



Mrs. Susie Kate Drake

January 24, 1936 - April 22, 2017

DRAKE, Mrs. Susie Kate - Age 81, passed away Saturday, April 22, 2017 at Living Joy Assisted Living of Flushing, MI. Family hour 12:00 PM Saturday, April 29, 2017 at Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle, 930 E. Myrtle Ave., with funeral service commencing at 1:00 PM, Rev. Dr. Herbert Miller II officiating. Interment at Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 12:00 PM Saturday. Mrs. Drake will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 2:00 PM-8:00 PM Friday, with family present to receive friends from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to: Alzheimer's Association, 1125 Linden Rd. Flint, MI 48532.

Mrs. Susie Kate "Sue" Drake was born January 24, 1936 in Hurtsboro (Russell County), Alabama, daughter of the late Oscar and Lessie Tolbert. She departed this life on April 22nd, 2017. Susie graduated high school in Russell County. She accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal savior at a very early age. After high school, she briefly resided with her father in Chicago, IL but subsequently moved to Flint, Michigan to reside with her sister, Gladys and seek work. Upon her arrival in Flint, she met James Drake, and they were married on April 18, 1956. Sue and James were blessed with three lovely daughters, Carmen, Deirdre and Kendra. She spent the majority of her adult life as a homemaker, caring for her husband and daughters. The only time Sue worked outside of the home was during a GM layoff where she

worked to supplement family income. She was an impeccable housekeeper and prided herself on her culinary skills. Sue had a practical sense of humor, and enjoyed spending time with her family and close girlfriends as well as studying the Bible. She and her next-door neighbor, Susie (affectionately known as the other Susie) would barbecue every holiday together in the backyard and trade homemade rolls and sweets. Sue was known throughout the years as helping or cooking for many folks who would find their way into her home or caring for the shut-in and elderly. She was a proud and faithful member of Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle from the time she joined the church in 1958 until her health failed. During the time she was active, she was engaged in many church activities. Sue was a member of the Phebian Circle, where she formed many close personal friendships. For many years she served as Circle Captain. As her daughters came of age, she supported their youth activities, such as Youth Fellowship, Youth Mission and the Youth Choir (where she served for many years as Choir Supervisor). Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Pointer appointed Susie as the first female Trustee at the church. She served as a Sunday School Teacher, and was a youth favorite. Sue also taught Wednesday morning Bible Study for many years. In addition, she served on the church's Kitchen Ministry.

Mrs. Susie Kate "Sue" Drake leaves to cherish her memory: daughters, Carmen Katrina Drake of Flint, Deirdre Candice Drake of Chicago, IL, and Kendra Danielle Drake; 2 grandchildren, Keiran Jaymes Drake of Dallas, TX and Kennedy Arie Drake of Flint; sister, Princella Jackson; nephews, Aaron "Pete" Rias, both of Detroit, MI Orlando Rias of Flint and niece Mattie Rias, of Detroit, MI; very special sister-in-law, Essie Lee Marzette; niece, Delinda Sue Marzette (Cortez) Stuckey, both of Magnolia, TX; special-niece, Veronica "Bouncy" Nickens of Flint; great-nieces, Audricka Jacob of Blissfield, MI and Crystal Sparks of Flint; god-daughters, Versie Roland and Reginda "Gale" Little and their mother, Ola Clemons, all of Flint; her other "kids", Michael Johnson, Gail Keith, Daphne Keith, LaTonya Keith and Pamela (Keith) Lewis.

Susie also had special close friendships with a number of women that are also left to cherish her memory, Carlean Austin, MI; Clara Brown and Katherine Tipton, all of Flint.

Mrs. Drake was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, James Eli Drake; parents, Oscar and Lessie Tolbert; sister, Gladys Hill; nephew, Charles "Gus" Talbert; and best friends, Verlie and Carrie Keith.

The family would like to express special thanks to Pastor Dr. Herbert Miller II, deacons, William Chatman and Kenneth Wright; Monique Burley, Brenda Chapman, Patricia Stocker, Derrick Coney, the entire staff of Living Joy Memory Care of Flushing, MI; and the Heart to Heart Hospice Care team. The family would also like to acknowledge individuals who displayed kind gestures to our mother once her health failed, Jerome and Tonedia Threlkeld, Hattie Thompson, Pastor and Mrs. Ron and Naomi Scott, Father Gene Geromel and the St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church Family, the members of the Phebian Circle and the entire Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle Family.

