



## Mardese Conyers-Holmes

February 15, 1957 - January 20, 2009

CONYERS-HOLMES, Ms. Mardese Therese - Age 51, passed away Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at McLaren Regional Medical Center. Family hour 10AM Saturday, January 24, 2009 at Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3502 Lapeer Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11AM, Pastor Marvin A. Jennings, Sr., officiating. Interment New Calvary Catholic Cemetery, G-4142 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10AM Saturday. Ms. Conyers-Holmes will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12Noon-8PM Friday. Ms. Mardese Therese Conyers-Holmes was born February 15, 1957 in Flint, Michigan. She was a resident of Flint and a member of Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church. Mardese was a graduate of Southwestern High School "Class of 1975", received her Associate Degree from Mott Community College, her Bachelor Degree of Arts from Spring Arbor College, and her latest educational achievement a Master's Degree in Social Work from Michigan State University; which she completed with honors on May 4, 2007 and received her (LLMSW) License in Social Work from the State of Michigan. Mardese was an employee of the General Motors Corporation (GM) since 1979. She received a certificate for 25 years of loyal and dedicated service. Mardese worked at Buick City on the assembly line, she was accepted in the GM skilled-trades apprentice program and received her Journeyman certification in Air Condition and Refrigeration in 1990. In 1999, Mardese was then blessed to receive a position at the UAW-GM Center for

Human Resources in Detroit, Michigan; where she was recently held an International Appointment of Special Assignment. Mardese was affiliated with numerous organizations including a loyal and active member of UAW Local 599; in which she served on various committees. She was a proud and dedicated member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated- Flint Alumnae Chapter. She was a member of Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church Mass Choir, NAACP, volunteered for years with the United Negro College Fund and was accepted as a member of Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society. Mardese also received an invitation to attend the Inauguration of past President of the United States, Jimmy Carter. She leaves to cherish her memory: loving and devoted daughter, Aireka Reeves; precious granddaughter, whom she called her "Love Bug" Miyana Jade Holden; special son-in-law, Jon-Robert Holden, all of Novi, MI; loving parents, Mr. & Mrs. Louis and Bernice (Sheftall) Conyers of Flint MI; sister, Desiree Conyers of Ann Arbor, MI; brother, Kenneth (Nikeeta) Conyers of Belleville, MI; sister-in-law, Monica Conyers of Flint MI; 2 nieces, Serrita (Nick) Jude of Flint, MI and Phyllis Conyers of Ypsilanti, MI; 5 aunts, Ethel L (Billy) Kearse, Maserine (Lee) Bolling, Louverda Gadson, Maldotha Conyers, Mary-Etta Thomas; one uncle, Woodrow Conyers; godson, Graylin Bridges; goddaughter, Kenyetta Brazwell (Drayke); a very special friend, Jesse McIntosh; a host of cousins, other relatives and friends including; Ryan Reeves, Christopher Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Alvern and Theresa Lock (Tristian), The Reeves Family, The Holden Family and numerous others whom she held dear to her heart. Ms. Conyers-Holmes was preceded in death by her brother, Anthony Louis Conyers; nephew, Jo'Van B. Conyers; grandparents, William and Florence Conyers, Sam and Magdalene Sheftall; uncles, William Conyers, Sam Sheftall, Jr., Joseph Best and aunt, Lillie Mae Conyers. The family would like to thank the following, Pastor Marvin A. Jennings and the Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church family, Bethel United Methodist Church, Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority Inc., Ms. Carnetta Black and the McLaren Regional Medical Center, ICU staff.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Mardese Conyers-Holmes*

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October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Mardese and I worked in the same department. She was such a warm and loving woman. She loved her family very much, and I had the priviledge of meeting her granddaughter, Miyana. Mardese shared her love for the Lord with me (and many others). I will keep her family in my prayers.*

*1Corinthians 13:12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then shall know just as I also am known.*

*Now, Mardese fully knows, and is face to face with our Lord!!!*

*God's peace to you all.*

*Teresa*

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**Teresa** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ *Heaven and Earth*  
*Author Unknown*

