



## Myrtice Alford Edwards

December 14, 1924 - March 5, 2017

Mrs. Myrtice Alford Edwards, age 92, of Eastman passed away Sunday, March 5, 2017 at the home of her daughter in Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at Hardy-Towns Chapel with Dr. Walter Price and Dr. Jerry Peele officiating. Interment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Visitations will be Tuesday, March 7, 2017 from 2 til 4 p.m. and 6 til 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Edwards was born December 14, 1924 in Laurens County to the late Alma Odom and Homer Lee Alford. She was a member of Eastman First Baptist Church for seventy-one years where she taught The Joy Sunday School Class. She served as GA Leader, a member of the Building Committee, and the Search Committee. She was a graduate of Brewton Parker College, where she was honored as The Oldest Living Graduate and of Bessie Tift College. Mrs. Edwards was an Algebra and Physical Science teacher at Dodge County High School and was a former member of The Dodge County Board of Education. Her teaching career spanned for over twenty years.

She is survived daughters and sons-in-law, Celeste and Richard Furr of Marietta, Ga. and Mitzi and Jim Smiley of Stone Mountain, Ga.; grandchildren, Lindsey Shumpert (John David) Of Atlanta, Ga. and Blake Smiley of Monroe, Ga.; sister, Leaette Braswell (Bill) of Eastman, Ga.; daughter of the heart, Jane Clifford; several nieces and nephews also survived.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, M.H. Edwards and sister, Mable Smith.

Those serving as pallbearers are Keith Braswell, Kirk Braswell, Kip Braswell, Blake Smiley, John David Shumpert, and Ken Rogers. Honorary pallbearers are The Mac Group and The Joy Sunday School Class.

Hardy-Towns Funeral Home of Eastman is in charge of arrangements. [www.hardy-towns.com](http://www.hardy-towns.com)

# Cemetery

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## Woodlawn Cemetery

First Ave

Eastman, GA, 31023

# Events

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**MAR** **Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Hardy-Towns Funeral Home

6399 Oak St., Eastman, GA, US, 31023

**MAR** **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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**MAR** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ It's been over a year, but the memories are fresh in our mind and heart  
We will always love the Edwards family. May the Grace of God be with you now and forever.

Eugene & Sarah Goolsby

**Sarah Goolsby** - May 24, 2018 at 09:32 AM

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“ Celeste and Mitzi, so sorry to learn of your mother's passing. Only had the pleasure of meeting her once, but I know she was loved and respected by many and one is Jane that loved her dearly, as she does your family.  
May God's grace give you and your family peace and comfort.  
Blessings,  
Ann Strickland

**Ann Strickland** - March 22, 2017 at 03:47 PM

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“ Celeste, Mitzi, and Mrs. Leatte: I can't tell you how very saddened I was to learn of Mrs. Myrtice's passing. I thought SO much of her, she was just the true pillar of Eastman. I've never known a more outgoing, friendly person as she was. I always hoped every time I came back to Eastman that I would run into her, and usually I did! Her warm and caring personality always made me feel so good, and so glad to be back in Eastman. And her dry wit always made me laugh. I have always felt there was never a more gracious nor cordial person on this earth. (And I've known her all my life). Well actually, all the Alford's had these sincere traits.....Mrs. Alma, Mr. Alford, Mrs. Leatte. Heaven has surely gained some angels, but Eastman will never be the same. Mrs. Leatte, I was just reliving 'flashbacks' of all my teachers all through school, including college. And you always come to mind as number one. No one person has had such a positive impact on me as when I was in your 2nd grade. I had an unpleasant start with a new teacher in first grade which had such a negative impact, but when I got to your class, you more than made up for it! I never remember crying on the last day of school, except after being in your class. Ms. Alma was always one of the first people to visit the family when any of my family passed. I'll always remember what Mrs. Clyde Nicholson said when Mrs. Alford brought her over during one of these times. On the way out, Mrs. Clyde said 'When Mrs. Alford is not here, Eastman may as well shut down'. I always remember that and how true it was!

You are all in my thoughts and prayers during these darkened days.

Tom (Tommie) Nicholson, Americus, GA.

Tom Nicholson - March 08, 2017 at 09:27 PM

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“ GranMyrt is what our children called her. She was such a special lady! She will be missed by many.

Kathy Lewis - March 08, 2017 at 08:34 PM

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“ Never forget when Ms Myrt and my Mom took me, Celeste and Mitzi to Atlanta shopping. Two things happened!! They had just paved the parking lot at our motel and of course Mitzi and I had to get into the fresh tar!!! I also had never seen an escalator so I rode the one in Rich's over and over with Myrtle standing at the bottom trying to get me to stop. I loved this family aND they have always been a part of my life

Belinda Cadwell Justus - March 08, 2017 at 06:22 PM

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“ Jerry & Pat Thomas lit a candle in memory of Myrtice Alford Edwards



**Jerry & Pat Thomas** - March 08, 2017 at 04:03 PM

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“ Cindy Conner lit a candle in memory of Myrtice Alford Edwards



**Cindy Conner** - March 08, 2017 at 01:06 PM

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“ I have many fond memories of Sunday School, Bible study, youth group socials with Miss Myrt. She had such devotion and lived out her faith by serving others. May we all honor her life by being more like her



**Beth Peacock Long** - March 07, 2017 at 09:00 PM

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“ My heart felt condolences to Celeste and the entire family of Mrs. Mytrice Alford Edwards on the loss of your love one. may she Rest In Peace!!

**Amanuel Tseggai** - March 07, 2017 at 08:42 PM

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“ Myrtice was a special person to many. We will certainly miss her.



**Emogene Taylor** - March 07, 2017 at 05:46 PM

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“ Jimmy And Nancy Thomas lit a candle in memory of Myrtice Alford Edwards



**Jimmy and Nancy Thomas** - March 07, 2017 at 04:12 PM

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“ Celeste and Mitzi, I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs Edwards was one of my all time favorite teachers. May God be with you and your family in this difficult time.  
Ronnie and Susan Joiner

**Ronnie and Susan Joiner** - March 07, 2017 at 01:48 PM

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“ Mrs. Edwards taught me Algebra and Physical Science and was a very great Teacher. She also taught me in The Joy Sunday School Class. I loved Mrs. Edwards! I can see you stomping your foot at us now.



**Debra Williams** - March 07, 2017 at 01:11 PM

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“ You used to teach my Sunday School  
When I was only eight.  
And every week you would say a prayer  
Before the class would start.  
And one day when you said that prayer,  
I asked Jesus in my heart."  
"Thank you Mrs. Myrtice for giving to the Lord.  
I am a life that was changed.  
Thank you for giving to the Lord.  
I am so glad you gave.  
You gave me the greatest gift that anyone could ever give, an eternity with my Lord  
and Savior. It breaks my hear to know that I only shared this with you a couple of  
weeks ago. I will see you again one day.

**Lisa Brady Saxon** - March 07, 2017 at 11:04 AM

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“ Lucy Allen lit a candle in memory of Myrtice Alford Edwards



**Lucy Allen** - March 07, 2017 at 11:00 AM

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“ Connie Jordan lit a candle in memory of Myrtice Alford Edwards



**Connie Jordan** - March 07, 2017 at 10:40 AM

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“ Such a classy lady! She will surely be missed by all who knew her!

**Bobby & Elizabeth Burch** - March 07, 2017 at 09:59 AM

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“ "My Myrt", You were one in a small number of heroes for me, the ultimate teacher and example setter. Your faith nor character wavered in the almost fifty years of our friendship. You were old school with a modern twist, a southern belle in the shadow of a school bell, my respect and admiration only grew as the years went by. Godspeed, we will meet again my friend.

**Connie G Jones** - March 07, 2017 at 08:15 AM

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“ DEAR FAMILY, GREAT LADY. FOND MEMORIES OF MRS. MYRTICE. PRAYING FOR THE FAMILY DURING THIS TIME. GOD BLESS. ELAINE C. PEEK

**ELAINE PEEK** - March 07, 2017 at 06:49 AM

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“ So many memories.. what a reunion is happening in heaven . So many old friends together again.



**Patricia C Brewer** - March 07, 2017 at 05:59 AM

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“ Cynthia Long Jones lit a candle in memory of Myrtice Alford Edwards



**Cynthia Long Jones** - March 07, 2017 at 03:57 AM

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“ Harriett Morris Tripp lit a candle in memory of Myrtice Alford Edwards



**Harriett Morris Tripp** - March 06, 2017 at 10:13 PM

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“ Glenn Coody lit a candle in memory of Myrtice Alford Edwards



Glenn Coody - March 06, 2017 at 09:07 PM

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“ Fern Bearden lit a candle in memory of Myrtice Alford Edwards



Fern Bearden - March 06, 2017 at 08:26 PM

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“ May God wrap His arms around each of you and give you peace and comfort as only He can as you pass through this Valley of the Shadow of Death. Hang on to and relive the wonderful memories of a life well-lived. I have many great memories of a most excellent Algebra teacher and fine lady. Hugs, Wayne and Janice Smith Cartwright, Milan, Ga.

Janice S. Cartwright - March 06, 2017 at 05:00 PM

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“ Joyce & Hal Horne lit a candle in memory of Myrtice Alford Edwards



joyce & hal horne - March 06, 2017 at 02:58 PM



“ ELAINE KIGHT SPIRES lit a candle in memory of Myrtice Alford Edwards



ELAINE KIGHT SPIRES - March 06, 2017 at 01:54 PM