"May The Work I've Done Speak For Me"

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Family Present

APR 28. 6:00 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>

Public Viewing

APR 28. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Family hour

APR **29**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle
930 E. Myrtle Ave.
Flint, MI 48505

Service

APR **29**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle
930 E. Myrtle Ave.
Flint, MI 48505

Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - April 26, 2017 at 10:59 AM

EP

Awesome

Edward Pollard - April 27, 2017 at 07:37 PM



“ *Mrs. Susie Kate Drake*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

OH

“ *Odessa Hearn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake*



Odessa Hearn - May 02, 2017 at 10:57 PM

JC

“ Jackie Chaney lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Susie Kate Drake



Jackie Chaney - April 29, 2017 at 09:55 AM

ER

“ God bless you !



Elvia Roberson - April 28, 2017 at 08:05 PM

SH

“ Shirley Hill lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Susie Kate Drake



Shirley Hill - April 28, 2017 at 11:57 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Mrs. Susie Kate Drake.



April 28, 2017 at 11:56 AM

CT

“ Cynthia Turner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake



cynthia turner - April 28, 2017 at 10:58 AM

JL

“ John Lee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake



john lee - April 27, 2017 at 05:00 PM

MF

“ Malaika Myers & Family purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake.



Malaika Myers & Family - April 27, 2017 at 03:03 PM

,G

“ , James , Ondria Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake



, James , Ondria Gillespie - April 27, 2017 at 08:24 AM

LB

“ *Mrs. Drake will be truly missed but when you talk to Carmen it's like talking to Mrs, Drake. The Bond Family is praying with you and for you, Love you!!!!*



leola bond - April 26, 2017 at 04:06 PM

JS

“ *Jacqueline Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake*



Jacqueline Scott - April 26, 2017 at 01:07 PM

JC

“ *Carmen, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sending praise up for my Dayton Street Family,*



JENNIFER CAMPBELL - April 26, 2017 at 12:55 PM

JG

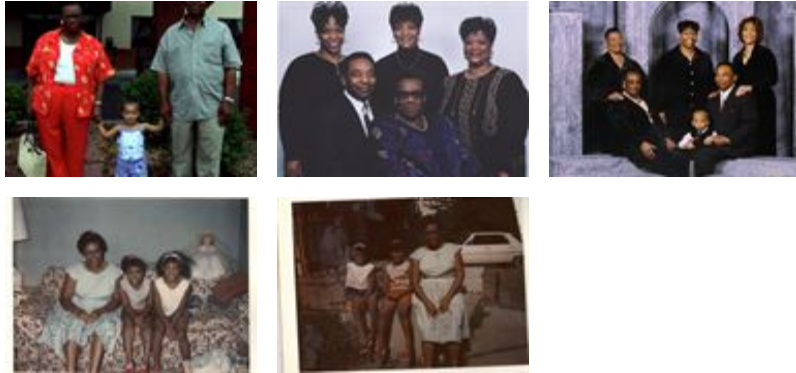
“ *JENNIFER CAMPBELL GRAY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake*



JENNIFER CAMPBELL GRAY - April 26, 2017 at 12:50 PM



“ 51 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - April 26, 2017 at 10:44 AM



Beautiful pictures and memories of your lovely family ❤️❤️❤️

Bertha Moses - April 27, 2017 at 05:37 PM



“ *Antionette Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake*



Antionette Hardy - April 25, 2017 at 08:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake.*



April 25, 2017 at 05:43 PM

GM

“ *GLORIA MOSES-COLEN lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake*



GLORIA MOSES-COLEN - April 25, 2017 at 04:35 PM

BF

“ *Bettie Flowers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake*



Bettie Flowers - April 25, 2017 at 04:27 PM

CF

“ *Carmen, my Prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. May God's Strength, Comfort and Peace be with you all.*



Carol J Foster - April 25, 2017 at 04:17 PM

AP

“ *Alice L Player lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake*



Alice L Player - April 25, 2017 at 04:16 PM

MR

“ Our prayers are with you and your family. Love Jamie & Molisa Raybon

Molisa Raybon - April 25, 2017 at 12:51 PM

MM

“ Margo McQuiddy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake



Margo McQuiddy - April 25, 2017 at 11:39 AM

RH

“ FROM MOBILE,ALABAMA LOVE YOU ALL

Ruth Diana Harper - April 25, 2017 at 11:23 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake.



