



## Wadene T. "Dena" Vineyard

December 27, 1938 - March 9, 2025

Wadene T. "Dena" Vineyard, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully on March 9, 2025, in Newnan, GA, at the age of 86. Born on December 27, 1938 in Pampa, TX, she lived a life marked by devotion to her family and her work as an educator.

Dena dedicated many years to shaping young minds as an educator with the Douglas County School System, where she was known for her unwavering commitment to her students' growth and success. Her nurturing spirit extended beyond the classroom, as she was cherished by her family for her warmth and kindness.

Preceded in death by her son, Vincent Vineyard, and her parents, Wade and Dora Thomasson, Dena leaves behind a legacy of love and strength. She is survived by her devoted husband of 67 years, Gene Vineyard; her sons, Jay Vineyard and his wife Karen, and David Vineyard and his wife Melissa; her daughter-in-law, Sonya Vineyard; and her cherished grandchildren: Caleb Vineyard (Kristen), Micah Vineyard (Ansley), Luke Vineyard (Abby), Hannah Bowra (Michael), Kara Hill (Terry), Wesley Vineyard, Jacob Vineyard, Jordan Williams (Jarrod), and Joshua (Heidi)Vineyard. She also leaves behind 13 great-grandchildren and her nephew, Bill Hooper (Terri).

Dena's family will remember her as a loving helpmate and the heart of their

family, who made the best cinnamon rolls and whose love and guidance will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

A memorial service to celebrate Dena's life will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at 3 o'clock at Mt. Paran Church of God Chapel, 2055 Mt. Paran Rd., Atlanta, GA 30327. Pastor Todd Rainwater will officiate the service. Family and friends are invited to gather one hour prior to the service at the church to offer their condolences and share memories of a truly remarkable woman.

The family kindly requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Cafe 1040. This ministry is actively equipping missionaries to take the gospel to those who have little to no access to the good news of Jesus. This thoughtful gesture will honor Dena's legacy of love for the gospel and make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Thank you for your generosity and compassion during this time. Contributions can be made at

<https://give.cafe1040.com/give/553367/#!/donation/checkout?designation=1832266%C2%A0%C2%A0>

(Designating staff account #158 will allow the donation to go directly to her grandchildren who are serving faithfully with this ministry)

Dena's gentle spirit and enduring love will forever remain in the hearts of those she touched throughout her life.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 15. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Paran Church of God Chapel  
2055 Mt. Paran Rd.  
Atlanta, GA 30327

## Memorial Service

MAR 15. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RT

“ *Ridgeland Team purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Wadene T. "Dena" Vineyard.*



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**Ridgeland Team** - March 12, 2025 at 01:24 PM

WG

“ *Westhills Church, Villa Rica Ga purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Wadene T. "Dena" Vineyard.*



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**Westhills Church, Villa Rica Ga** - March 12, 2025 at 12:15 PM

AF

“ *Ah Dena. I miss you already. I so enjoyed shopping with you, especially when you would purchase our favorite sweets!! The day I sat in your kitchen with you and you made a pound cake for me. That's a sweet memory for me  
Now I say to you, go rest high upon that mountain. Because your work on earth is done. I'll see you when I get there.  
I love you dearly.*

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**angela foxworth** - March 12, 2025 at 09:35 AM

CC

*Dear Dena  
We will miss your sweet calm presence as we rejoice that you are in the arms of eternal Love.*

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**Caroline Conger** - March 12, 2025 at 10:09 AM

AP

“ Allan P. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Wadene T. "Dena" Vineyard.



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Allan P. - March 11, 2025 at 12:56 PM

JA

“ Oh, how I loved Dena. Years ago, she agreed to be my Assistant Head Cha and I was so honored. She blessed so many women by her presence.

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Jan Alexander - March 10, 2025 at 09:44 PM

DC

“ I am so sorry for this great loss but so thankful for Dena's celebration! What a precious soul and servant of our Lord. Prayers for all and especially Gene! See you later Dena! 💔🙏 Love you all, Dawn Callaway

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Dawn Callaway - March 10, 2025 at 07:06 PM

BP

“ Our family will always remember Dena as a woman who loved Jesus and her family with a bold heart. We remember Gene calling her, "Little Bit!" She was only little in size. She had a heart big as the sky. May Jesus embrace and hold you close to Himself as you transition through the days ahead. Much Love, Bonnie Phillips and family.

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Bonnie Phillips - March 10, 2025 at 06:47 PM

AP

*I remember Dena's commitment to the Lord and her desire to serve Him, her husband and her family. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Thank you, Lord for the life of Dena Vinyard.*

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**Allan Purdie** - March 11, 2025 at 12:54 PM