*When the warmth of the sun touches my face, I see your smile and  
feel your embrace.*

*I hear the whisper of love in the wind  
And I know that you are close to me again*

*The rain speaks of tears and the thunder of pain, But soon the sun  
comes the earth to reclaim.*

*As the days come and go and the world moves on, I know you're  
still here, you'll never be gone.*

*On the night the Angel came and took your hand, We cried as you  
left for an unknown land.*

*But Heaven rejoiced as you came into sight, For your soul was a  
diamond, shining so bright!*

*With Love, Prayer and Sympathy,  
Roshawnda*

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**Vanessa Hicks** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *I the neice of Teresa Lock and I will be praying for the family. Sorry  
for your lost.*

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**Tokeshia Stephens** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *May God fill your hearts with love and understanding during your time of grievance. Know that He is the answer to all things! I am continuing to pray for the family.*  
*God Bless*

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**Sangeya Wiggins** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ *To Aireka & Family,*

*Mardese was certainly loved by many and she will truly be missed. First Mardese was a very very strong woman that truly loved Jesus who was the center of her joy. She possessed a very warm, loving, and kind spirit with words of wisdom (WOW)and encouragement words of God in any given situation.*

*Now, the many prayers we shared with her she took them home to heaven in her heart. God kept his promise that when we arrive there would be no more pain (Revelations 21:4) and he makes all things new, (21:5)*

*With promises of our new home we here can rest and be sure that Mardese is in the loving arms of Jesus.*

*Aireka & Family, stay strong during this time and cast all your cares on Jesus the one who said my strength is made perfect in weakness and he would never leave us nor forsake us.*

*God Bless,*

*Loria*

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**Loria** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *My condolences to the family. Words seem so useless. Mardese was such a wonderful family oriented person. She cared so deeply about others and was there for us when we needed a shoulder to cry on. I worked with her for 9 short years and will miss her very much. It doesn't seem real, this was all too fast.*

*Penney Acosta*

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**Penney Acosta** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Mardese was a beautiful soul that showed me and so many other young ladies the true meaning of woman hood. She touched so many and he legacy will continue to live on. My prayers go out to her daughter and family. May God watch over you all.*

*~Roneeka*

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**Roneeka Pleasant Brown** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *We find comfort knowing that those that have passed away are with the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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**Perry Butler** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *May God grand her daughter the Serenity to accept the things we cannot change, courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference.*

*May God send wings to carry her daughter through these trouble times.*

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**Minister Josie Thomas** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Jesus is With You In Your Sorrow!*

*May the light of your faith guide you through this dark hour of grief. Know that the Lord is with you always, and will comfort you.*

*With Prayers and Sympathy.*

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**Maurice Staten** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To Aireka and family:*

*Please know that Mardese was truly an angel here on Earth. She has touched my life in so many beautiful ways. She brought "JOY" to so many lives during our time at Bethel. Her calm and serene spirit has always inspired me! She was a dedicated friend to my sons and myself. I am blessed to have had an opportunity to have Mardese in my life.*

*Aireka, may God continue to bless and keep you and your family wrapped in His loving arms.*

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**Venus Allen (Harris)** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ *We would like to send our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of mardese. my mother lives next door to mardese, and I must say mardese was a sweet neighbor. If theres anything we can do, just remember, we're right next door.*

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**helen matthews** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ God was ready for Mardese to join Him and for that I rejoice. I will never forget her smile and loving spirit. She made an impression on my daughter, Lynise who was sad to hear of her passing but oh so glad she got to know her. God bless the family and all who knew and loved her. Find comfort in knowing she is with her Father.

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**Lynn Barbee** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Family of Mardese:  
Know that for all of the LOVE and FRIENDSHIP Mardese freely gave us, we now extend to you!  
Regards,  
The James and Kathryn Boles Family

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**James/Kathryn Boles** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Soror Mardese Conyers-Holmes spirit is so loving and full of joy. I am so happy to have met such a loving soror. This world was truly blessed to have her. Thank you Aireka, GP, for sharing her with us. !TAKE.VI! loves the both of you.

