



## Mother Nita Jean Davis

May 12, 1935 - April 12, 2021

DAVIS, Mother Nita Jean - Age 86, passed away Monday, April 12, 2021 at McLaren-Flint.

Family hour 10:30 AM Friday, April 30, 2021 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Rev. Paul Anthony Todd officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:30 AM Friday. Mother Davis will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Thursday, with the family present from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM to receive friends.

Mrs. Nita Jean Grier Davis, also known to many as Mother Nita Davis, was born on May 12, 1935 in Flint, Michigan to Ward and Leona Grier, and was always known to have a song-bird voice that graced the ears of all who knew her. There were 11 children in the Grier family; she was one amongst 5 additional sisters and 5 brothers. She enjoyed a full career, retiring in 1990 from AC Spark Plug Division of General Motors as an Inspector, Relief person, and later Mass Airflow Technician. In high school she was known as a great athlete playing both varsity basketball and varsity softball. To her credit there were many newspaper articles written about her athletic abilities. As a varsity basketball player, she played the position of guard and is credited in a Flint Journal newspaper article as being responsible for making an instrumental basket in the final seconds of an important championship game

that led her team to a State title. She later graduated from Flint Central High School. In August 1953, she married her childhood sweetheart, Raymond LeVerne Davis, Sr. Mrs. Davis was a longtime member of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church where she served faithfully for many years on the Mother's Board, Chancel Choir, Missionary Board, Flower Club, Culinary Department and Bereavement Committee. In the early years she followed her husband to one of Mt. Olive's sister churches and joined Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church. As her husband's career began to blossom, they moved to Detroit where she joined a local church, dutifully following the church covenant to unite with a local church in the area where one resides. Upon the move back to Flint, she reunited with the church she loved so dearly, Mt. Olive. Her hobbies and community involvement over the years were sewing, square dancing, playing Pokeno, and downhill snow skiing. As a young mother she served as a Cub Scout Den Mother, and was always known for babysitting and caring for children, visiting the sick and shut-in, sending cards of encouragement and holiday greetings. She stayed in constant prayer for family and friends. She especially enjoyed traveling and singing with the choirs of The Billy Graham and Benny Hinn Crusades. Mrs. Davis participated in many church programs and activities such as bible study, "Tom Thumb Weddings" and Sunday Socials, just to name a few. She was also a member of the GM Gospel Choir and was selected to perform a solo at Fischer Theater and Ford Auditorium, where she received rave reviews. She was also delighted to participate in a special performance with Anita Baker. In her later years she enjoyed meeting up with her senior friends at Planet Fitness. She took great pleasure in cooking special family dinners for Thanksgiving and Christmas. At Christmas time, one could always count on seeing her decorate a live, medium pink, flocked Douglas Fern Christmas tree; this was a Nita Jean signature tree. Having lived a very full life, she and her family traveled extensively throughout Europe, the Caribbean, and the United States. In later years, she took great pleasure in caring for her grandchildren and traveling to their respective states, to participate in their special events. True to her love of

