



## Ms. Sarena Gooch

July 22, 1967 - May 23, 2019

GOOCH, Ms. Sarena - Age 51, passed away Thursday, May 23, 2019 at her residence.

Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, June 1, 2019 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:00 AM. Ms. Gooch will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM Friday. Ms. Sarena Maureen Gooch was born July 22, 1967 in Flint, Michigan, the daughter of Elma Gooch and William Connor. Sarena attended Flint Community Schools graduating from Flint Northwestern High School, "Class of 1985." She bore 2 beloved children, Natasha and Quinten, while also dedicating 31 years of her life to her soul mate, Russell Bryant.

Sarena's various occupations always included caring for and serving others. From hospitality, to in-home patient care, to assisting individuals with special needs, her generosity of spirit was always evident. These acts of love, kindness and support did not stop at her places of employment though. Because her earthly assignment was so great, these blessed attributes spilled over into the lives of her family and friends.

Sarena, better known as "NeNe", was the melting pot for all of us. She absolutely loved spending time with her grandson, music, cooking, laughter and some good juicy gossip! Above all, her love for God was evident in her

daily life. Her relationship with the Lord was also evident in the peace that encapsulated her throughout her last days.

Ms. Sarena Maureen Gooch leaves to cherish her memory: fiancé, Russell Bryant; daughter, Natasha Gooch; son, Quinten Bryant; grandson, Jonathan Shelton; sisters, Cynthia (Maurice) Stewart and Donna Gooch; nieces, E-Toya Gooch, Nicole (Mark) Wallace, Olympia Gooch, all of Flint, Sydney (Aaron) Earnest of Georgia, Whitney Stewart of Pensacola, FL, Raven "Porsha" Watkins of Murfreesboro, TN, Sylvia Gooch of Flint, Rachell and Lauren Hill, both of Ft. Worth, TX; nephews, Jason Gooch of Flint, William (Teneka) Epps of Ypsilanti, MI, Morrell Gooch, Maurice Stewart, both of Flint, and Paris Gooch; aunt, Wilma Cunningham of Atlanta, GA; beloved step-father, Robert "Bob" Hughes; a host of other relatives and friends including special cousins, Tammy Prewitt and Tracy Brown as well as special friends, Teresa Brandon, Wilma Carver, Helen Goldsmith, Patricia Nelson, Donna Mitchner and Anthony Simmons.

Ms. Gooch was preceded in death by her parents, Elma Gooch and William Conner; 2 sisters, Terry Epps and Ronnie Gooch; and her special nephew, Montana Gooch.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

**MAY 31.** 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Sarena Gooch*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Kevin Mclaurine lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch*



**Kevin Mclaurine** - January 09, 2020 at 02:18 PM



“ *Wendy Overton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch*



**Wendy Overton** - June 26, 2019 at 04:50 PM



“ *VickyMcCreay lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch*



**VickyMcCreay** - June 09, 2019 at 08:15 AM

PL

“ Pastor Ozell some time life can be to shorted but GOD now to the Gooch family and Robert love you all et hurt but in the Moring it will be all right

pastor Ozell Lewis - June 04, 2019 at 02:01 AM

NS

“ To my auntie Serena Gooch aka Nene!!! I'm going to enjoy the memories that I had with you always making me laugh, smile and feel welcome. You always be in my heart and I will miss you forever!! Wishing I could be there to support the family and let them know how much I love them. To the Gooch will always be in my prayers!!!💖💖💖💖💖🌹🌹🙌🙌🙌🙌



Najai Stewart - June 01, 2019 at 01:12 PM

KW

“ Katrina Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch



Katrina Williams - June 01, 2019 at 11:50 AM



“ Keith Lewis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch



Keith Lewis - June 01, 2019 at 01:52 AM

OG

“ Mannn Auntie 😭 Swear im gonna miss yu 🙏 No more pain rest up babe.. tell my Moma i said i love her and hug her tight for me

Olympia Gooch - June 01, 2019 at 01:25 AM

MR

“ Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth (Carla) Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch



Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth (Carla) Reynolds - June 01, 2019 at 12:43 AM

FR

“ Frances Robertson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch



Frances Robertson - May 31, 2019 at 09:36 PM

DJ

“ Debra Jackson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch



Debra Jackson - May 31, 2019 at 09:09 PM

DJ

“ Donna I am so sorry for your loss, my friend. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. And our father in heaven will supply you with the comfort and strength during this time.

Debra Jackson - May 31, 2019 at 09:07 PM

BB

“ Brenda Boyd lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch



Brenda Boyd - May 31, 2019 at 06:23 PM

CS

“ Casandra Sharp lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch



Casandra Sharp - May 31, 2019 at 06:03 PM

KS

“ Kelly Simpson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch



Kelly Simpson - May 31, 2019 at 06:02 PM

JW

“ Jackie A Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch



Jackie A Williams - May 31, 2019 at 05:12 PM

DH

“ Dale Howard lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch



Dale Howard - May 31, 2019 at 05:12 PM

KW

“ Kimani Washington lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch



Kimani Washington - May 31, 2019 at 05:11 PM



“ My beautiful dearest cousin. I miss you so much I just don't have the words. You have no more pain rip .love you



Tammy Prewitt - May 31, 2019 at 04:04 PM



“ Rest in peace sarena Serena was always the type of person who if you needed to talk about something she was a wonderful listener and she gave great advice when needed she also was a great friend a great staff she surely be missed

Sonya Greenard - May 31, 2019 at 08:04 AM

CL

“ Nene, I was so sad to hear you had transitioned on!! We had some good and fun times walking to Elementary and Junior High School!! Prayers, Peace and Blessings!! 🙏  
Love, Connette Jamison-Long



Connette L Long - May 30, 2019 at 10:18 PM

WB

“ I will always remember that sweet and huge smile. Rest in Peace Ms. Nene! To the Gooch family, you have my deepest sympathy and peace be with you all! I love you!

