



## Mrs. Marrita J. Fertha Adkins

October 5, 1952 - August 16, 2025

Marrita Jane Adkins was born on October 5, 1952, in Forrest City, Arkansas, to the late Mr. Earnest Fertha, Jr., and the late Mrs. Mary Bright Fertha. Reared in a loving Christian home, she accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Rising Sun Missionary Baptist Church; a faith that secured and guided her throughout her life. Educated in the Forrest City School District apart of the Class of 1971, Marrita carried from her youth a determination to work hard, speak truth, and care well for others.

Answering a calling to serve, she began her career after high school at Borden's Nursing Home and later continued her compassionate work at Wynwood Nursing Center and Crestpark Skilled & Retirement Inn. Alongside her facility service, she provided home health and private-duty nursing. Taking care of people was not simply what Marrita did; it was who she was. Families remember her as steady-handed and tender-hearted, the one who showed up, stayed late, and gave her best. A devoted mother, she was lovingly "strict," instilling in her children the values of integrity, respect, and an unwavering work ethic. Outgoing and outspoken, she meant what she said and said what she meant. She found joy and friendly debate in sports; especially golf, basketball, football, and wrestling, and she loved country music, particularly George Strait and Neal McCoy.

Marrita was preceded in death by her parents; her great-granddaughter, Tia

Lay; and five siblings: John Grady, Alma Rainey, Lula Grady, Charlene “Cub” Fertha, and Edward Charles Fertha. She departed this life on August 16, 2025, at Saint Francis Hospital in Memphis.

She leaves to treasure her memory her children: Felicia Adkins; Sean (Jomar) Adkins of Forrest City, AR; Frederick (Tasha) Adkins of Jonesboro, AR; Nickalaus Adkins; Mareco Adkins; and Precious Adkins, all of Forrest City, AR. She is also celebrated by sixteen grandchildren; twenty-six great-grandchildren; her brothers Ernest Fertha III, Melvin Fertha, Michael Fertha, Leardis Fertha, and Victor Fertha, all of Forrest City, AR; Herman Smith of Fayetteville, AR; her sisters Dorothy Fertha and Rosie Swift, both of Forrest City, AR, and Dora Mull of St. Louis, MO; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Marrita’s legacy is one of faith, service, and strength of a mother who taught by example, a caregiver who lifted burdens, and a woman whose voice and laughter filled every room. Those who loved her will honor her by working hard, telling the truth, and loving people with their whole hearts, just as she did. May her memory be a blessing, and may the lives she touched continue to reflect the light she so generously shared.

# Cemetery Details

## Casteel Cemetery

Highway 70 West & CR 221  
Forrest City, AR 72335

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 29.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Miles J. Kimble Mortuary & Cremation  
1900 South Washington Street  
Forrest City, AR 72335  
(870) 633-1914  
mjkimble@yahoo.com  
<http://www.mjkmortuaryandcremation.com>

## Service

**AUG 30.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Forrest City Civic Center  
1335 North Washington Street  
Forrest City, AR 72335

*The family will line up at 162 Gregory Street, Forrest City, AR 72335 on the day of the service. Everyone is expected to be ready to leave by 09:30 AM.*

# Tribute Wall

IM

“ Irene Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marrita J. Fertha Adkins



Irene moore - August 29, 2025 at 06:41 PM

VO

“ Ms. Rita been a sweetheart ever since ive known and that's all of my life she will be missing dearly R.I.L. Angel ❤️🙏👼



Von - August 27, 2025 at 11:35 AM



“ Angela J Barton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marrita J. Fertha Adkins



Angela J Barton - August 26, 2025 at 10:47 PM

MP

“ MC Poole Sr, MC Poole Jr, Charles Poole purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Marrita J. Fertha Adkins.



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MC Poole Sr, MC Poole Jr, Charles Poole - August 26, 2025 at 01:10 PM

MP

“ MC Poole Sr, MC Poole Jr, Charles Poole planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Marrita J. Fertha Adkins.

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MC Poole Sr, MC Poole Jr, Charles Poole - August 26, 2025 at 01:10 PM

DS

“ R.I.P.CUZ.GONE,BUT NEVER WILL BE FORGOTTEN. ❤️



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DIANNE SHINE - August 25, 2025 at 11:26 PM

RJ

“ Rosie Smith, Tyronica Smith And Malica J lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marrita J. Fertha Adkins



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Rosie Smith, Tyronica Smith And Malica J - August 25, 2025 at 10:54 PM

AB

“ Cuz you always said you love to hear me sing I'm free praise the lord I'm free. Well cuz you're now free praise the lord you're free. Will miss that sassiness about you. You would say what you mean and meant what you said. Really gone miss you.



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**Annette Bradley** - August 25, 2025 at 09:31 PM

KG

“ Kehila Chism Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marrita J. Fertha Adkins



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**Kehila Chism Gardner** - August 25, 2025 at 09:10 PM

JO

“ My grandma 🥺💙

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**Jwan Oliver** - August 25, 2025 at 08:31 PM

SC

“ Shekita Carter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marrita J. Fertha Adkins



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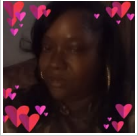
**Shekita Carter** - August 25, 2025 at 08:19 PM

BW

“ Bonnie Watson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marrita J. Fertha Adkins



Bonnie watson - August 25, 2025 at 08:13 PM



“ Sending my condolences to the family. Billy, Michael, climmie Boyd ad Ashley Boyd. Love you guys.



Ashley Manek - August 25, 2025 at 07:41 PM

PC

“ Praying for the family 💕💕



Pamela carr - August 24, 2025 at 03:05 AM

VB

“ My condolences to the family

Veronica Bean - August 23, 2025 at 06:37 PM

TG

“ Timothy Grady lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marrita J. Fertha Adkins



Timothy Grady - August 22, 2025 at 09:30 AM

JS

“ Jeanette Spearmon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marrita J. Fertha Adkins



Jeanette Spearmon - August 20, 2025 at 09:03 PM

AW

“ Sympathy, Condolences & Prayers to the family.



Anita Wilson - August 20, 2025 at 01:48 PM

JW

“ Jarrell Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marrita J. Fertha Adkins



Jarrell Wilson - August 18, 2025 at 05:24 PM