



Ms. Martha D. Birden

February 10, 1947 - September 6, 2023

Martha was born on February 10, 1947 in Vidalia, the daughter of Lillian Dailey and Willie Birden. She was a graduate of Concord High School and was a retired cook. Ms Birden was a member of New St. James Baptist Church where she served as an Usher. She enjoyed talking on the telephone with family and friends and looking out of the window.

She is preceded in death by her parents; sons: Derrick Burton and Erick Burton, Sr.; sisters: Gloria Hardin, Ora Payne and Thelma Singleton; and brothers: Bill Dailey and Charles Mitchell.

Her life will forever be cherished in the lives of her daughters: Sandra Burton (Kenneth), Nichelle Whitley (Gary) and Shameka Tucker (Moreece II); aunt, Marilyn Buckner; grandchildren: Erick Burton, Jr. (whom she raised), Martela Brown, Larry Brown, Jr. Gary Whitley, Jr., Kendric Washington, Moreece Tucker III, Jasmine Burton, Keante Burton, Destiny Davis, Shandrieka Scott, Ebonee Whitley, other relatives and friends.

Online condolences may be made at www.westgatefh.com

Cemetery Details

Vidalia City Cemetery

704 Demby Street
Vidalia, LA 71373

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15**. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

West Gate Funeral Home (Natchez)
409 N Martin Luther King Jr Street
Natchez, MS 39120
(601) 445-2008
james@westgatefh.com
<https://westgatefuneralhome.com>

Ceremonies

SEP **15**. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

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Funeral

SEP **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater Mt Carmel Baptist church
2 Concordia Avenue
Vidalia, LA 71373

Burial

SEP **16** (CT)

Vidalia City Cemetery
704 Demby Street
Vidalia, LA 71373

Tribute Wall



“ *Maxine Railey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha D. Birden*



Maxine Railey - September 28, 2023 at 03:40 PM



“ *Shirley Mazique lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha D. Birden*



Shirley Mazique - September 16, 2023 at 10:38 PM



“ *Aretha Eldridge Williams / Classmate lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha D. Birden*



Aretha Eldridge Williams / classmate - September 16, 2023 at 08:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Martha D. Birden.*



September 15, 2023 at 01:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Ms. Martha D. Birden.



September 15, 2023 at 09:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ms. Martha D. Birden.



September 15, 2023 at 08:36 AM



“ *Sending my heartfelt condolences to the family during this time.*



Courtney Warner - September 14, 2023 at 11:22 PM



“ *Cynthia Demby And Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha D. Birden*



Cynthia Demby and Family - September 14, 2023 at 09:05 PM

LF

“ May our Creator wrap his arms around you during this time. My prayer is that your family seek comfort from our Heavenly father. Though a link in your family chain is missing take comfort in knowing that one day you will be linked with your mother again. Spiritually yours, Lorraine F. Franklin



Lorraine F. Franklin - September 13, 2023 at 08:58 PM

CS

“ Cathy J. Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Martha D. Birden



Cathy J. Smith - September 13, 2023 at 10:42 AM

WH

“ The West Gate family extends our deepest condolences to Erick and the Birden family. May the many precious memories that you have shared with Miss Martha bring joy to your hearts. The angels are always near to those who are grieving, to whisper to them that their loved one is safe in the hand of God. Erick, your WG family is here for you during these difficult days. We will continue to uplift the family in prayer.

WEST GATE FUNERAL HOME - September 13, 2023 at 10:40 AM

WH

“ WEST GATE FUNERAL HOME lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha D. Birden



WEST GATE FUNERAL HOME - September 13, 2023 at 10:35 AM

CR

“ A kind spirit with an ever present smile. .
.That was Martha.



Carol Ransom - September 13, 2023 at 05:55 AM

MR

“ Maxine Railey lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Martha D. Birden



maxine railey - September 13, 2023 at 03:27 AM

FC

“ From the Hinesville, GA crew!!! purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Ms. Martha D. Birden.



From the Hinesville, GA crew!!! - September 12, 2023 at 09:41 PM

FC

“ From the Hinesville, GA crew!!! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Martha D. Birden.

