



## Viola Brown Martin

October 2, 1925 - June 30, 2024

Viola Cecile Brown Martin, affectionately known as Dolly, passed away peacefully on June 30th, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of love, dedication, and service. Born as the eighth of nine children, Dolly, as she was known, spent her formative years in the city of Charleston, South Carolina, where she attended public schools and formed lifelong memories and friendships.

Viola's pursuit of education led her to South Carolina State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics. Her academic journey continued at Columbia University, where she obtained a master's degree, demonstrating her unwavering commitment to learning and personal growth.

For 40 years, Viola dedicated herself to teaching high school mathematics in the South Carolina public school system. Her passion for education and her students left a lasting mark on the countless lives she touched. She would continue this commitment as an active member of the South Carolina University Alumni Association.

Viola married the love of her life, Palmer Bernard Martin, with whom she shared 66 wonderful years of marriage. Together, they raised two daughters, Gwendolyn, and Cecile (deceased). Her devotion to her family was matched only by her dedication to her faith and community.

As active and cherished member of the Ephesus Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Darlington, SC, Viola served in numerous capacities including treasurer, member of the church board, developer of education for the South Atlantic Conference and church musician. Her true passions were Women's Ministries and her favorite role of teaching Sabbath School, a position she held for decades with unwavering joy and commitment. Viola's love for her church family was evident in all she did, and her contributions will be remembered fondly by those she served.

Viola is survived by daughter Gwendolyn (Lamont) Houston; grandchildren Donald (Annie) Houston, Gina (Gerard) Smith, and David Houston; sister Gloria Mouzon; nieces Patricia Barnum, Rachel Mouzon, Sybil Mouzon, Shirley (Willie) Harrison. Merle (Lawrence) Ford, Karolyn (Gary) Moore, Loretta Brown and Kia Brown; nephews Hector Mouzon, Jr; Miton (Glenda) Mouzon; Dr. Richard (Luciana)Mouzon; Al (Essie) Smith; John (Shirley) Brown, Jr; Tyrone (Shirley Brown; Wilbur (Andrea) Brown Jr; Damien Brown; son in law Warren (Yolanda) Bandfield; cousins Enoch Jenkins; Audrey Gilbert.; Malinda Pearson and Albert (Janie Ruth) Martin. Her memory will also be cherished by her extended family, friends, and all of those who were blessed to know her.

In celebrating the life of Viola Cecila Brown Martin, we honor a woman whose legacy of love, education, and faith will continue to inspire all who knew her. She will be deeply missed but forever remembered.

In Lieu of Flowers please make donations in honor of Viola Brown Martin to Ephesus Seventh-Day Adventist Church 124 Theresa Dr, Darlington, SC 29532

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 9. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory  
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy  
Decatur, GA 30034  
(404) 241-5656

## Celebration of Life

JUL 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our beloved V.C.*



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**suza Bridgers** - July 10, 2024 at 07:26 PM

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“ *Our hearts are saddened as we think of Sister Martin. She was a good friend and always the word of the Lord with a good Biblical base. She was an excellent Treasurer, Singer and Piano player. Ephesus Church of Darlington, S C is grateful for her service. Ethel Tina & Jaleisa Turner*

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**Ethel Tina Turner** - July 10, 2024 at 02:00 PM

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“ *V.C. was our heartstrings and the very best Sabbath School teacher ever! The legacy of her love and the radiance of her reflection of our Lord and Savior remains to sustain our strength and joy. Love to Gwen and her beloved family. Suzy and Robert Bridget's. Darlington, SC*



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**suza Bridgers** - July 09, 2024 at 12:39 PM

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“ As a 9th grader at St. John’s High School, I was privileged to be in Mrs. Martin’s algebra class. She was so patient and pleasant. My condolences to her loved ones. 🙏

-Angela G. Johnson

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**Angela G. Johnson** - July 09, 2024 at 06:35 AM