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**Jenell Williams** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ WE will truly miss "Dese" May God continue to give us all strength and courage  
Auntie Pooh

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**Sandy/Tony Hickmon** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *My sympathy goes out to the family and close friends of Mardese. I will truly miss her positive energy and positive attitude toward life and living. I wish you strength and comfort during this time of sorrow.*

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**Claudia Childrey** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *My condolences on the loss of your dear kinswoman, Mardese Conyers-Holmes.*

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**Sharri Rolland Phillips** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

YS

“ *I'm very sorry for the loss of your loved one. I didn't work with her at the Center but I would see her around the building and she was a very beautiful person. Always smiling and very pleasant to be around. May you find comfort and support from family and friends during this difficult time and remain in God's love.*

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**Yolanda Smith** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *Ms. Conyers-Holmes was a vibrant, positive and loving black woman. She blessed my sorority sisters and I with so much love and she was always full of energy. God bless her as she dances with the angels and God bless her family who have experienced such a loss. She is and always will be an inspiration to many young women as she appeared to be someone who was not afraid to go after what she wanted. Our soror and friend will truly be missed.*

*In Sisterly Love,*

*Toni T. Carter  
Delta Sigma Theta  
Delta Beta Chapter*

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**Toni T. Carter** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Dear Conyers and Holmes Family,  
I cannot express my shock and sorrow in hearing of Soror  
Mardese's passing. She was a woman who loved her  
family, friends, her sorority and life.*

*It was a pleasure working as her Co-Chair for the Ebony these last  
two years, and I am so glad I came back home to assist her in  
November.*

*She will truly be missed, but never, ever forgotten.*

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**Tina Fielder-Gibson** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WJ

“ God Bless you My Friend!

*I'll pray for your daughter, grandchild, and family members that their love and God's will should shower upon them a peace of mind, with memories of your humor, smile and grace. For I do know, you are in the hands of our Lord.*

*Sincerely,  
Winston Williams, Jr.*

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**Winston A. Williams, Jr.** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ To meditate does not mean to fight with a problem.

*To meditate means to observe.*

*Your smile proves it.*

*It proves that you are being gentle with yourself,  
that the sun of awareness is shining in you,  
that you have control of your situation.*

*You are yourself,  
and you have acquired some peace.*

*-- Thich Nhat Hahn*

*Mardese, I remember your wonderful smile, your peaceful essence.  
My heart goes out to the family. Sending love and blessings.*

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**John Bussineau** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Mardese was such a wonderful person to work with. She will be greatly missed by her co-workers.*

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**BRENDA C. LEJA** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Mardese will truly be missed. She was a great friend and beautiful spirit. My heart goes out to my pseudo and her family.*

*Love and thinking of you,  
Melissa*

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**Melissa Caudle** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Mardese will be missed. She always had a friendly word to say, and a smile to share. When I think of Mardese, I think of positive attitude - her joy of family and friends - and her gentle kind word. May the family and friends of Mardese be blessed with comforting memories, and the peace that she is at peace.*

*With sympathy and in prayer,  
Dianne*

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**Dianne Woods** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *To my Delta Beta Soror Aireka Reeves, My prayers are with you and your family. I never had the pleasure of meeting your mom (my soror) but I pray that the Lord Jesus Christ gives you the strength and courage to keep her memory alive for you and your baby.*

*In Delta Love,  
Soror Traci Featherstone*

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**Traci Featherstone** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

YR

“ *To Aireka & family, what a beautiful person Mardese was kind & caring, always supportive. She will be missed terribly. May god bless you and keep you thru you time of grief.*

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**Yvonne Robinson** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SL

“Mardese, everyone who new you was blessed by your presence. You were always there with a helping hand or uplifting words. Our loss is great but your reward is now received. May God bless your family in this time of spiritual need.

