



Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie

April 20, 1943 - August 5, 2016

Our beloved Arneatha (Little) McKenzie passed away Friday, August 5, 2016 at her home at the age of 73 years. She was born April 20, 1943 in Panola, Alabama the fourth child of Morris and Mittie (Thompkins) Little. The family later moved to Scooba, MS where she grew up surrounded by a large family.

Nita was educated in Noxubee and Kemper County school system in Mississippi where she graduated from Whisenton High School, Class of 1962. She accepted Christ at an early age and united with Green Chapel Baptist Church under Rev. F.E. Edmonds, Sr. She found peace and contentment in her last years serving at The Church Without Walls under the leadership of her brother, Pastor Jimmy Little, Sr.

On January 18, 1992, after two years of courtship, Nita united in marriage to Alfred L. McKenzie. Nita was employed at Sodexo as Food Service Manager for Health Source Saginaw for more than 30 years.

Nita leaves to cherish many precious memories, her husband, Alfred McKenzie; a loving son, Morris D. "Ricky" (Yolanda) Pruitt and their children, Jamie (Trudie) McLeod, Bryant Miller II, Briana Stringer, Jene Pruitt and Morris D. Pruitt, Jr.; three step-children, Ronald D. McKenzie, Rhonda D. (Tyrone) Bridgewater and Maurice R. McKenzie; 15 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Bernice Pruitt of Saginaw, MI and Vivian "Betty" Clark of Meridian, MS; two brothers, John Little of Saginaw, MI and Pastor

Jimmy (Lucille) Little of Saginaw, MI; an aunt, Charlotte Stanton of Panola, AL; one uncle, Laundry Little of Tuscaloosa, AL and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and special friends.

Mrs. McKenzie was preceded in death by her parents, Morris and Mittie Little; one daughter, Brenda Gail Pruitt; one brother, Morris Little, Jr.; a sister, Eva Neil Little; her beloved mother and father-in-law, Nettie B. and Lloyd McKenzie.

The family extends special thanks to her private caregivers, Danyell Butler and Brittany Richardson; Wellspring Hospice Nurse, Jason; and Cathy, case manager from Covenant Hospital.

Family hour will take place at 10:30 a.m. Friday, August 12, 2016 at House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church, 2233 King Road with funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m., Pastor Walter McCall Host Pastor. Pastor Jimmy Little, Sr. will officiate with interment in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue on Thursday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Family Hour

AUG 12. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church
2233 King Road
Saginaw, MI 48601

Funeral Service

AUG 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church
2233 King Road
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie*



Browne's Mortuary - August 18, 2016 at 11:38 AM

VJ

“ *Rick and Yolanda,
Sorry to hear of the passing of your mother,
Praying that her soul is resting in peace and
your hearts are filled with the love and
memories you shared.*

Joe and Roni Jordan

Veronica Jordan - August 18, 2016 at 01:56 PM



AS

“ *Anthony Spinner lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie*

Anthony Spinner - August 15, 2016 at 12:06 PM



KW

“ *Morris & Yolanda & children may God comfort and strengthen you during this very difficult time. Your mother is now in the Loving arms of God.*



Kim Caver Wright - August 14, 2016 at 08:53 AM

BR

“ *Bernard and Peggy Reed*



Bernard Reed - August 14, 2016 at 07:53 AM



“ *Nita u will be missed.*



Trace Douglas - August 13, 2016 at 08:01 AM



“ *Trace Douglas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie*



Trace Douglas - August 13, 2016 at 07:59 AM

BP

“ *Bertha L. Pruitt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie*



bertha I. Pruitt - August 13, 2016 at 07:43 AM

AF

“ *Adline Helton And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie*



Adline Helton and family - August 12, 2016 at 03:20 PM

MA

“ *Nita u will be missed 11 years I've worked as a co worker at health source u were the one who brought me in work around my school and sports I looked at u like a godmother not a manager I appreciate everything u have done for me and my family u will be truly missed Marcus Jackson Denton Texas*



marcus - August 12, 2016 at 01:58 PM

PJ

“ *Patricia burns and Anthony jenkins purchased the Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate for the family of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie.*



Patricia burns and Anthony jenkins - August 12, 2016 at 08:21 AM

PB

“ Patricia Burns lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie



Patricia burns - August 12, 2016 at 07:04 AM

TN

“ For 30 years Nita touched my heart and soul as a co-worker at Healthsource Saginaw....what a kind and lovely person that I cherished and admired. I will miss her infectious smile and big hug....she will be missed by all.

