



Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)

July 17, 1933 - June 21, 2020

Our beloved mother, grandmother, godmother, aunt and friend, Berta Lee Davis "Sweetie", took the morning train home to be with our Heavenly Father on Sunday, June 21, 2020 at 0745 hrs., at the age of 86 years. She was born July 17, 1933 in Sicily Island, Louisiana. The baby of 5 children to the late Yank Harris and Judy Ann Douglas Harris.

As a child and young adult, she was very athletic with basketball being her favorite. She was a powerful point guard for the Sicily Island High School Wildcats of Peck, Louisiana. Her education was cut short when a Caucasian man threaten, stalked and attempted to steal her away from her family. She was forced to flee from her home for safety and moved up north to Saginaw. She met and married Grover Lee Davis, Jr. This union was blessed with 6 children.

Even though she was unable to finish high school as a youth, she was determined to graduate from high school and received her diploma. She attended Saint Joseph Adult Education Program of Saginaw and graduated in 1974 in the top of her class. Mother Davis was a member of Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church over 55 years. She was an active member, using her gifts and talents in any capacity that they were needed. For many years she sang in the Mass Choir; coached the girls basketball team; was chairperson of the 1988 Church Dedication Souvenir Book; was an original

member of the Saint Paul Christian Daycare and Pre-school Board; enjoyed attending Bible Study, Mission, and Prayer Service, until health complications hindered her from doing so.

Mrs. Davis led the way to re-organize the Saint Paul Baptist Church Mothers Board under the leadership of Interim Rev. Roosevelt Austin, Sr. She spearheaded the organization of the Saint Paul Baptist Church Mothers Annual Green Tea. Mother Davis enjoyed singing. You could always hear her singing one hymn or another. Some of her favorites were; Precious Lord Take My Hand; May the Work I've Done Speak for Me, Amazing Grace and In the Garden. She was very gifted in understanding God's Word and Intercessory Prayer; she had the gift of dreams and interpretations of dreams.

Berta was a life member of the International Free and Accepted Modern Masons, Inc. and Order of Eastern Stars, Edith Sampson Grand Chapter of Michigan; Past District Matron of District #8 of Saginaw MI. Sis. Davis has held numerous offices and has traveled the USA representing this organization. She organized the Berta L. Davis Youth Chapter #196, Saginaw MI; was a member of Queen Deborah #110, Saginaw MI. Berta was a woman of class who was well known for her stylish flair. Mother Davis received child care provider training through the Saginaw Intermediate School District, Michigan Department of Social Services in July 1980. She owned and operated the Berta L. Davis Licensed Day Care Center for over 15 years. She loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them, often cooking and sharing food with whoever came to her home. Berta was affectionately known as "Sweetie"; she was internationally known as "Lady Queen Bee" manning the KEE1686 base station (CB-Citizen Band).

Sweetie leaves to cherish her precious memory, her children, Alga (L.J.) Smith, Jr., Marquetta Davis, Yolanda Davis (Eugene) McGee, and Grover Lee Davis III, all of Saginaw, Michigan; one god-daughter, Michele Brown (José)

Douglas, Grand Rapids, Michigan; 14 grandchildren, Felicia Thomas, Alga Smith III, Anquonn Smith, Ervin Smith, Anthony Lyle, Jr. Zephaniah Davis, Javaris Lyle, Minister Thurman (Brandy) Stanton II (Mama's Fabulous Four), Tangena Davis McGee, Grover L. Davis IV, Elijah Cooper, and Sandrana Cooper, all of Saginaw, and Sergio Thomas of Flint MI; 27 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great grandchildren; 3 grand god-children; 2 great grand god-children; one sister-in-love Juanita Smith of Saginaw; two cousins, Frances Watson, Louisiana and Emma Jean Brooks, Illinois; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other children she raised, including two special nephews, Walter J. Harris and Larry L. Whiting, and many other relatives and friends.

Berta had the following angels awaiting her arrival on the blissful shores of heaven, her husband, Grover Lee Davis, Sr., parents, Yank Harris and Judy Ann Douglas Harris, one son, Reed E. Smith, one daughter, TeVeldia Davis Lyle, her siblings, Cleveland, Walter, Henry (Snook) Harris and Judy Ann Carradine and many other uncles, aunts, and relatives.

