



## Alice Jean Edwards

February 23, 1933 - August 12, 2019

North Augusta, SC- Funeral Services for Mrs. Alice Edwards, 86, who entered into rest August 12, 2019 will be conducted Saturday morning at 10:30 from the Sweetwater Baptist Church. Dr. Paul W. Noe officiating. Interment in the Sweetwater Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the church Friday evening from 6 until 8.

Alice Jean Blankenship Edwards was born on February 23, 1933 in Union Mills North Carolina. She graduated high school from Alexander School and was the Valedictorian of her class. She received her Registered Nurse license from the state of North Carolina after graduating with a diploma in nursing from Rutherford Hospital.

On June 14, 1953 Alice married Dr. Tilman Keith Edwards. Together they sailed for Nigeria, West Africa where they built a home, grew a family, and served as medical missionaries from 1957-1968. While in Nigeria, Alice worked as the operating room supervisor for the Baptist Hospital of Ogbomoso, now known as Bowen University Training Hospital (BUTH). She also served as the visiting nurse for Kersey Children's Home, an orphanage.

After returning from the mission field, Alice, Keith, and family settled in Bluefield, West Virginia. Alice worked alongside her husband in his medical practice. She became a nurse practitioner and assisted her husband both in

surgery and as the office manager.

During her years in Bluefield, Alice and her family were active members of First Baptist Church. Also during that time, she had the honor of being chosen as the president of the West Virginia Medical Auxiliary and a national vice president of the American Medical Auxiliary.

After Dr. Edwards retired from his medical practice he and Alice moved to North Augusta, SC to spend their retirement years nearer their children. They became active members of Sweetwater Baptist Church where both taught Sunday School classes.

Just a couple of Sundays ago, Alice sat in her usual chair teaching the class she loved so much. God called her home suddenly, and though all of her friends and family rejoice in the knowledge that she is with Jesus, everyone who knew her misses her.

Alice lived a long and full life. She was a force to reckon with, but also one of the sweetest people who ever walked this earth. She went full steam ahead from the moment she was born until the day God called her home. Everything and everyone who ever had the privilege of coming in contact with her was blessed by it. She had a wonderful life and the world is a better place because Alice Jean spent time in it.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband of 66 years, Dr. Tilman Keith Edwards, her four children, Abel Solademi (Abike), Benjy Edwards (Deb), Alisa Smith (Malbert), Harriet Michael (John), and Marianne Phillips (Kent) along with 14 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Proverbs 31 describes a wife of noble character. Verse 28 says, "Her children will rise up and call her blessed: her husband also and he praises her." Yes, they did. And they still do ... along with everyone else who ever knew her.

Honorary Pallbearers are Wayne Raiford, Allen Simmons, John Dickenson,

Tom Stuckey, Chuck Nail and Danny Fincher. Pallbearers are Keith Solademi, Bumi Solademi, Vince Phillips, Trapper Michael, Robert Michael and Ty Michael.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta is in charge of arrangements (803.278.1181). Visit the registry at [www.PoseyCares.com](http://www.PoseyCares.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Sweetwater Baptist Church Cemetery

198 Sweetwater Road  
North Augusta, SC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sweetwater Baptist Church  
198 Sweetwater Baptist Church  
North Augusta, SC 29860  
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## Service

AUG 17. 10:30 AM (ET)

Sweetwater Baptist Church  
North Augusta, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Alice Jean Edwards*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Alice Jean Edwards*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *I would like to send Dr Edwards and his family my sincere condolences on the death of his wife, Alice. I worked with both of them for years at his clinic in Bluefield. I think of them often. My name is Sarah Shaffer and I am living in Sarasota, FL with my daughter. I would love to hear from Dr. Edwards someday. My phone number is 941-504-7448. Thank you soo much. Alice was a wonderful woman. She will be missed.*

*Sarah Shaffer*

Carol Miyazaki - August 20, 2019 at 12:27 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Alice's passing. She stayed with me in the delivery room when I had twins Dr Edwards was my Dr. I'll always remember that night it was bitter sweet and sad. ( only one survived) I also have fond memories of Alice at First Baptist Church in Bluefield, she was beautiful inside and out. Love and prayers to Dr Edwards and the family.*