music, she taught her grandchildren the Judy Garland song, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." Mrs. Nita Jean Grier Davis leaves to cherish her memory: children, Denice Davis-Johnson; J.D. of Flint, MI, Dr's. AbdulRahman (Maha) Al-Lahiq Al-Naimi (a.k.a Dr. Raymond L. Davis, Jr.), Friendswood, TX, Mrs. Marietta Davis-Phinisee and John Phinisee of Flint, MI; 7 grandchildren, Vanessa (Daniel) Cardoso, Esq., Newington, CT, Corporal Segus (Alexis) Jolivette-Davis, Opelousas, LA, Technical Sergeant Derrick (Mary Grace) Jolivette-Davis, Alexandria, VA, Yasmine Al-Lahiq Al-Naimi, San Diego, CA, Zenah Al-Lahiq Al-Naimi, League City, TX, Zahirah Al-Lahiq Al-Naimi, Houston, TX and Mohammad Al-Lahiq Al-Naimi, Santa Barbara, CA; 8 great-grandchildren, Jaxon Cardoso; Ajah, Segus Jr., Grayson, Asher, Austyn; Geniah and Milayah Jolivette-Davis; spiritual grandchildren, Dominique and Nazarea Moore, Flint, MI and Quinn Langston-McNeal, Fort Wayne, IN; spiritual children, Rev. Ronald Wilson, Pastor Kenneth Gillard, and Evangelist Pamela Turner; special sisters-in-law, Edith (Lenn) Bradley and Yvonne Grier, all of Flint, MI; siblings, Virginia Vaughn, Tulsa, OK and Carlo P. Grier, Corpus Cove, TX, and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws. Mrs. Davis was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond L. Davis, Sr.; son, Ward Abner Davis; parents, Ward and Leona Grier; parents-in-law, Abner and Marietta Davis; beloved grandmother, Pauline Todd; brothers, George, Clarence, Ralph and Danny Grier; sisters, Leola Calloway, Helen Merrill, Lois Rhodes, and Leona Baker. The family would like to express special thanks to her caregivers: niece, Bernadine Grier; Kat and Kris from Angel's Touch; Jasmine Redwine and Keiara Dozier Williams; The staff at Fersenius Dialysis Center, especially Rachelle Bea, and Matt; Dr. Arvind Kunadi; Dr. Uday Kunadi; and the McLaren Regional Medical Center CCU nurses. A special thank you to Mother Nina Lewis for the beautiful cards that always had a special gift. A huge thank you to the Deacon Board of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church for providing communion every first Sunday. Special thank you to Rev. Ronald Wilson for the continuous ministry, visitations, and phone calls.

Special thank you to Deacon and Mrs. Kirksey; Mt. Olive and Holy Ghost church families, especially, Elder Robert (Donna) Burrell, and Elder Robert (Teresa) Allen, for all the gifts, prayers, phone calls, visits, and numerous cards sent faithfully throughout the year.

# Cemetery Details

## River Rest Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

APR **29**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
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## Family Present

APR **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Family hour

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APR 30. 10:30 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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APR 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - April 30, 2021 at 08:25 AM

CR

*Yes cousin Nita did exude those gifts of the spirit 🙏!*

Cynthia Reid - April 30, 2021 at 11:40 AM

KP

*Aunt Nita was one of the best Aunt's a niece could ever be blessed with. She was definitely a favorite Auntie of mine who loved the LORD with all of her heart. I Love you Aunt Nita. Karla Grier Pegues*

KARLA PEGUES - April 30, 2021 at 01:16 PM

SS

*Mother is singing at this funeral and she is AWESOME!!!*

Sharon Saddler - June 04, 2021 at 10:42 AM

JS

*Grandma Laws singing at a funeral. AWESOME!!!!*

Jonathan Saddler - June 04, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ *Mother Nita Jean Davis*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

TB

“ Aunt Nita always made me feel loved and special when I would see her. She would give me a hug and kiss and I would felt her sincerity. She was beautiful inside and out and she raised beautiful, loving special children, my cousins, who I love dearly. I will miss her.

Tracy Baker - May 14, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ Teresa Claxton Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis



Teresa Claxton Williams - May 06, 2021 at 09:57 PM

CD

“ Dear Marietta, Abdul, Denise and John,

*I'm so glad I got to speak with Aunt Nita shortly after my dear Ray passed and she wrote a lovely tribute to him. She still had the same sweet comforting voice I remembered before we moved to Las Vegas. I will miss her dearly. From the moment we met after Ray and I married, Aunt Nita had always been kind to me and my children, Mario and Katina. We all enjoyed good times at holiday dinners with Uncle Danny, Ralph, Ward and many others. The family reunions were always done in style. What a powerful lady I was blessed to know. I will try to honor her by staying "tough" as she used to tell me. God bless her. Love, Carletta DeGroat*



Carletta DeGroat - May 06, 2021 at 06:27 PM

CD

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Carletta DeGroat - May 04, 2021 at 01:51 PM

IH

“ Ivy Herron lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis



Ivy Herron - April 30, 2021 at 10:39 PM

KT

“ Keith "KEEGEE" Tipper lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis



Keith "KEEGEE" Tipper - April 30, 2021 at 07:58 PM

KM

“ I will always remember Aunt Nita as a soft spoken very lovely and classy lady. I used to love going to visit her and the rest of the family with Poppa Ray during the holidays. She always made us feel like we were at home and I truly missed those visits when we moved to Las Vegas.

