



Ms. Yvonne Mae Goolsby

December 19, 1938 - April 7, 2026

Yvonne Mae Goolsby, 87, passed away peacefully on April 7th at 3:53 a.m., surrounded by her four children and grandson Myles, who remained lovingly by her bedside. Born in Sauratown, North Carolina, Yvonne's life was a testament to resilience, creativity, and the unbreakable bonds of family. She is survived by her children: Gerald M. Shealey, Madonna S. Goolsby, Tonya S. Goolsby, and Rodney L. Shealey; her brother, Frank Goolsby; her nephew Brandon D. Goolsby, who was a son to her in every way that mattered; and her beloved in laws: Sister in-law Virginia Goolsby, daughter in-laws Alesia H. Shealey and Nicole Shealey, Son in-laws Eric Goolsby and Ronnie Higgs. She is also survived by seven grandchildren—Gerald T. Shealey, Myles M. Shealey, Taylor Goolsby, Jasmine Goolsby, Tavon Barnswell, Cole Shealey, and Chase Shealey—and four great grandchildren: Gerald T. Shealey, Jr., James E. Shealey, Ellis L. Ferguson, and Emery L. Ferguson and multiple nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and other beloved family members.

Yvonne's life began in the fields as a sharecropper's daughter, but she always dreamed beyond the horizon she was born into. Through determination and faith, she built a life filled with accomplishments, purpose, and love. She valued family above all else—yet she defined family not only by DNA, but by the people she welcomed, supported, and held close throughout her life. A woman of many talents, Yvonne found joy in painting, crocheting, dancing, and playing Uno with her great grandchildren, who adored every moment

spent with her. Her creativity, warmth, and laughter filled every room she entered.

In honor of Yvonne's generous spirit, the family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations please be made in her name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the American Kidney Fund, or the National Breast Cancer Foundation. We have provided links to those charities.

St. Jude - <https://www.stjude.org/donate/>

American Kidney Fund - <https://give.kidneyfund.org>

Breast Cancer - <https://www.komen.org>

Her legacy lives on in the countless lives she touched, the family she nurtured, and the love she gave freely.

Celebration of Life (Memorial Service) LIVESTREAM <https://vimeo.com/event/5893412> will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 5:00 PM at our Gwinnett Chapel 914 Scenic Hwy Lawrenceville, GA 30045. Please express your condolences here on our website. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, Gwinnett Chapel, 914 Scenic Hwy Lawrenceville, GA 30045. 770-338-5558.

The Celebration of Life Service will be held on Yvonne Goolsby, Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 5:00 PM. This service will be recorded and streamed live. If the event is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire event will be uploaded and available to view later in the day. Please copy and paste the link to share or simply click on the link to view the event.

<https://vimeo.com/event/5893412>

Previous Events

Family Hour

APR 28. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy.
Lawrenceville, GA 30045
(770) 338-5558
info@levettfuneralhome.com

Memorial Celebration of Life

APR 28. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TB

“ Toni Braxton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Yvonne Mae Goolsby.

Toni Braxton - May 03 at 05:41 PM

IA

“ Deepest sympathies to the family. Sister Yvonne was a sweet and faith filled woman. Her presence will be truly missed. Ina Allen Bible Study Fellowship group member.

Ina S Allen - April 28 at 05:54 PM

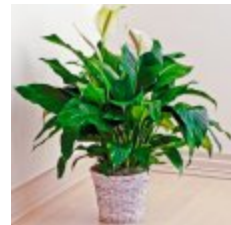
AJ

“ In loving meory of a loving ladie may she RIP. NET ALESIA Niece

Altonette Jackson - April 28 at 11:47 AM

FT

“ From Lew Tucker purchased the Floor Plant for S ympathy for the family of Ms. Yvonne Mae Goolsby.



From Lew Tucker - April 27 at 11:39 PM

FT

“ From Lew Tucker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Yvonne Mae Goolsby.