Gerri Broyles - August 17, 2019 at 10:58 AM

TM

“ Alice was the sweetest person I have had the privilege of knowing. She loved her family and the patients she encountered. But most importantly she loved the Lord. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her. My deepest condolences go out to the family. Love and prayers, Tina McDowell

Tina McDowell - August 16, 2019 at 02:15 PM

BM

“ I was so sorry to hear this news, but rejoice in the knowledge that Alice is safe in the arms of our savior. She was a friend and mentor whose memory I will always cherish. My prayers for all the family, she will be greatly missed. ❤️❤️

Barbara McCarty - August 16, 2019 at 09:48 AM

DH

“ To know Miss Alice was to love her...and be loved by her! She was a wonderful role model as a Godly woman. She will be missed, but we are rejoicing that she is with her Savior!  
David & Debbie Harley

Deborah Harley - August 15, 2019 at 08:50 AM

SM

I feel incredibly blessed to have known this wonderful Godly woman. Our mission group at church will never be the same without her there. She was a strong and gentle woman who loves her Lord and everyone around her! Alice, I can't wait to see you again in Heaven!!!

Sharon Mathis - August 15, 2019 at 01:04 PM

VW

“ Mrs. Edward's was a Beautiful Lady inside and out. I worked at the same hospital where her and Dr Edwards worked in Bluefield.. I am saddened to here of her passing. Heaven is alot sweeter now.. Dr Edwards I am so sorry. I will be praying for you and your family..  
Virginia Hoge Williams Retired LPN

Virginia Hoge Williams - August 14, 2019 at 10:47 PM

DW

“ An inspiration to both of us. Had the privilege of having her not only as a Sunday School teacher but also a Bible study leader in her home. Was truly a woman who lived the gospel message.  
Don and Lois White

Don White - August 14, 2019 at 09:40 PM



“ 39 files added to the album LifeTributes



Posey Funeral Directors - August 14, 2019 at 04:30 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Alice Jean Edwards.*



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August 14, 2019 at 11:05 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alice Jean Edwards.*



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August 14, 2019 at 09:14 AM



“ *I was blessed to be in Alice's Sunday School Class. She was a shining example for us to follow. She related many Missionary stories that went right along with our lesson. I have never known a nicer person. Alice loved every one and everyone loved her. I know she is in heaven but I sure will miss her. Such a blessing to have had her in my life. God Bless the family.*

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**Joyce Campbell** - August 14, 2019 at 08:57 AM

DP

*I was blessed to be in Alice's sunday school class. Shr was a great teacher and role model  
I loved her Nigerian stories, they were always connected to our lesson.  
I rejoice she is with Jesus. But heavy hearted. to say goodbye*

*God Bless the family  
Diane Pitman*

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**Diane Pitman** - August 14, 2019 at 10:57 AM

JC

*I was very blessed to have been in Alice's Sunday School.  
She shared many interesting stories of her and Keith's years in Africa. After my husband joined the church, I moved with him to a couple's class, but I will always be thankful for getting to know Alice better by being in her class. She was a beautiful God loving lady who would be impossible to measure up to.*

*God bless and comfort Dr. Keith, Benji, and her entire family.*

*My Deepest Sympathy,*

*Julie Curl*

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**Julie Curl** - August 14, 2019 at 09:42 PM

MM

*I am deeply saddened to hear of Momma Alice's passing. You are all correct about knowing her is a blessing! Benji once said that when Dad scolded you, you knew you had been scolded, but when mom scolded you, you felt good about it. I worked for them in their office for 10 years, and it was the best job I ever had. I came to think of them as my adopted family and proud to be a part of it. Over the years I found that the whole family was like that. Alice was a great mentor, and my deepest sympathy goes out to Dr. Keith and the whole family. Alice was a great example of what Christianity means, not just by her words, but by her actions and the love she shared toward everyone she met. This world is a better place for her time she was walking among us. I have another Angel watching over me now from Heaven.*

*May God continue to bless and comfort Alice's family.*

*Marsha McFarland  
Bluefield, WV*

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**Marsha McFarland** - August 15, 2019 at 09:45 AM