



## VERA JOANNE WILLIAMS EDMONSON

May 29, 2023

Vera Joanne Williams Edmonson, known to most as “Jo” and to many close friends and family (especially grandchildren) as “Sam”, age 92 of Hueytown, Alabama, went to be with her Lord and Savior around noon on Memorial Day, May 29, 2023. She was a long-time active member of Hueytown First Methodist Church, where she served in the Clothes Closet ministry for many years. She was the Pianist for the Berthelle Waid Sunday School Class for several years. She was very active leading crafts at VBS for many years. Prior to her retirement, she owned an arts and crafts store in Hueytown, “Craft Country”. Prior to that, she managed craft stores in Fairfield and Bessemer. She was one crafty lady. She would look at any object with the mindset of, “I can make something out of that.” She would often quote, “I’ve done so much, for so long, with so little, I am now qualified to do anything with nothing.” She was also very active in Scouting for many years. She was a Den Mother, Den Mother Coach, and Pack Committee Chair on the local level, and served on the District Committee for several years. For her Scouting work, she was awarded the prestigious Vulcan Award. She was born and raised in Sanford, Florida, where she graduated from Seminole High School. She graduated from Huntingdon College in 1953, where she was elected May Queen and Miss Charming her Senior year.

Jo is preceded in death by her parents Elwood Cheatham Williams Sr. and Vera Anna Williams of Sanford Florida, her husband James Gaston

Edmonson, her daughter Lydia Leigh Edmonson, and her brothers E.C. "Bill" Williams Jr. of Frisco City, AL and Thomas A. "Gus" Williams of Richmond Virginia. She is survived by sons Bill Edmonson (Dawn), Bob Edmonson, and Scott Edmonson (Lisa); grandsons Shawn (Amberly), Brandon (Carmen), Alex (Ashleigh), J.T., Chase (Lynn), Michael, Joshua, and Matt (Sheena); great-grandsons Conner, James, Sam, and Jake; great-granddaughter Nora Cate (finally a girl!); sister-in-law Marilyn Williams and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 3, 2023, at Hueytown First Methodist Church. The funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m., at the church. The burial will follow at Patterson-Forest Grove Cemetery. Honorariums are asked to be given to Hueytown First Methodist Church or SonRise Christian Vocal Band (c/o Hueytown First Methodist).

# Tribute Wall



“ Sorry to hear about Jo’s passing. I called on her for several years when she ran Retail Craft Stores. She was always kind and supportive to me while I was cutting my teeth in the Craft Industry. We lost contact after I was transferred to the East Coast early 90’s . Godspeed to the entire family.

Richard Stern - August 13, 2023 at 05:40 PM



“ I have so many good memories from the early 70s, spending time as another neighborhood kid at the Edmonsons' home with Bob and Scott. Jo was always welcoming and warm - such a wonderful person, and so kind to me. In later years, I saw the same light in her whenever I visited UMC in Hueytown. She was simply one of the best people I have ever known. Though I'm missing her today, she leaves a legacy in her family and their contributions in their church and community. Rest in grace, Jo.

Eddie Hill - June 06, 2023 at 07:55 AM



“ SAP PMO TEAM purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of VERA JOANNE WILLIAMS EDMONSON.



SAP PMO TEAM - June 02, 2023 at 05:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of VERA JOANNE WILLIAMS EDMONSON.*



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June 01, 2023 at 03:24 PM



“ *Heaven gained a beautiful soul when Jo entered. She gave so much to the world and will be deeply missed. Even though I have not been able to go visit, I enjoyed our phone conversations. All the children she shared crafts with and all the scouts she supported are living tributes to the GREAT lady. We all love her. June Robinson*

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**JUNE R ROBINSON** - June 01, 2023 at 12:38 PM



*Jo and I called each other “Mother-in-Law” since we enjoyed sharing our children, Scott and Lisa. We had some great conversations about our children, grandchildren, most important, our Faith. Jo, “Mother-In-Law (Love), you will be sorely missed.*

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**Marilyn Brown** - June 02, 2023 at 10:11 AM