The family wishes to express sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone who offered kind words, prayers and condolences. A special thanks to Pastor Vincent D. McMillon and the Saint Paul Baptist Church Family; Dr. Nader, Dr. Hoeksema, Dr. Hollandworth, and the Covenant Cooper CVICU staff for their extraordinary care and compassion; Bruce Bailey, Louise M. Johnston and Audrey C. Smith for the extra care and attention they gave her.

Visitation will take place from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607. A private funeral service will be held. Pastor Vincent McMillon will officiate.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **30**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Tribute Wall



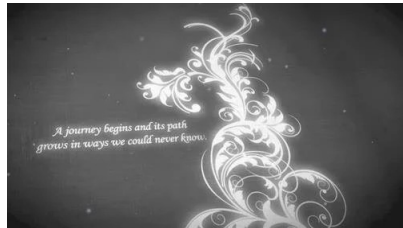
“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



Browne's Mortuary - July 01, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



Browne's Mortuary - July 01, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ *Prayers For The Family* 🙏❤️



Juanita Boyd - July 12, 2020 at 01:58 AM

AB

“ Anthony Boulware sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)



Anthony Boulware - July 06, 2020 at 05:10 AM

BP

“ My sincere prayers and condolences to the Davis Family.



Barbara Payton - July 02, 2020 at 12:37 PM

RS

“ Rosetta Scott lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)



Rosetta Scott - July 01, 2020 at 11:18 AM

AB

“ Anna Brown lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)



Anna Brown - June 30, 2020 at 07:08 PM

HS

“ Herman & Cathy Sims lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)



Herman & Cathy Sims - June 30, 2020 at 06:22 PM

LB

“ To Yolonda and Marquetta Davis and family; we are sending our deepest condolences to your family; May God grant you peace as you celebrate the life of this Great Woman of God! I went to school (Jessie Loomis) with Yolonda and TeVeldia and have always known Marquetta. Keep your hands in God's hands and he will direct your paths.



Larry/Linda (Berry) Adams

Linda Berry - June 30, 2020 at 11:51 AM

EJ

“ Our sincerest condolences, Eddie Dunn Jr. and family.



Eddie Dunn Jr - June 30, 2020 at 10:45 AM

SW

“ To Marquetta and Family we just want you all to know that we love you and you all are always in our thoughts and prayers. We love you “Mom” and “Grandma” and we’re thankful for the times we spent together. We miss you and until we meet again!❤️❤️❤️

Isaiah 41:10

“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand”.

*Love Always,
Sandra, Symone, and PJ*

Symone Winston - June 29, 2020 at 10:34 PM

JN

“ Joyce Neal lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)



Joyce Neal - June 29, 2020 at 09:50 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie).



June 29, 2020 at 09:09 PM

MD

“ *Marilyn Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



Marilyn Dixon - June 29, 2020 at 03:46 PM

BB

My sincere condolences and prayers sent to the Davis family. May God bless you with peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Birdie Brown Brooks - June 30, 2020 at 03:41 PM

JB

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to the Davis Family. The Davis's have been our neighborhood friends for over 50 years. Your Mother Berta Lee Davis was a very nice, caring woman of God. Every time we walked by the house we could hear her beautiful voice .When one of us came over to the family home she would always come out and speak or she would be in the garden, Mrs.Davis will be missed by so many people and she's loved by even more people. May God give all the family comfort during this time of bereveament . You all are in our thoughts ad prayers.*



Jacqueline M Bruce - June 29, 2020 at 01:47 PM

LT

“ *Lucinda Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



Lucinda Taylor - June 29, 2020 at 01:10 PM

BJ

“ *Rest in Heaven*



Brenda Jones - June 29, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie).*



June 29, 2020 at 09:23 AM

AP

“ *Our deepest heartfelt condolences to the entire family of Mother Davis.*



Auther & Toni Pringle - June 29, 2020 at 07:49 AM

RF

“ *Richardson Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



Richardson Family - June 29, 2020 at 03:19 AM

TF

“ *the BRIDGES FAMILY purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie).*



the BRIDGES FAMILY - June 29, 2020 at 02:48 AM

KM

“ *My sincere condolences to the Davis family, May God continue to bless and keep you,*