Tom Nichols, Materials Management.

Tom Nichols - August 11, 2016 at 09:31 PM

LO

“ Leah O'Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie



Leah O'Daniels - August 11, 2016 at 08:27 PM

PJ

“ Purvis Carter Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie



Purvis Carter Jr. - August 11, 2016 at 06:38 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie.*



August 11, 2016 at 05:44 PM



“ *I send my prayers and my condolences to the McKenzie and Pruitt family love jeannie morris*



Jeannie morris - August 11, 2016 at 05:10 PM



“ *Aunt Neatha your smile will be missed every time I see you! I will pray that the peace of God be with your family during this time of bereavement.*



Alesia Strickland - August 11, 2016 at 01:58 PM



“ *Sam Pruitt II lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie*



Sam Pruitt II - August 11, 2016 at 01:55 PM

AR

“ Arthur & Stephanie Richardson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie



Arthur & Stephanie Richardson - August 10, 2016 at 06:09 PM

RW

“ Rev. Jodie & Patricia Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie



Rev. Jodie & Patricia Williams - August 10, 2016 at 06:08 PM

JG

“ Jocelyn Gordon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie



Jocelyn Gordon - August 10, 2016 at 02:28 PM



“ Ricky, sorry to hear about your Mother, Mrs. Arneatha. I have always known her to be extremely courteous and loving. I have great memories of her and the wonderful smile she shared with others. Praying for you & the family. I will call you later, my brother.
Stacy L. Davis-Diggs

Rija Landry-Aka - August 10, 2016 at 12:12 PM

BM

“ My sincere condolences, deepest sympathy and prayers, I send to the family of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie. Known to me as "Aunt Inita". "Heaven" has opened it's gates, "GOD" lifed an "Angel" from the lost & found. Gave her back her dignity & peace of mine; She's finally able to unwind; Her life can take direction now. She's a resident of one of "GOD's" many mansions. My fondest memory; "Your (beautiful) Smile". Loved you through out our past, loved you yesterday, love you still, always have and always will. (RIH) auntie. To Ricky, (cuz) I feel your pain, feeling wronged & alone; Dry your eyes, don't be depressed; Show the world, you've been blessed. You can be strong if you just hold on. "Jesus" got your back! "GOD BLESS " us all.



Betty Daily & Coco Moore - August 10, 2016 at 10:09 AM

BD

Betty Daily & Coco Moore

Betty Daily - August 10, 2016 at 10:15 AM

SH

“ Stanley Howell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie



Stanley Howell - August 10, 2016 at 06:43 AM

YY

“ To the families of the late Mrs.Arbroath McKenzie I send you all my deepest sympathies my heartfelt prayer our with you in your hour of bereavement,,Betty and Bernice I know how close you all were my prayers are with you and the other families members.In time like these cause you need a Savior to lean on.I will continue to keeps you all in prayer.YvonneSanders

YvonneSanders - August 10, 2016 at 12:56 AM

PQ

“ So very sorry to hear of your loss Alfred. You and your family are in my prayers.
Pat Qualls - Dallas, TX

pat qualls - August 09, 2016 at 05:55 PM

JD

“ To the family of Arneatha, I am so sorry for your loss. What a Beautiful and kind woman.God called home another angel. You are ALL in my thoughts and prayers.
Julie, from the PT Dept at HealthSource.



Julie Dobos - August 09, 2016 at 05:51 PM

AH

“ Lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie



Aretha Hairston - August 09, 2016 at 02:47 PM

SP

“ Sam & Alberta Pruitt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie



Sam & Alberta Pruitt - August 09, 2016 at 01:24 PM

DH

“ Deidre Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie



Deidre Hunter - August 09, 2016 at 12:39 PM

CR

“ Carl And Rosemary Ruth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie



Carl and Rosemary Ruth - August 09, 2016 at 12:34 PM

MF

“ Mary Smithers & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie



Mary Smithers & Family - August 09, 2016 at 12:20 PM



“ 77 files added to the album Life Tributes



Browne's Mortuary - August 09, 2016 at 11:05 AM

TF

“ The Mitchell Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie



The Mitchell Family - August 09, 2016 at 08:05 AM

TF

“ The Harbert Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie



The Harbert Family - August 09, 2016 at 07:46 AM

TF

“ *The Ford Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie*



The Ford Family - August 09, 2016 at 07:36 AM

LM

“ *Loudean Moultrie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie*



Loudean Moultrie - August 09, 2016 at 02:29 AM

SP

“ *Going to miss calling you and having long talks and getting good advice from you cousin Mrs Nita. You will truly be missed Rest on in heaven.*