*I am sending my sincere condolences to the entire family.*

*Love, Tina*

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**Katina McKenzie** - April 30, 2021 at 06:19 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mother Nita Jean Davis.



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April 30, 2021 at 12:44 PM

MT

“ Aunt Nita was the sweetest. As a child, I always loved going to her home. As an adult, I loved speaking with her. She was a bright flower in our family and always had something positive to share. Her faith was an inspiration and her love was boundless.



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**Mata S Townsend** - April 30, 2021 at 11:55 AM

MJ

*What a beautiful service for a beautiful soul...Mother Nita's life was a blessing, her memory a treasure, and are loved beyond words and will be missed beyond measure!! You have gained your wings to heaven now you you can rest in paradise...my sincere condolences to the family with love !! ❤️*

**Mary Jolivette** - May 01, 2021 at 01:17 AM

AC

“ *Alluna Calloway-Lang lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis*



**Alluna Calloway-Lang** - April 30, 2021 at 11:31 AM

LJ

“ *My sweet aunt Nita  
I know you're not here with us on this earth but now I know you're in heaven singing with uncle Danny and dancing with uncle Ralph and finally back with Raymond Sr. Heaven is full of love and wonder today*

**Lori Jackson** - April 30, 2021 at 09:03 AM

DT

“ *Sending condolences and love to Denice, Abdul-Rahman, Marietta, and the entire family. I have wonderful memories of your mother from our days back on the block. She was simultaneously strong and loving. Now she is rejoicing in heaven with Raymond Sr. and Ward, but her spirit lives on through all of you. I hope to see you soon - it's been far too long.*

*David*

**David Tarver** - April 29, 2021 at 10:54 PM

KW

“ *My Sweet Ms Nita. It was such a pleasure caring for you. I'll always cherish the conversations that we shared and I'm thankful for the gift of you, and your words of wisdom. Rest Peacefully until we meet again and just know that Ritz Crackers will miss you just as much as me. Lol And to Ms Marietta and Ms Denice, I pray that God comforts you and the entire family in this difficult time. I loved your Mother and It was truly a pleasure.*

Keaira Williams - April 29, 2021 at 06:02 PM

ED

“ *Mother Edna DeVaughn lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Davis*



Edna DeVaughn - April 29, 2021 at 12:56 PM

KB

“ *Kim Buckner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis*



Kim Buckner - April 29, 2021 at 12:50 PM

GB

“ *To the Family of Mrs. Davis. It has been a long time. Time has past us all, but I am sincerely sorry for your loss. May your pleasant memories sustain you doing this difficult time*

Gayle S Boykin - April 29, 2021 at 12:36 PM

PO

“ off you go nita jean sing in the heaven choir so all to hear. love always tricia

pat osborne - April 29, 2021 at 11:59 AM

CB

“ Aunt Nita will surely be missed. I'm praying God's comfort during this time but rest assured that earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. Aunt Nita is with Jesus!



Connie Baker - April 28, 2021 at 11:34 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mother Nita Jean Davis.



April 28, 2021 at 10:34 PM

GP

“ Sorry for your loss. You have our prayers. Elder John and Sister Gwen Phinisee



Gwendolyn Phinisee - April 28, 2021 at 05:44 PM

RG

“ Roy, Rhea, Robert And Jasmine Greer lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis



Roy, Rhea, Robert and Jasmine Greer - April 28, 2021 at 09:44 AM

MH

“ Mother Wilma Herron lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis



Mother Wilma Herron - April 27, 2021 at 07:46 PM

HH

“ So many good memories from Belmont St., when we were living on Wellington. Remembering the dog, Chula, the boat, and Ray. She will always be near and dear to me. God bless.



