite song "Try Jesus, He's Alright." Well, "Pretty Girl" you have tried him and we know you are ALRIGHT. We love you and may you rest peacefully at last in his loving arms.

Funeral Saturday, May 27, 2017, 11am at First Peter AME Church, 1074 South Indian Creek Dr., Stone Mountain, GA

Burial: Kennedy Cemetery

Visitation Friday, 10am-8pm



# Cemetery Details

## Kennedy Memorial Gardens

2500 River Road  
ELLENWOOD, Ga

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 26.** 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel  
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.  
Decatur, GA 30034  
(404) 241-5656  
[info@levettfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@levettfuneralhome.com)

## Celebration of Life

**MAY 27.** 11:00 AM (ET)

First St. Peter AME Church  
1074 S. Indian Creek Drive  
Stone Mountain, GA 30073

## Interment

**MAY 27** (ET)

Kennedy Memorial Gardens  
2500 River Road  
ELLENWOOD, Ga



# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Evangelist Viola Childs.*



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May 25, 2017 at 11:58 PM



“ *I would like to express my sincere condolences to The Childs' Family in the passing of there mother Evangelist Viola Child's. Praying for the family.*

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**Vicki Smith-Francis** - May 25, 2017 at 08:25 PM