Karen Martin-Brodnex - June 28, 2020 at 11:03 PM

CH

“ *May God continue to be with the Davis family during this time and from hence on. We love you and will keep you lifted up.*



Charles & Cynthia Hamilton - June 28, 2020 at 12:21 PM

CH

“ *Charles&Cynthia Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



Charles&Cynthia Hamilton - June 28, 2020 at 12:17 PM

MS

“ *Mary Smithers lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



Mary Smithers - June 28, 2020 at 09:01 AM

PW

“ *Praying for you and your family Love Sis*



patrice Williams - June 27, 2020 at 05:40 PM

RW

“ *Ricky, Constance Webb lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



Ricky, Constance Webb - June 27, 2020 at 12:27 PM

MJ

“ *Our Prayers and thoughts are with you. The Johnson Family.*



Mattie Johnson - June 27, 2020 at 09:44 AM

MS

“ *Mary Smithers lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



Mary Smithers - June 27, 2020 at 09:27 AM

MS

“ *Mary Smithers lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



Mary Smithers - June 27, 2020 at 09:18 AM

LT

“ *Lucinda Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



Lucinda Taylor - June 26, 2020 at 10:48 PM

LT

“ *Lucinda Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



Lucinda Taylor - June 26, 2020 at 01:51 PM

YS

“ Yvonne Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)



Yvonne Sanders - June 26, 2020 at 11:02 AM

LK

“ Larry (UT) Kemp sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)



Larry (UT) Kemp - June 26, 2020 at 12:30 AM

LK

“ Larry (UT) Kemp sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)



Larry (UT) Kemp - June 26, 2020 at 12:26 AM

BW

“ Bernice Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)



Bernice Williams - June 25, 2020 at 10:41 PM

LT

“ *Lucinda Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)* ”



Lucinda Taylor - June 25, 2020 at 09:49 PM



“ *Ramona Palmer lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)* ”



Ramona Palmer - June 25, 2020 at 08:52 PM

LT

“ *Lucinda Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)* ”



Lucinda Taylor - June 25, 2020 at 08:05 PM

WH

“ *Walter/Dorothy Harris Love you all* ”



Walter Harris - June 25, 2020 at 05:50 PM

AN

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the Davis and extended families..May God give you comfort in this time of bereavement.



Atosha Newsome - June 25, 2020 at 05:49 PM

LT

“ Lucinda Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)



Lucinda Taylor - June 25, 2020 at 05:48 PM

GC

“ Gloria Cormier lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)



Gloria Cormier - June 25, 2020 at 03:58 PM

LT

“ Lucinda Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)



Lucinda Taylor - June 25, 2020 at 03:26 PM

LT

“ *Lucinda Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



Lucinda Taylor - June 25, 2020 at 03:20 PM

MP

“ *MRS. ANN PATRICK lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



MRS. ANN PATRICK - June 25, 2020 at 02:19 PM

CW

“ *Christine Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



Christine Watkins - June 25, 2020 at 01:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie).*



June 25, 2020 at 01:24 PM

AP

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of our Sweet Mother Davis, We love you now and forever💜
Auther and Toni.



Aurher Pringle - June 25, 2020 at 01:17 PM

IH

“ IDA HELTON lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)



IDA HELTON - June 25, 2020 at 12:04 PM

BJ

“ Rest in Heaven Sis Davis



Brenda Jones - June 25, 2020 at 10:32 AM

BJ

“ Rest in Heaven



Brenda Jones - June 25, 2020 at 09:26 AM

MC

“ God has another flower for his beautiful garden, my God grant you all the peace you need.

Mary Harrison Carter - June 25, 2020 at 07:47 AM

VI

“ Victoria lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)



Victoria - June 24, 2020 at 11:40 PM

VI

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Victoria - June 24, 2020 at 11:39 PM

AC

“ Prayers to all of you, your mom was a blessing to us at St Paul. My mom always spoke very well of both your parents. Love you



arwanda conner - June 24, 2020 at 11:04 PM

NF

“ *Nell Surlles And Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



Nell Surlles and Family - June 24, 2020 at 09:38 PM

MJ

“ *Margaret Jones lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



Margaret Jones - June 24, 2020 at 09:06 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie).*



June 24, 2020 at 09:04 PM

AC

“ *Mrs. Davis was a sweet loving lady who I had the pleasure of meeting at Saint Paul many of Sundays. I am praying for the family and friends who knew her best. May God continue to give you strength and comfort during this time. Rest In Heaven Mrs. Davis.*



Ashley Carter - June 24, 2020 at 08:04 PM

DC

“ DR. VINCENT D. McMILLON ST. PAUL BAPTIST CHURCH purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie).