From Lew Tucker - April 27 at 11:39 PM

BW

“ *To the Family and Friends of Yvonne Goolsby
My deepest condolences to the family and friends of Yvonne. As a fellow member of Bible Study Fellowship with Yvonne, I already miss her precious spirit and her love, wisdom and joy she shared with us.
May God give you peace.
Betsy Wieber*

Betsy Wieber - April 27 at 08:20 PM

LJ

“ *Love, David and Jacqueline purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Ms. Yvonne Mae Goolsby.*



Love, David and Jacqueline - April 27 at 06:11 PM

VT

“ *Vina, Net, Drew, and Tripp purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Ms. Yvonne Mae Goolsby.*



Vina, Net, Drew, and Tripp - April 27 at 04:39 PM

JG

“ *Jean, Albee, Troy, Kelly Gaynor purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Ms. Yvonne Mae Goolsby.*



Jean, Albee, Troy, Kelly Gaynor - April 27 at 12:56 PM

LT

“ Legacy at Walton Bluegrass Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Yvonne Mae Goolsby.

Legacy at Walton Bluegrass Team - April 27 at 10:45 AM

LT

“ Legacy at Walton Bluegrass Team purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Ms. Yvonne Mae Goolsby.



Legacy at Walton Bluegrass Team - April 27 at 10:45 AM

HF

“ Hugh Cummings & Family purchased the Calm & Comfort Bouquet for Sympathy - Florist Choice for the family of Ms. Yvonne Mae Goolsby.



Hugh Cummings & Family - April 26 at 08:25 PM

MI

“ Monica Ihndris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Yvonne Mae Goolsby.

Monica Ihndris - April 26 at 01:43 PM

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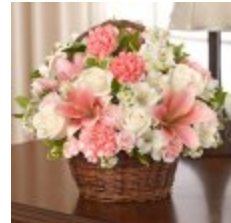
“ *Monica Ihndris purchased the Heartfelt Sympathies Blue & White Funeral Standing Basket for the family of Ms. Yvonne Mae Goolsby.*



Monica Ihndris - April 26 at 01:43 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White was purchased for the family of Ms. Yvonne Mae Goolsby.*



April 24 at 11:38 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Yvonne Mae Goolsby.*



April 23 at 03:53 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Yvonne Mae Goolsby.*

April 23 at 03:53 PM

BF

“ Bill Allison & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Yvonne Mae Goolsby.

Bill Allison & Family - April 23 at 12:10 PM

BF

“ Bill Allison & Family purchased the Yellow & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Ms. Yvonne Mae Goolsby.



Bill Allison & Family - April 23 at 12:10 PM

AR

“ To the Family of Yvonne Goolsby
My prayers and condolences to the family. I pray the peace that only God can and will provide will cover you lovingly. As a BSF member, I got to enjoy her presence in class. Just from her demeanor and responses to questions asked in the class, I know that she is home with the FATHER. Praying for the peace that surpasses all understanding for the family as He lovingly wraps His arms around you.
Aida Santiago Rodriguez (BSF)

Aida Maria Santiago Rodriguez - April 22 at 11:47 PM

MG

Condolences Rodney & Family. 🕊️

max Gousse - April 23 at 10:27 AM

R(

A wonderful friend. I shared many moments with her. Her accomplishments were great despite the battles she fought. She went from a small town girl to a business woman. Owning apartments in New York. Not to mention her job with the government of NY. Her concern for family members and rescuing a granddaughter. Only knew her about 10 years. After moving from Legacy at Bluegrass , we still kept in touch. When going to my physicians in Alpharetta, we had lunch over the years. I talked to her last in hospital. She told me that no matter what her illness was she would be ok. I knew that meant , she was a woman of God and deep faith. She prayed for me often especially after surgery. I didn't know of her passing till tried calling her and texting. I then look for an obit. Sadly, I found one that I never hoped to see. I'm sending my prayers for all of her family. They have a great loss. I did watch the video and I cried but the family did a beautiful video and service. Good bye my friend. I will miss you.

