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Mary Phyllis Denton Black, age 77, of Ringgold, Georgia, passed peacefully into the arms of her Lord on Friday, July 4, 2025, following a prolonged illness.

Born in Fort Oglethorpe, GA, to the late Robert and Margaret Flener Denton, Mary was a lifelong resident of the North Georgia area and a woman of deep Baptist faith. She retired from Shaw Industries in 2015 after more than 25 years of dedicated service.

Mary was a devoted mother, beloved grandmother, cherished sister, favorite aunt, and loyal friend. Her greatest joy came from spending time with her family—especially her grandchildren—and she was known for going out of her way to make those moments special and memorable.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, William Lee Black; daughter, Colette Price; and brothers, Robert Denton, Charlie Denton, Wayne Denton, and Lyndel “Fat” Denton.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Connie Smith and Cathy (Johnny) Smith; siblings, Ann Chavis, Juanita Thompson, Shelia Gillespie, Pat

Denton, and Wesley “Dinky” Denton; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral service to honor Mary’s life will be held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, July 10, 2025, in the chapel of W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home, Fort Oglethorpe, with Bro. Mark Gillespie officiating. Interment will follow in Tennessee-Georgia Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, July 9, from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and prior to the service on Thursday.

An online guestbook is available at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home – Fort Oglethorpe Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Tennessee/Georgia Memorial Park

724 Hogan Rd.
Rossville, GA 30741
(706) 866-5533

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 9. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel
555 West Cloud Springs Road
Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742
(706) 866-5555
info@wilsonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

JUL 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel
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Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of Phyllis passing, I loved being in class with her at Chattanooga Valley, we were raised behind Yates Bleachery and played with the Dentons when we were kids. Miss those days. May God give you some peace at this difficult time.

Catheran Durham - July 31, 2025 at 04:57 PM

AA

“ Alex, Anna, Hudson and Alaina purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Phyllis Denton Black.



Alex, Anna, Hudson and Alaina - July 10, 2025 at 10:00 AM

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“ Alex, Anna, Hudson and Alaina planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Phyllis Denton Black.

Alex, Anna, Hudson and Alaina - July 10, 2025 at 10:00 AM

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“ I remember her and her sisters and brothers coming to my house when I was about 5 years old. They would keep my sister and I entertained so mom could cook and clean the house. A couple of her sisters would assist my mom. She will be missed.

Janice Wright Scruggs - July 09, 2025 at 07:35 PM

LD

“ Love y'all, Jeff & Kim Davis purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mary Phyllis Denton Black.



Love y'all, Jeff & Kim Davis - July 09, 2025 at 09:30 AM

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“ Love y'all, Jeff & Kim Davis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Phyllis Denton Black.

Love y'all, Jeff & Kim Davis - July 09, 2025 at 09:30 AM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Phyllis Denton Black.



July 07, 2025 at 02:15 PM