Wanda Ball - May 30, 2019 at 09:28 PM

WB

“ Wanda Ball lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch



Wanda Ball - May 30, 2019 at 09:24 PM



“ Mom I love u dearly from the bottom of my heart u are my everything and will forever live on I love you and know u still taking care of us .....cant wait to see u again

Natasha Gooch - May 30, 2019 at 09:14 PM

WC

“ My dear sweet funny friend you will be truly missed, you were one of my closest friends and was always there for me when I needed you, may you rest in heaven sweetie 🥹❤❤

Wilma Caver - May 30, 2019 at 11:40 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Sarena Gooch.



May 30, 2019 at 08:48 AM

TB

“ Sarena Nene Gooch. U will be missed immensely. I going to miss our early morning talks as u drive to work also your goofy laugh. Rest up, no more pain.



Tracy Brown - May 29, 2019 at 08:46 AM

DG

I'm going to Miss my baby sister soooo much, this hurts so bad sissy, I miss you...❤❤❤❤

Donna Gooch - May 30, 2019 at 08:07 PM

AB

“ Althea J Barbee lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch



Althea J Barbee - May 28, 2019 at 05:21 PM

LW

“ Lyz Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch



Lyz Wilkins - May 28, 2019 at 04:41 PM

DL

“ Dawn Lovett-Hairston lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch



Dawn Lovett-Hairston - May 28, 2019 at 11:24 AM

DC

“ My hearts and prayers are with you and the family ❤️❤️❤️🙏 From Dwayne Corder



Dwayne Corder - May 28, 2019 at 10:35 AM

DK

“ Deborah Kendrick-Shaw lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch



Deborah Kendrick-Shaw - May 27, 2019 at 09:27 PM

KR

“ Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch



Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves - May 27, 2019 at 03:39 PM

Robert  
Evans

“ Robert Evans lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch



Robert Evans - May 27, 2019 at 09:29 AM

AJ

“ Anissa Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch



Anissa Jones - May 27, 2019 at 06:54 AM

TC

“ *Sarena was my buddy in elementary school.. prayers for her family.* ”

Teresa copeny - May 26, 2019 at 11:43 PM

Mychelle  
BlackDiam

“ *Mychelle BlackDiamond lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch* ”



Mychelle BlackDiamond - May 26, 2019 at 10:39 PM

DB

“ *Deaigo Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch* ”



Deaigo Brown - May 26, 2019 at 10:11 PM

PM

“ *Pamela L. Mitchell/Hightower lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch* ”



Pamela L. Mitchell/Hightower - May 26, 2019 at 05:04 PM

JK

“ *She was a good staff at vip and she was a good friend to tal too.* ”

John kuta - May 26, 2019 at 09:22 AM

VM

“ *Victoria McCreay lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch*



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**Victoria McCreay** - May 26, 2019 at 08:32 AM

EY

“ *So sad... to hear about this. You were such a kind woman! I'm so glad I got to meet you and interact with you. You will be missed... - Yanna (Soup Kitchen)*

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**Eyanna** - May 25, 2019 at 11:43 PM

BM

“ *Brenda Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch*



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**Brenda Mitchell** - May 25, 2019 at 04:43 PM

BM

“ *Brenda Mitchell  
My condolences to Russ and the Gooch family.  
Eternal rest Grant to her, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of GOD, rest in peace. Amen*

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**Brenda Mitchell** - May 25, 2019 at 04:41 PM

TC

“ *Tabitha Cain sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch*



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**Tabitha Cain** - May 25, 2019 at 03:21 PM

JM

“ *Judy Manning sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch*



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**Judy manning** - May 24, 2019 at 06:17 PM



“ *My condolences to the family.*



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**Theresa Miller** - May 24, 2019 at 05:48 PM

BF

“ *lit a candle in memory of Ms Sarena Gooch Billings Family*



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**Billings Family** - May 24, 2019 at 04:08 PM

MB

“ *My condolences to Donna and your family for strength and encouragement in your time of need.*



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**Michele Buckler** - May 24, 2019 at 03:40 PM

CL

“ *Donna, Cynthia and the rest of the family...I can't even begin to put into words my thoughts right now...but please know that my prayers are with you all during this difficult time.*



*Cynthia Lyons-Hodge*

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**Cynthia Lyons-Hodge** - May 24, 2019 at 02:22 PM

MP

“ *MINISTER PAM sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch*



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**MINISTER PAM** - May 24, 2019 at 09:25 AM

MP

“ *MINISTER PAM lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch*



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**MINISTER PAM** - May 24, 2019 at 09:19 AM

SN

“ *Sandy T Neal lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch*



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**Sandy T Neal** - May 23, 2019 at 11:29 PM

LB

“ *My prayers, go out to the family.*

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**Lisa Buycks** - May 23, 2019 at 03:09 PM

LB

“ *Rest my dear cousin. Love you.*



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**Lynn Barbee** - May 23, 2019 at 02:17 PM



“ *Mary Evans sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch*



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**Mary Evans** - May 23, 2019 at 12:05 PM



“ *Mary Evans lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sarena Gooch*



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**Mary Evans** - May 23, 2019 at 12:05 PM



“ *My heart is saddened as many upon many in the transition of Sarena, Sarena! A schoolmate. To the entire Gooch families near and abroad my prayers are with you all throughout this time.*



*The peace of God will comfort you when the words of men can not.*

*Carolyn Randolph-Witcher- W4L*

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**Carolyn Randolph-Witcher** - May 23, 2019 at 10:56 AM