Rosamary mauney (Rose) - May 07 at 10:59 PM

MA

Thank you so much very much for your friendship with our Mom it meant a lot to her . She spoke of from time to time . Blessings always

Madonna - May 17 at 11:14 PM

DP

“ *To the family of Yvonne Goolsby, may God keep you lifted during this time. As a member of BSF she will surely be missed, her kindness will never be forgotten.*

Praying for your Peace and Comfort

Darilynn Patterson (BSF)

Darilynn Patterson - April 22 at 03:14 PM

MM

“ Praying for peace and comfort for Yvonne’s family during this time. Sending my deepest condolences to all impacted by Yvonne’s transition.

Monifa McKnight- BSF Bible study group

Monifa McKnight - April 22 at 06:29 AM

PB

“ As one of th newer members of our Bible Study Fellowship group I was blessed to share with Yvonne on a few occassions, enough to know how kind and faithful she was as a member. My sincerest condolences to the family as I pray for your comfort and peace in the loss of such a sweet soul. May your precious memories always be a blessing.

Pamela Benn-Hill - April 21 at 05:00 PM

FF

“ From Charles Farrar planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Yvonne Mae Goolsby.

From Charles Farrar - April 21 at 12:20 PM

FF

“ From Charles Farrar purchased the Lavender & White Standing Spray for the family of Ms. Yvonne Mae Goolsby.



From Charles Farrar - April 21 at 12:20 PM



“ *Red & White Mixed Standing Open Heart was purchased for the family of Ms. Yvonne Mae Goolsby.*



April 18 at 08:52 AM



“ *I am so grateful and lucky to have known your love and your laughter. I've found myself these past couple of days replaying your laugh and voice in my head, and remembering how you'd rock me and squeeze me when we were hugging. I'm missing you a lot but I'm glad you're out of pain. Love you so much Auntie*



Jaz Goolsby - April 16 at 11:50 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Toogie - April 16 at 05:03 PM



Rest in paradise cuzs.

Deborah Calloway - April 16 at 07:48 PM

RD

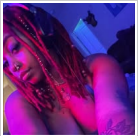
THIS is the Miss Yvonne I will always remember. She always had a smile or a laugh whenever I saw her. Sending prayers of comfort to Rodney, Gerald, Madonna, Tonya, and all the grandkids (who are now grown), as well as everyone who loved Miss Yvonne. She will be missed! ❤️❤️❤️

Rachelle Dickerson - April 23 at 10:45 AM

PC

“ Yvonne, You will be missed by family and friends. God called you home and you are now set free. Free from this heavy burden of life. Your body is absent but your spirit has moved through a different door. You're with Jesus and you have seen Him Face to Face. You are now living eternally with Jesus with no more pain, sorrow or suffering. Rest in peace dear sister for you are in a better place for all time in your permanent home.
Pat Cruz-Stoessel, your Prayer Warrior Sister!

Patricia Cruz-Stoessel - April 15 at 04:46 PM



“ ❤️ we love you grandma ❤️



Taylor Goldsby - April 14 at 10:20 PM

TO

I will miss you every moment of everyday momma, until we are together again ... Toogie

Toogie - April 16 at 02:38 PM

LG

Yvonne (Ma) was a second mother to me—a steady presence of love and kindness no matter how life changed around us. You never let circumstances define how you treated others, and I will always be grateful for the grace and warmth you showed me through every season.

I learned so much from your strength, your honesty, and your unwavering spirit. You showed me that where we are in life does not determine where we are going, and that resilience and faith can carry us through anything.

Thank you for the love you gave so freely and for the example you set so effortlessly. You will always hold a special place in my heart. Well done my faithful servant , well done

Love ❤️ Lynne

Lynne Thomas Gainey - April 16 at 11:50 PM