Harold Hill

Harold Franklin Hill - April 27, 2021 at 02:42 PM

BS

“ So very sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for you and your family. We love you Marietta.



Barney and Lorene Sorrells - April 26, 2021 at 09:30 PM

ER

“ *Elvia Jean Roberson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis*



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**Elvia Jean Roberson** - April 26, 2021 at 12:46 PM

HM

“ *Praying for the Davis family. Anthony and Helen Maxwell*



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**Helen and Anthony Maxwell** - April 24, 2021 at 07:03 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mother Nita Jean Davis.*



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April 21, 2021 at 12:01 PM



“ *Jimmye Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis*



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**Jimmye Maxwell** - April 20, 2021 at 09:36 PM

JW

“ *Mother Nita Davis beautiful spirit will be missed. I will hold close to my heart the many talks that blessed and encouraged my heart. She will be missed*

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**Jackie Williams** - April 20, 2021 at 09:34 AM

JT

“ *I will miss her sweetness, the loving way she would always greet me with her radiant smile at every family event. I will miss Nita dearly.*

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**Jaimee Todd** - April 19, 2021 at 07:21 PM

BG

“ *Mother Davis had a beautiful smile and spirit. She was always a positive and comforting support during my life journey. Her smile and spirit will always be “The Wind Beneath My Wings”.. Praying for the families comfort and strength.*

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**Brenda Duckett Greer** - April 19, 2021 at 01:04 PM

CB

“ *Carl Buckner lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis*



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**Carl Buckner** - April 19, 2021 at 11:19 AM

EW

“ *Eusette Waddell-Miller lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis*



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**Eusette Waddell-Miller** - April 19, 2021 at 08:55 AM

LE

“ *Linda English sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis*



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**Linda English** - April 18, 2021 at 04:29 PM

NM

“ *Nancy Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis*



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**Nancy Murphy** - April 18, 2021 at 01:38 PM

SW

“ *We are deeply saddened by the passing of Mother Davis.  
Prayers for the Davis Family.  
Eddie and Stephanie Woods*



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**Stephanie Woods** - April 17, 2021 at 11:26 PM

TB

“ Todd Bradley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis



Todd Bradley - April 17, 2021 at 07:25 PM

DP

“ Dorothy & Lisa Payton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis



Dorothy & Lisa Payton - April 17, 2021 at 05:51 PM

EP

“ Remembering her everlasting smile and beautiful spirit.



EARNEST/NANCY POUNCY - April 17, 2021 at 04:42 PM

JB

“ James & Lisa Blakley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis



James & Lisa Blakley - April 17, 2021 at 04:38 PM

TB

“ Todd Bradley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis



Todd Bradley - April 17, 2021 at 04:10 PM



“ Teresa Claxton Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis



Teresa Claxton Williams - April 17, 2021 at 10:33 AM

DK

“ Doris Keels lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis



Doris Keels - April 17, 2021 at 06:17 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mother Nita Jean Davis.



April 17, 2021 at 12:33 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mother Nita Jean Davis.



April 17, 2021 at 12:32 AM



“ Kim Buckner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis



Kim Buckner - April 16, 2021 at 11:05 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to the Davis family. Lelia Adams and Family



ReGina J Adams - April 16, 2021 at 07:26 PM



“ To the Davis Family, I'm going to miss this vibrant lady who always showed a mountain of strength even tho I knew that sometimes she was weak! I am proud of her family who took very good care of her, may God continue to bless this family 😞😞



Dea Julius Ross - April 16, 2021 at 03:09 PM

LN

“ *Lara Grier Nkume lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis*



Lara Grier Nkume - April 16, 2021 at 01:16 PM



“ *Mrs Davis was a ray of sunshine and a very kind person you the family have our deepest sympathies. The Veasley family.*



