



## Mary Virginia Edwards

January 7, 1955 - May 23, 2024

Mary Edwards age 69 of Kingston, TN passed away Thursday, May 23, 2024. Mary was born in Winston-Salem, NC on January 7, 1955 to parents William Edwards and Lillie Chappell. She was born and raised in North Carolina and moved to Kingston in the 80's. She was of the Baptist faith, held three college degrees and worked for TVA for 25 years. One of the proudest times in her life was serving her country in the United States Navy, 1973-1978, flight crew DC-9. The greatest love of her life was her children and her grandchildren who she delighted in spending time with. Some of Mary's favorite enjoyments were gardening, the beach, her dogs, and photography.

Preceded in death by:

Mother, Lillie Chappell

Father, William Edwards

Grandparents, Daniel and Laura Chappell

Brother, Billy Ray Edwards

Sisters, Shirley Edwards and Bobbie Jo Edwards

Survived by:

Sons,

Ray (Whitney) Sears of Chattanooga, TN

Steven (Nicole) Sears of Kingston, TN

Sister, Donna Richmond of Danville, VA

Brothers,  
Randy (Bonnie) Edwards of Ruffin, NC  
Donald (Karen) Edwards of Ruffin, NC  
Charles Hornback of Eden, NC  
Grandchildren, Austin, Lilly and Easton Sears

The Edwards Family would like to express their thankfulness to many wonderful friends who helped Mary greatly during her fight with cancer.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston. Funeral at 6:30 p.m. with Reverend Cal Adams officiating. Burial 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at Bethel Fairview Cemetery. The care of Mary Edwards and her family has been entrusted to the staff of Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **28**. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Kyker Funeral Homes  
OUR KINGSTON CHAPEL  
PO Box 69, 350 W Race St  
Kingston, TN 37763  
(865) 376-6531  
<https://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAY **28**. 6:30 PM (ET)

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## Burial

MAY **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Bethel Fairview Cemetery  
127 Manor Road  
Kingston, TN 37763

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Virginia Edwards*



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**Kyker Funeral Home** - May 28, 2024 at 04:22 PM

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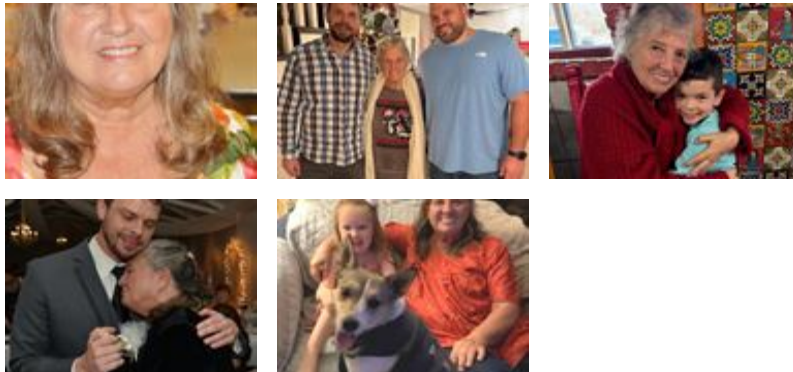
“ *Ray and Steven, so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Prayers for God's peace for you both and the family.*

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**Kathy Easter** - May 28, 2024 at 08:10 PM



“ *52 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Kyker Funeral Home** - May 28, 2024 at 12:15 PM

DH

*So Sorry for your family's loss and Sending prayers to the family. Hope and Pray for everyone.*

**Deborah Heilman** - May 29, 2024 at 10:04 AM

DF

“ *Deskings Family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Mary Virginia Edwards.*



**Deskings Family** - May 28, 2024 at 09:39 AM

FF

“ *Fritch Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spatiphyllum for the family of Mary Virginia Edwards.*



**Fritch Family** - May 27, 2024 at 08:47 PM

FF

“ *Fritch Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Virginia Edwards.*

**Fritch Family** - May 27, 2024 at 08:47 PM

SH

“ Sam and Dana Hensley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Virginia Edwards.



Sam and Dana Hensley - May 27, 2024 at 01:33 PM

JF

“ Jason Kemp & Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mary Virginia Edwards.



Jason Kemp & Family - May 26, 2024 at 02:44 PM

JF

“ Jeff Davis and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Virginia Edwards.



Jeff Davis and Family - May 26, 2024 at 01:53 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Virginia Edwards.