From the Hinesville, GA crew!!! - September 12, 2023 at 09:41 PM

CF

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Ms. Martha Burton. I will forever remember you for your kindness and humble spirit all the time.



Connie Fleming - September 12, 2023 at 09:35 PM

HW

“ Huey & Ollie Washington lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha D. Birden



Huey & Ollie Washington - September 12, 2023 at 09:21 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Martha D. Birden.



September 12, 2023 at 08:06 PM

TE

“ Ms Martha was a very sweet person. I would call her my sweetie pie ❤️. She will be greatly missed 🙏🙏

Terri - September 12, 2023 at 02:42 PM

AC

“ To the Family:
I will be praying for all of you and may God give you all strength. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. John 14:27
Love,
Andrea Denise Calvit

Andrea Denise Calvit - September 12, 2023 at 01:21 PM

AJ

“ Condolences to the family 🌸



Alma Johnson - September 12, 2023 at 12:47 PM

GS

“ Geraldine Shropshire lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha D. Birden



Geraldine Shropshire - September 12, 2023 at 11:55 AM

GS

She was a sweet lady,

Geraldine Shropshire - September 12, 2023 at 11:56 AM

RC

“ *Ruthie C.Banks lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha D. Birden*



Ruthie C.Banks - September 12, 2023 at 12:47 AM

RC

Wow my partner in crime you have earned your wings and left me alone but you will always be in my heart ❤️ and soul I will never forget you Martha ☐ We have had some great laughs in church that nobody else knew about 🤔 You would say Ruthie hush 🤔 and I would keep on laughing 😂 you would say that you are going to get us kicked out of church 🤔 Boy I would get louder laughing 😂 You are going to be truly missed by The New St James Family 🙏 In your honor I will walk the floor with a smile on my face and greet the visitors and our church family knowing that you are with me in the spirit 😊 So I must say to you take your rest my bff because one of these old days I will earn my wings as well but until then sleep on my friend 💔🙏🙏 And I say to your family yes it's heart breaking but just remember God isn't going to put no more on y'all than y'all can bear know why I said it because the same pain y'all are feeling a had it also and if our God brought me and my family through it don't y'all it's already done for y'all also 🙏🙏🙏 Praying for strength for y'all which I know that y'all is a strong family so be blessed 💔💔💔

Ruthie C.Banks - September 12, 2023 at 01:16 AM

LB

“ *LaShari Bell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha D. Birden*



LaShari Bell - September 11, 2023 at 10:38 PM

TM

“ *Tamika McNealy lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha D. Birden*



Tamika McNealy - September 11, 2023 at 10:14 PM

ST

“ *My good auntie Martha. I will always remember our talks and the wisdom you gave me. Forever in my heart you shall live on*



Star - September 11, 2023 at 09:52 PM

TF

“ *The Mack Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha D. Birden*



The Mack Family - September 11, 2023 at 09:35 PM

CC

“ *Sending prayers to the family during your time of bereavement.* ”



Catrina Chatman - September 11, 2023 at 09:19 PM

DG

“ *Dorothy Green lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha D. Birden* ”



Dorothy Green - September 11, 2023 at 09:06 PM

CP

“ *Chaka Khan E. Warner Miller Perkins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha D. Birden* ”



Chaka Khan E. Warner Miller Perkins - September 11, 2023 at 08:23 PM

DC

“ *Denver Coats lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha D. Birden* ”



Denver Coats - September 11, 2023 at 11:05 AM

RW

“ Rosie Woods lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha D. Birden



Rosie Woods - September 11, 2023 at 12:26 AM

SM

“ Stephanie Murphy lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha D. Birden



Stephanie Murphy - September 07, 2023 at 08:02 PM

KC

“ Kayla Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha D. Birden



Kayla Carpenter - September 07, 2023 at 11:03 AM

BW

“ Barbara J. Washington lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha D. Birden



Barbara J. Washington - September 07, 2023 at 10:34 AM

GG

“ *Georgia Green lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha D. Birden*



Georgia Green - September 07, 2023 at 07:02 AM