Hope Veasley - April 16, 2021 at 10:52 AM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Mother Nita Jean Davis.*



April 16, 2021 at 10:50 AM



“ *Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Mother Nita Jean Davis.*



April 16, 2021 at 10:32 AM

VG

“ *Mother Davis with be missed with her mild spirit*



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**virginia bullock gray** - April 16, 2021 at 08:40 AM

VK

“ *Vivian Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis*



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**Vivian Kelley** - April 16, 2021 at 07:13 AM

MW

“ *Maggie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis*



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**Maggie Williams** - April 15, 2021 at 07:26 PM



“ *Wanda Baker lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis*



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**Wanda Baker** - April 15, 2021 at 07:04 PM

TF

“ *The Porter Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis*



**The Porter Family** - April 15, 2021 at 03:52 PM

PV

“ *Paula Verdun lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis*



**Paula Verdun** - April 15, 2021 at 12:50 AM

BK

“ *Brenda Kimble lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis*



**Brenda Kimble** - April 14, 2021 at 10:15 PM



“ *Teresa Claxton Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis*



**Teresa Claxton Williams** - April 14, 2021 at 09:38 PM

EA

*Lit a candle in memory of Nita Davis Ezra Artis Sr.*

**Ezra Artis** - April 15, 2021 at 04:35 PM

EA

*Lit a candle for Nita Davis*

**Ezra Artis** - April 15, 2021 at 04:36 PM

BC

“ *May God Comfort The Davis Family During This Difficult Time.* 🙏🙏🙏



**Brigitt Copedge** - April 14, 2021 at 07:29 PM

RM

“ *Rev Phyllis McCree lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis*



**Rev Phyllis McCree** - April 14, 2021 at 03:55 PM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jordan-Dilworth lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis*



**Brenda Jordan-Dilworth** - April 14, 2021 at 03:53 PM

KR

“ *Kendall E. Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis*



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**Kendall E. Reaves** - April 14, 2021 at 02:17 PM

BT

“ *Betty Tipper lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis*



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**Betty Tipper** - April 14, 2021 at 12:03 PM

DM

“ *To the Davis Family; It is hard to believe the Lord has called Nita home. Nita and I grew up together. We went to school together, raised our children together. We have maintained a lasting friendship throughout the years. We serviced on the Mother's Ministry together. I will certainly miss her tremendously. May she rest in the Lord's arms. May God continue to bless all of her Family.*  
*Dolores McGowan*

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**Dolores McGowan** - April 14, 2021 at 11:11 AM

DM

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Dolores McGowan - April 14, 2021 at 09:16 AM



“ Robbie Grier lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis



Robbie Grier - April 14, 2021 at 08:53 AM

PC

“ One outstanding mother rest in peace



Pamela Coles - April 14, 2021 at 08:16 AM

FT

“ Fred Tumer lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis



Fred Tumer - April 13, 2021 at 10:20 PM

GD

“ *Gloria Dukes lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis*



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**Gloria Dukes** - April 13, 2021 at 09:41 PM

AB

“ *My sincere condolences and love to the family. Rest in Heavenly peace Ms. Nita.* ❤️  
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**Althea Barbee** - April 13, 2021 at 07:22 PM

LR

“ *Sincere Sympathy To The Family*



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**Lorene Randall** - April 13, 2021 at 06:19 PM

VW

“ *Prayers and heartfelt condolences extended to the family and friends of Mrs. Nita Davis. May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief, and find comfort from knowing that God draws close to the broken-hearted. Rest on in Jesus arms. Love ya lots. Curtis and Valerie Williams*



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**Valerie Jean Williams** - April 13, 2021 at 02:05 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Morris Wright lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis*



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**Barbara Morris Wright** - April 13, 2021 at 01:29 PM

RK

“ *Russell & Diane Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mother Nita Jean Davis*



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**Russell & Diane Kirksey** - April 13, 2021 at 11:47 AM