May 26, 2024 at 12:03 AM

MF

“ *Milt and Cindy Moseley, and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Virginia Edwards.*



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**Milt and Cindy Moseley, and family** - May 25, 2024 at 03:42 PM

SF

“ *I've known Mary since we first met at Watts Bar Nuclear in the early 1980's. As much as we picked on each other we have stayed in contact and remained friends through the years. She was always a special lady and didn't ask for much out of life. When she learned of my mother and sister having lung cancer, Mary donated portions of her hair for them. She always said her hair grew fast, She had always wanted to see the Christmas lights at Opryland so Rhonda and I chauffeured her up to Nashville and then we got her to go on a cruise with us. We will miss her is an understatement.*

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**Steve Frazier** - May 25, 2024 at 02:13 PM

JS

“ *Joan S. purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mary Virginia Edwards.*



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**Joan S.** - May 25, 2024 at 09:38 AM

TR

“ Tammy Russell lit a candle in memory of Mary Virginia Edwards



Tammy Russell - May 25, 2024 at 08:53 AM

BW

“ Brenda Williams lit a candle in memory of Mary Virginia Edwards



Brenda Williams - May 25, 2024 at 08:32 AM

BW

Mary was a sweet precious lady who saw joy in life. I met her at TVA where we worked and she had the energy of 2 people and a smile that made you smile and enjoy the simple everyday things. So many beautiful memories she left behind for so many of us..Prayers for Steven, Ray and family for comfort..

Brenda Williams - May 25, 2024 at 08:40 AM

MD

“ My prayers go out to Mary’s family and friends. Rest in peace sweet soul.



Melinda Davis - May 24, 2024 at 10:52 PM

MW

“ Mary & I grew up in the same neighborhood, went to church , sang in the youth choir together, & also attended high school together, She was a couple years older & all her friends were proud of her military service & her lifelong achievements! Is was great to connect again with her the last 10 years on Facebook! Heaven just gained a beautiful sweet singing Angel! Prayers 🙏 for family & friends in this your time of bereavement!



Mark C. Wood - May 24, 2024 at 09:14 PM

MM

“ Margaret Moore purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Virginia Edwards.



Margaret Moore - May 24, 2024 at 08:24 PM

MM

“ Margaret Moore planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Virginia Edwards.

Margaret Moore - May 24, 2024 at 08:24 PM

TT

“ Trevor and Aspen Townsend purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary Virginia Edwards.



Trevor and Aspen Townsend - May 24, 2024 at 07:23 PM

EG

“ Mary was a precious young girl that I got to know when she was four years old. We lived in Pelham NC. I worked in the country store across from her home. She became friends with my sister Trena Heffinger and Lisa they had a lot in common those days. I was proud to see that she went into service and had a good life. She went to the church we all went to Lively Stones Baptist Church back then. Mary was a sweet good girl. Loved her prayers for family

Eileen Gregory - May 24, 2024 at 06:50 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Virginia Edwards.



May 24, 2024 at 04:53 PM

TT

“ TVA TOPS planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Virginia Edwards.

TVA TOPS - May 24, 2024 at 04:53 PM

TT

“ The TISO Team purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Virginia Edwards.



The TISO Team - May 24, 2024 at 04:37 PM

WG

“ William and Melissa George purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Virginia Edwards.



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**William and Melissa George** - May 24, 2024 at 04:30 PM

CB

“ Cathy Billings lit a candle in memory of Mary Virginia Edwards



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**Cathy Billings** - May 24, 2024 at 04:30 PM

CB

“ Mary was always known to me as little Mary!! She is my cousin and even though we didn't grow up together she will be forever in my heart!! Heaven is a beautiful place for our sweet Mary, a place for her to rest pain free with no more suffering!! A place to reunite with all of our family that has gone before! She will always be in my thoughts and in my heart!!



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**Cathy Billings** - May 24, 2024 at 04:28 PM

WG

“ Ray,  
Melissa and I are so sorry for the loss of your  
mother. You and your family are in our  
thoughts and prayers.

William George

William George - May 24, 2024 at 04:08 PM



CO

“ Ray, so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. As you know I  
worked with Mary at Kingston many years ago. She was the kindest  
person one could ever meet. My thoughts and prayers go out to you  
and your family.

Chuck Owens - May 24, 2024 at 04:01 PM

YF

“ Your Envirolink Family purchased the Heavenly  
Grace Spray for the family of Mary Virginia  
Edwards.

Your Envirolink Family - May 24, 2024 at 03:57 PM



KB

“ Kelly Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mary  
Virginia Edwards

Kelly Beasley - May 24, 2024 at 03:47 PM



LP

“ *Lisa Pyron lit a candle in memory of Mary Virginia Edwards*



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**Lisa Pyron** - May 24, 2024 at 03:03 PM