Sharon Pruitt - August 08, 2016 at 10:25 PM

DW

“ *Deborah Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie*



Deborah Williams - August 08, 2016 at 10:21 PM

CP

“ I met Ms. Nita when I first came to Healthsource, my last name caught her attention.. Found out we were almost family.. Anyway had long talks al the time about different things.. We share same birthday. She gave my son his 1st job & she always liked out fr him.. If he said something wrong she would put hminhis place lol.. She let me kiwis he called unit whatever it was & she'd say don't tell him I told u.. Ms Nita was a verkind & respect ful lady.. She will be truly missed & we all love u Ms. Nita.. R.I.H from Cheryl Pruitt

Cheryl Pruitt - August 08, 2016 at 09:55 PM

1M

“ Praying for the entire family of Neta McKenzie and the extended family, Arneatha was a warm hearted lady ,Only God can heal the hearts of a love one who has pass on.
Christ Kingdom Ministries : Apostle Edward & Mattie Jackson.

1st Lady M.J. - August 08, 2016 at 07:46 PM

1J

“ 1st Lady M. Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie



1st Lady M. Jackson - August 08, 2016 at 07:33 PM

TA

“ Tiffany Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie



Tiffany Anderson - August 08, 2016 at 05:53 PM

AH

“ *Aretha Hairston*



Aretha Hairston - August 08, 2016 at 04:25 PM

YC

“ *Yvonne Corley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie*



Yvonne Corley - August 08, 2016 at 04:13 PM

SF

“ *Sharron Hall & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie*



Sharron Hall & Family - August 08, 2016 at 11:38 AM

TC

“ *Tracy L. Cormier lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie*



Tracy L. Cormier - August 08, 2016 at 11:36 AM

MF

“ *Mary Ann Stewart Of Flushing lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie*



Mary Ann Stewart of Flushing - August 08, 2016 at 10:50 AM

RL

“ *Will miss Miss Nita very much RIH!!!*



Ray and Denise Luarck - August 08, 2016 at 09:59 AM

TP

“ *Tim & La Juan Prince lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie*



Tim & La Juan Prince - August 08, 2016 at 08:06 AM

TP

“ *Tim & La Juan Prince lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie*



Tim & La Juan Prince - August 08, 2016 at 08:06 AM

MC

“ *Myrtle Collier lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie*



Myrtle Collier - August 08, 2016 at 07:17 AM

LJ

“ *Leon Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie*



Leon Jackson - August 07, 2016 at 09:09 PM

GD

“ *Gregory Daniel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie*



Gregory Daniel - August 07, 2016 at 03:27 PM

TC

“ *Tiffany Craighead lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie*



Tiffany Craighead - August 07, 2016 at 01:24 PM

TA

“ Twinkle Archer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie



Twinkle Archer - August 07, 2016 at 03:19 AM

TA

“ Twinkle Archer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie



Twinkle Archer - August 07, 2016 at 03:17 AM

TF

“ The Ford Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie



The Ford Family - August 06, 2016 at 05:32 PM

1J

“ 1st Lady M. Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie



1st Lady M. Jackson - August 06, 2016 at 03:46 PM

MS

“ I had the privilege of knowing Nita for over 25 years. She is without the kindest, compassionate and caring person. She will always have a special place in my heart. Please accept my condolences.

Michael Summers - August 06, 2016 at 01:39 PM

JM

“ Jamie McCall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arneatha McKenzie



Jamie McCall - August 06, 2016 at 12:10 PM

JG

“ What a beautiful woman, Heaven has truly gained an Angel. You will be missed. Love always, Janique Garnett

Janique Garnett - August 06, 2016 at 08:40 AM

PF

“ Heartfelt Condolences To The Family Of Our Beloved Nita, She Will Definitely Be Missed

Patricia Allen - Frierson - August 05, 2016 at 10:50 PM

JB

I've known Nita for more than twenty years. We always shared a good lol every time we talked. I will truly miss her, her wisdom and that crazy laugh. RIP my sista, love you.

Julie Blair - August 08, 2016 at 10:39 PM

JW

Had the privilege of knowing Ms. Nita through work and was grateful for her. She was a delight to be around. A lovely person. GOD bless Ms. Nita

Janet Warack - August 11, 2016 at 12:11 PM

BP

With deepest sympathy. We share your loss. The Pruitts of Walpole, MA

bertha I. Pruitt - August 13, 2016 at 07:42 AM