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**Susan Lewis** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

IS

“Aireka, (AP) I am very sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. The two of you shared a very special bond and I want you to know that my prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Love,

Irika

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**Irika K. Sneed** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SR

“To the family of Mardese: I am surprised and sadden to hear that a such a young, vibrant, intelligent lady has left us. We knew each other through UAW-GM-CHR activities, but also had the opportunity to enjoy social activities out of work; such as the time we sailed at night on the Detroit River. Mardese talked of her daughter, who I have not met, but I know she is proud of her. My prayer is may God bless and be with her in this time of sorrow. She will be missed.

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**Sabrina Rich-Will** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ *Mardese thank you for being our friend over the years and great co-worker.*

*LOVE*

*Eddie Kennedy*

*Willie Polk*

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**Eddie Kennedy** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ *To the family,*

*May the prayers of all who knew and met you loved one Mardese, give you comfort during this great time of sorrow.*

*May you find peace in knowing that she was loved by many.*

*May the Lord Jesus Christ be forever with you and your fond memories of your mother, daughter, sister, aunt or cousin Mardese*

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**Gerri Graves** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE LIFE WITH MARDESE!! HER BEAUTIFUL SMILE PERSONALITY AND LAUGH WILL BE MISSED, BUT WHAT AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE IT WAS TO HAVE HER IN MY LIFE!!*

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**ROBIN JONES** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *My prays are with you. She will never be forgotten as she will always be in your heart and thoughts.*

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**Joyce Bloodsaw** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Just like an african violet, Mardese symbolized appreciation and sweetness. She was a great friend and advisor to the Mu Phi Chapter and was always ready with a positive outlook. We were blessed as a chapter to have her in our midst and I was blessed personally to have known her as Soror, a true sister!*

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**Shanika Hurst** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ *To the family of Mardese Holmes:*

*May God give you strength during this difficult time.*

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**Gloria Lang** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Aireka and the Conyers Family: We pray that God will comfort you as only He can. We pray that He will continue to strengthen you. We know that Mardese is smiling now and that she is in her new robe dancing down heaven's streets of gold. You will grieve, that's only human; but God is overjoyed! Psalm 116:15 says "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." This is a precious event that God has called Mardese to her mansion, her new home. May God continue to bless and strengthen you. We love you, Harold and Regina.*

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January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Aireka, I am truly sorry for your lost. I will miss Mama Dee and the times we spent together at conference and convention. She was truly a hard working and dedicated soror. Flint Alumnae had a real gem. I will miss her laugh and gentle spirit. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal. You know that I am always here for you whenever you need me. May God wrap his loving arms of comfort around you and your family.

*In Delta Love,*

*Jenita*

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**Jenita Moore** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ To the family, you are in my prayers and I love you. Aireka, be strong Soror. I totally understand how you are feeling. I am here honestly if you need anything. May God be with you.

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**Tanigha Swift** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

YW

“ I would like to extend my heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Mardese. I am very sadden upon my return to the office this morning to learn of her passing. Mardese was a beautiful person inside and out and will be terribly missed. May God continue to bless you during this difficult time. Please know that if there is anything that I can do, please do not hesitate to call on me.

*In Sympathy and Friendship,*  
*Yvonne M. White*

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**Yvonne M. White** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Words cannot express the pain we feel now. God wants the most beautiful flowers closest to him. In time, we will all understand it better by and by. We love you.

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**The Williams Family: Cynthia, Dandre and Jennifer** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Aireka and family,  
May God continue to bless you all with his favor. he will never leave you or forsake you. Just trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your OWN understanding. He will confort you all.  
Feel free to contact me at any time if I can be of any assistance or help to you!  
Be Blessed!  
Martha

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**Martha Wiley** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ Dear Aireka, "love bug" Desiree, and Mr. and Mrs. Conyers:

*Thank you for sharing Mardese with me and my family. She was truly my sister and my friend. I know she will be with me forever because "God's Got This."*

*A special thanks to Aunt Ethel for the special prayer circle which she and Mardese expanded to include me.*

*Desiree, I'm here for you!*

*Love forever!*

*Wanda*

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**Wanda Harden** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Mardese helped guide me through many difficult situations and I will never forget her for it. She always offered a voice of reason and displayed respect and kindness towards others. She was a true friend.* ”

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**Rick McKiddy** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM