



## Mother Verna Elizabeth Mathews

March 7, 1928 - August 26, 2024

On a bright spring day, Verna Elizabeth Williams was born to Charlie and Zadie Williams in Monticello Jasper County, Georgia; the sixth of eight children- all of whom have preceded her in death. It was revealed by her siblings that she the apple of her father's eye due in part to her frail health in her youth. Even though her future was uncertain, by human standards, God's will reigned supreme in that she survived to become the woman of His plan.

She met a young man: Jesse Mathews, Jr. They were married on September 7, 1946 in Morgan County, Georgia. To this union, eight children were born: Freddie Lee, Sr., Ronald Eugene, Sr., Anthony Charles, Carolyn Annette, Rosalyn Michele, Jessica Anita, Beverly Diane, and Adriane Denise. She and her husband successfully parented their eight children and several grandchildren, providing a healthy home environment laced with Godly principles and practices. When her children were older, she provided private in-home care for 12-15 years.

She grew up in her home church but developed a personal relationship with the Lord in her early adult years. As her relationship with the Lord deepened, she acknowledged a call to mission work as well as being anointed to teach. For several years, she served as taught Bible Study for participating seniors at the community's Senior Citizens Club. She served as the president of the local Home Mission Department and remained an active member of this

department until her health began to decline.

Mother Mathews, as she was affectionately called, was an avid seamstress and flower gardener, exuding love as she freely embracing anyone within her reach. Her words of encouragement were always given with a smile and will never be forgotten. They continue to reverberate even now- "God's been good to us...and still is!"

Preceding her in death are Adriane Denise and one grandchild, Crystal Celeste. She leaves to mourn her passing her devoted husband of 78 years, Jesse and her remaining children; Freddie Lee, Sr. - Topeka, KS; Ronald Eugene, Sr. - Atlanta GA; Anthony Charles (Wilhemeina) - Sandy Springs, SC; Carolyn Annette- Altamonte Springs, FL; Rosalyn Michele (Dr. George) - Alachua, FL; Dr. Jessica Anita (Alvin) - Valdosta, GA; Beverly Diane - Altamonte Springs, FL; 27 grandchildren; 48 great grandchildren and 9 great-great grandchildren; along with a host of nieces, nephews, and numerous adopted son and daughters.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery ~ Casselberry

150 S. Cypress Way  
Casselberry, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 6. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Church of God by Faith  
1218 Old Apopka Rd.  
Apopka , FL 32703

## Service

SEP 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CS

“ Chris, Karen, Jessica and Julia Stuber purchased the *Your Light Shines for the family of Mother Verna Elizabeth Mathews.*



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**Chris, Karen, Jessica and Julia Stuber** - September 04, 2024 at 10:39 PM

CS

“ Chris, Karen, Jessica and Julia Stuber planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mother Verna Elizabeth Mathews.

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**Chris, Karen, Jessica and Julia Stuber** - September 04, 2024 at 10:39 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mother Verna Elizabeth Mathews.



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September 04, 2024 at 02:10 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mother Verna Elizabeth Mathews.



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September 04, 2024 at 01:27 PM

TT

“ *The Richardsons (Tati, Jay and Teagan) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mother Verna Elizabeth Mathews.*



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**The Richardsons (Tati, Jay and Teagan)** - September 04, 2024  
at 01:21 PM

TT

“ *The Richardsons (Tati, Jay and Teagan) planted a <a href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518">Memorial Tree</a> in honor of Mother Verna Elizabeth Mathews.*

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**The Richardsons (Tati, Jay and Teagan)** - September 04, 2024 at 01:21 PM

SF

“ *Sadie Mae Sumpter-Shivers and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mother Verna Elizabeth Mathews.*



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**Sadie Mae Sumpter-Shivers and Family** - September 04, 2024  
at 11:52 AM

SF

“ *Sadie Mae Sumpter-Shivers and Family planted a <a href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518">Memorial Tree</a> in honor of Mother Verna Elizabeth Mathews.*

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**Sadie Mae Sumpter-Shivers and Family** - September 04, 2024 at 11:52 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mother Verna Elizabeth Mathews.*



September 04, 2024 at 08:53 AM



“ *The Niblack Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Verna Elizabeth Mathews*



**The Niblack Family** - September 04, 2024 at 08:42 AM



“ *Mother you will surely be miss.  
I'll never forget that beautiful smile& always the kindest word you had for everyone.  
Not to mention the way you taught Sunday School. You will always have a special place n my heart.❤️ Thank you so much*



**Murlice Jordan,Nelson** - September 04, 2024 at 01:58 AM



“ *New Life Ministries. Valdosta, Georgia purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mother Verna Elizabeth Mathews.*



**New Life Ministries. Valdosta, Georgia** - September 03, 2024 at 08:35 PM

NG

“ *New Life Ministries. Valdosta, Georgia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mother Verna Elizabeth Mathews.*

**New Life Ministries. Valdosta, Georgia** - September 03, 2024 at 08:35 PM

CD

“ *CLARA J DESUE lit a candle in memory of Mother Verna Elizabeth Mathews*



**CLARA J DESUE** - August 31, 2024 at 06:23 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mother Verna Elizabeth Mathews.*



August 31, 2024 at 01:36 PM

JJ

“ *Jay Jarrod purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mother Verna Elizabeth Mathews.*



**Jay Jarrod** - August 30, 2024 at 07:12 PM

CW

“ *Charlie Mae Warren lit a candle in memory of Mother Verna Elizabeth Mathews*



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**Charlie Mae Warren** - August 30, 2024 at 03:13 PM

MK

“ *MAMIE LONG KELLY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Verna Elizabeth Mathews*



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**MAMIE LONG KELLY** - August 30, 2024 at 09:28 AM

ST

“ *Condolences and prayers goes out for the Matthew's Family Love Always Sonjia (Sand) Thomas Loachapoka, AI*

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**Sonjia Thomas** - August 28, 2024 at 08:42 PM

MK

“ *MAMIE LONG KELLY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Verna Elizabeth Mathews*



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**MAMIE LONG KELLY** - August 28, 2024 at 07:52 PM