



Ms. Edalene Jowers Rhodes

September 26, 1931 - September 19, 2021

On Sunday, September 19, 2021, one week shy of her 90th birthday, Edalene Rhodes departed this life to be welcomed into her Heavenly home. She was born on September 26, 1931, in Henderson County, as the oldest child of the late Edward and Lura Jowers. After graduating Lexington High School, she married her classmate and sweetheart, Vernon Rhodes, on August 16, 1949. He passed away in 2009. She was also preceded in death by her brother Charles Edward Jowers and, most recently, her sister Margie Sue (Jowers) McFerrin.

A wife, mother, and homemaker of the highest caliber, Edalene was also a hard-working professional for decades. She worked on the floor and in a supervisory capacity at Lexington's Salant & Salant shirt factory in the 1950s and 60s. After its original partners started Rhodes Music Center in 1963, she and Vernon became its sole proprietors in 1964, leading to Edalene's shift in full-time professional focus from Salant to the store by the end of 1966. From there, she facilitated the primary distribution point of music in Lexington for several years, hosted a hangout for our town's music-lovers, and gave a proud few teenagers and young adults one of their first and/or best work experiences. In 1983, the store shifted focus from music sales to electronics by becoming Lexington's first Curtis Mathis retailer. For most of those years, Edalene ran a Western Union office within the store. The Rhodes began the move toward retirement by selling the store in 1988.

An involved member of her community for as long as she was able, Edalene

was an active member of the Lexington FCE, Flower Lovers' Garden Club, and Wooden of the World Fraternal Organization. She loved to paint, arrange flowers, and work outside, and she competed in and judged various Henderson County Fair events over the years. A member of Second Baptist Church since the early 1960s, Edalene taught Sunday School, played piano, and served in many ways to support those in and out of the church.

Edalene loved her family generously and taught and served them well in many ways. She leaves behind her son Larry Rhodes; daughter Teresa and son-in-law Johnny Grimes; three grandsons – Dusty Grimes, Shane Rhodes, and Chuck Grimes; one great-grandson and three great-granddaughters.

The Rhodes family has entrusted Pafford Funeral Home with her final arrangements, including visitation on September 20 from 5pm to 9pm and again on September 21 from Noon until the 2pm service in Pafford's Chapel, which will be officiated by Bro. Jimmy Biggers and Bro. Miles Roberts. She will be buried beside her husband in the Henderson County Memory Gardens.

Cemetery Details

Henderson County Memory Gardens

10712 Highway 412 West
Lexington, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **20**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home
71 Monroe Avenue
Lexington, TN 38351
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Visitation

SEP **21**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home
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Lexington, TN 38351
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Chapel Service

SEP **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Chapel of Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN.
71 Monroe Avenue
Lexington, TN

Tribute Wall



“ *Pafford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Edalene Jowers Rhodes*



Pafford Funeral Home - September 20, 2021 at 01:05 PM

BC

“ *Brenda McPeake Casey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Edalene Jowers Rhodes*



Brenda McPeake Casey - September 27, 2021 at 01:39 PM

DB

“ Larry, Teresa my heart is with you and your families in the loss of your dear mother. Our generation is so blessed to have had such amazing parents and so many sweet memories. I remember your mom always patient and inviting in the music store when I was just discovering how exciting it could be to take home a new 45 record and play it over and over and over!!! I also remember seeing color TV for this first time in your store!!! Your parents helped bring important changes to Lexington and Henderson County and led many young people to discover the pleasure of music! May your many sweet memories bring comfort in these difficult days.
Sincerely
Dian Helms Brown

Dian Helms Brown - September 22, 2021 at 06:50 PM

TC

“ Teresa, I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers and thoughts for you and your family. Love Tara



Tara Castleman - September 21, 2021 at 01:46 PM

JH

“ Janice Houston lit a candle in memory of Ms. Edalene Jowers Rhodes



Janice Houston - September 21, 2021 at 02:23 AM

RG

“ So sorry to read of this lady passing,, I remember her and her husband both when they had the music store on main,across from dollar general and how they were both so nice and knew the names to all 45,s even when you knew a few lines of the songs,,bought a many records there as a teen,,they are both resting in heaven now together and know they are happy,,May God Bless the family and help you through this,,Prayers to all the family,,

Ronnie Dyer (n) Ricky Gooch - September 21, 2021 at 01:23 AM

RG

“ Ronnie Dyer (n) Ricky Gooch lit a candle in memory of Ms. Edalene Jowers Rhodes



Ronnie Dyer (n) Ricky Gooch - September 21, 2021 at 01:19 AM

BW

“ Barbara Willis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Edalene Jowers Rhodes



Barbara Willis - September 20, 2021 at 11:03 PM

BW

So sorry for your loss , Edalene was A sweet lady, Prayers.

Barbara Willis - September 20, 2021 at 11:06 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Willis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Edalene Jowers Rhodes*



Barbara Willis - September 20, 2021 at 11:02 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Edalene Jowers Rhodes.*



September 20, 2021 at 07:27 PM

KR

“ *Kathy Redding lit a candle in memory of Ms. Edalene Jowers Rhodes*



kathy redding - September 20, 2021 at 06:48 PM

AH

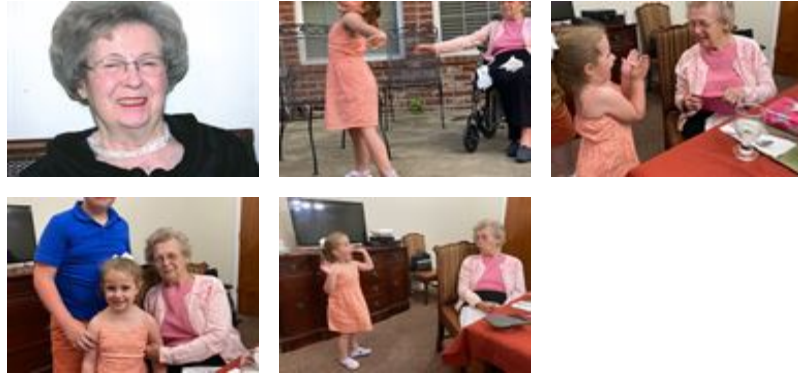
“ *Teresa and family bless your hearts in the loss of your Momma. Such a sweet lady remember her from Second Baptist Church.*



Anne Hatchett - September 20, 2021 at 01:37 PM



“ 47 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pafford Funeral Home - September 20, 2021 at 01:05 PM



“ lit a candle in memory of *Ms. Edalene Jowers Rhodes*



September 20, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ *Doris Buck* lit a candle in memory of *Ms. Edalene Jowers Rhodes*



Doris Buck - September 20, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ms. Edalene Jowers Rhodes.*



September 20, 2021 at 11:33 AM



“ *Love and Prayers to you all.*



Rhonda Sanders - September 20, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Johnny, Teresa, Dusty, Chuck and family. Our prayers are with all of you.*
Kristie Holmes Belcher



Kristie Holmes Belcher - September 19, 2021 at 05:58 PM



“ *Kathy And Rob Renfroe lit a candle in memory of Ms. Edalene Jowers Rhodes*



Kathy and Rob Renfroe - September 19, 2021 at 04:17 PM

KR

Mrs. Edalene was a beautiful, sweet lady. My thoughts, prayers, and love to Teresa and the rest of the family.

Kathy and Rob Renfroe - September 19, 2021 at 04:22 PM