April 25, 2017 at 10:56 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake.



April 25, 2017 at 10:07 AM

BW

“ *Barbara Wright lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake*



Barbara Wright - April 25, 2017 at 09:18 AM

DF

“ *Debra Fair lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake*



Debra Fair - April 25, 2017 at 09:05 AM

MT

“ *Marilyn Twine lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake*



Marilyn Twine - April 25, 2017 at 08:09 AM

CA

“ *From the Gambles to the Drakes; We love y'all. Proverbs 3:5-6*



Caroline - April 25, 2017 at 07:40 AM

DJ

“ D.Nancine Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake



D.Nancine Jackson - April 25, 2017 at 07:27 AM



“ Bertha Moses sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake



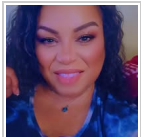
Bertha Moses - April 25, 2017 at 06:36 AM

PK

“ Pam Keith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake



Pam Keith - April 24, 2017 at 11:25 PM



“ Stephanie Abrams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake




Stephanie Abrams - April 24, 2017 at 10:37 PM

GH

“ Prayers are going up for the family. Will always remember my time @ Metropolitan Church and the Drake family. Stay strong in the Lord for each other.

Gloria Hayter - April 24, 2017 at 09:51 PM


Beverly
Gamble

“ Beverly Gamble lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake



Beverly Gamble - April 24, 2017 at 09:39 PM

LM

“ Prayers going out to you and your family sweetheart.....I love you Kendra.



LaQuisha Mpore - April 24, 2017 at 09:05 PM

TF

“ The Booth Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake



The Booth Family - April 24, 2017 at 09:03 PM

AP

“ Alvin & Doretha Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake



Alvin & Doretha Phillips - April 24, 2017 at 08:48 PM

DS

“ Our Sister from Another... Our sincerest condolences. Know that GOD is able and willing to do what you need HIM to do for you! Praying your strength... Love you.....
Connie Graham & Deidre Woodson



Deidre Spight~Woodson - April 24, 2017 at 08:35 PM

LL

“ Linda Lenear lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake



Linda Lenear - April 24, 2017 at 07:11 PM

LM

“ Lamerle Morgan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake



Lamerle Morgan - April 24, 2017 at 07:02 PM

LM

Praying for you and Kennedy, and the family.

Lamerle Morgan - April 24, 2017 at 07:03 PM

MP

“ *Michele Parker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake*



Michele Parker - April 24, 2017 at 04:24 PM

MP

“ *Michele Parker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake*



Michele Parker - April 24, 2017 at 04:24 PM

ME

“ *Margie Edmonds lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake*



Margie Edmonds - April 24, 2017 at 04:18 PM

SF

“ Sharon Fleming lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake



Sharon Fleming - April 24, 2017 at 03:52 PM

JP

“ Johnetta Prosser lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake



Johnetta Prosser - April 24, 2017 at 01:01 PM

PS

“ Peggy Stribling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake



Peggy Stribling - April 24, 2017 at 11:09 AM

JB

“ Jeanette Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake



Jeanette Brown - April 24, 2017 at 08:48 AM

WH

“ Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake



Wanda Harrison - April 24, 2017 at 08:26 AM

ML

“ Ms. Gina Lee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake



Ms. Gina Lee - April 24, 2017 at 08:20 AM

JK

“ Jesse & Dorothy Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake



Jesse & Dorothy Kirksey - April 24, 2017 at 08:15 AM

WS

“ Wanda Stitt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake



Wanda Stitt - April 23, 2017 at 06:01 PM

AH

“ *Anita Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake*



Anita Harris - April 23, 2017 at 05:30 PM

IH

“ *IRIS Hare lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake*



IRIS Hare - April 23, 2017 at 05:03 PM

CS

“ *Carolyn Spight lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susie Kate Drake*



Carolyn Spight - April 23, 2017 at 04:17 PM