DR. VINCENT D. McMILLON ST. PAUL BAPTIST CHURCH -
June 24, 2020 at 04:24 PM

IH

“ IDA HELTON lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)



IDA HELTON - June 24, 2020 at 03:04 PM

AP

“ Rest In Heaven MotherDavis, Our Deepest condolences to the family.
Auther and Toni Pringle



Auther Pringle - June 24, 2020 at 01:59 PM

BJ

“ Rest In Heaven, Sis. Davis.



Brenda Jones - June 24, 2020 at 01:39 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie).



June 24, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ Kim Harrold sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)



Kim Harrold - June 24, 2020 at 09:58 AM



“ Billy And Karen Cork lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)



Billy and Karen Cork - June 24, 2020 at 09:20 AM



“ Renee (Moten) Curry And Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)



Renee (Moten) Curry and Family - June 23, 2020 at 10:48 PM

RF

“ Renee (Moten) Curry And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)



Renee (Moten) Curry and Family - June 23, 2020 at 10:46 PM

LB

“ My condolence to the Davis and Lyle family, RIH Mrs. Davis



Larry & Marilyn Bowman - June 23, 2020 at 05:42 PM

DJ

“ Doris Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)



Doris Jones - June 23, 2020 at 05:33 PM

BW

“ Sending my prayers and condolences to the Davis Family.



Barbara Watkins - June 23, 2020 at 04:54 PM



“ *Mother Davis was a Woman who Loved the Lord Family/Friend’s still remember our talks To look to the hill from which cometh our help Rest Mother u deserve it. Job well done Love you*



Mittie Buchanan-Russell - June 23, 2020 at 03:35 PM

AW

“ *Audrey Watkins-Savage sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



Audrey Watkins-Savage - June 23, 2020 at 02:56 PM

TJ

“ *Tina Jamerson-Mata lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



Tina Jamerson-Mata - June 23, 2020 at 11:32 AM

BL

“ *Brenda Lawson lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



Brenda Lawson - June 23, 2020 at 11:26 AM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



Brenda Jones - June 23, 2020 at 11:19 AM

CP

“ *Cheryl Payton lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



Cheryl Payton - June 23, 2020 at 09:31 AM

SW

“ *God's got you, no more suffering my cousin , rest on!*



Sandra Wooten - June 23, 2020 at 08:43 AM

CW

“ *Carolyn Wicker lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



Carolyn Wicker - June 22, 2020 at 10:45 PM



“ T’Pring Liddell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)



T’Pring Liddell - June 22, 2020 at 10:22 PM



“ Ramona Palmer lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)



Ramona Palmer - June 22, 2020 at 09:13 PM



“ Our Heartfelt Sympathy and our Deepest Condolences to the Family.



Deacon Bobby &Thelma Kelley - June 22, 2020 at 08:42 PM



“ Lillie Williams Grays sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)



Lillie Williams Grays - June 22, 2020 at 08:30 PM

AL

“ *Annie Lowery sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



Annie Lowery - June 22, 2020 at 01:39 PM

MM

“ *My condolences to Marquietta Davis and family in the passing of her mother, Mrs. Berta L. Davis. Take comfort in knowing that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. My prayers are with you.*



Mary McDonald - June 22, 2020 at 12:43 PM

DH

“ *Deidre Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



Deidre Hunter - June 22, 2020 at 11:49 AM

MD

“ *This world was not her home, she was just passing through. Daily she sent up her treasures and lumber, building her mansion in the sky. Her loved ones, Angels, were beckoning her from Heaven's open door. On the Twenty First day of June in the year of our Lord Twenty Twenty, at 0745 hours, God called her name and said, well done, my good and faithful servant, you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord. There she went, now resting in the blossom of The Lord. To God be the Glory for a life well Lived. So may it Be. Amen.*



Marquietta Davis - June 22, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ *James Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Berta Lee Davis (Sweetie)*



James Johnson - June 22, 2020 at 09:08 AM