



Frances Lee Alston

February 23, 1930 - March 7, 2026

FRANCES LEE ALSTON was born February 23, 1930, to the late York Brown and Lu Anna Head Brown in Chester, South Carolina. Frances, affectionately known as “Fat” passed away peacefully in her home at the age of 96 on March 7, 2026.

She was educated in South Carolina.

Frances was married to the late Barron Cheeks and from this union they had five children.

On October 11, 1980, Frances remarried the late Eddie T. Alston. From this union one son was born.

Frances was employed by Johns Hopkins Hospital and worked as a housekeeper. However, her heart was in creating a home for her family. When a family member needed a place to stay, Frances provided it. She became a mother to her grandchildren who needed her to fill that role. Frances’s home was always neat and clean. When you came into her home, there was always food on the stove. In fact, whatever the meal was for that day it always included roast beef and collard greens, which had to be on early in the morning and cooked throughout the day.

Frances loved board games and playing them with her grandchildren. Bingo was her favorite game. Later in her life putting together jigsaw and word search puzzles became her pastime as she watched her western shows.

She worshiped at St. Joseph Baptist Church

Frances was preceded in death by her children, Mary Cheeks, Michael Cheeks, Eddie Cheeks, and Edward Cheeks.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory: her devoted daughter, Minnie Edwards; son, Stuart Alston; five grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, two sisters-in-law and a host of extended family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
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Wake

APR 7. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Home Going Celebration

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast For Funeral on Frances Lee Alston in memory of Frances Lee Alston*



March Funeral Homes - April 06 at 11:05 AM

WH

Grandma Fat's from the first time I met you I fell in love ❤️ with you your big beautiful smile would light up any room your spirit so warm and kind. I was blessed to have met you and you will truly be missed. May your Soul forever RIP sending my deepest condolences to the entire family may God give you all the comfort that you need at this present time.

Winona Hughes-Leonard - April 07 at 10:23 AM

IE

Thank you sharing such a beautiful memory of our loved one. Your presence during our time of sorrow really comforted us.

Ina Edwards - April 22 at 11:49 PM

CS

“ *Sending love and my heartfelt condolences to the family. I pray that Frances soul will rest in heavenly peace forever. ❤️🙏*



Catherine Kitty Simmons - April 06 at 11:30 PM

IE

Thank you so much Aunt Kitty! We felt your genuine love and sympathy. Proverbs 17:17

Ina Edwards - April 22 at 11:51 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - March 11 at 03:45 PM

WH

Sending my condolences to you and family

Willie Howell - April 07 at 10:13 AM

IE

Thank you Mr. Howell. Our family greatly appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

Ina Edwards - April 22 at 11:53 PM