



## Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber

July 4, 1933 - March 31, 2017

Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber passed away on March 31, 2017 at Covenant HealthCare–Harrison at the age of 83 years. She was born in De Kalb Mississippi on July 4, 1933 the fifth child to Mr. and Mrs. Ross (Tashia) Rush.

Cather better known as, "Leady" enjoyed the simple things in life. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She had a natural instinct for nurturing her loved ones, especially children ultimately resulting in her babysitting many children throughout the years. She enjoyed going to the farmers market, gardening (before health declined), and talking on the phone. Cather loved watching television, soap operas: The Young and The Restless, The Bold and the Beautiful, General Hospital, and television shows, such as Judge Judy, In the Heat of The Night and her favorite, Walker, Texas Ranger. Cather can be remembered for her love of money, food, and McDonald's sweet teas. Most importantly she'll be remembered for her bluntness and amazing sense of humor. To know her was to love her!

Cather leaves to cherish many loving memories, two loving daughters, Connie (Albert) Whittington and Bridget Baber both of Saginaw, MI; six special and loving grandchildren, Aundray (Chinwe) Foster of McDonough, GA, Nikia Coleman, Terria Hilliard, Simone and Shaneka Erby and Nitashia (Terry) Simmons all of Saginaw, MI; twelve special and loving great-grandchildren, September (Devon) Riley of Saginaw, MI, Austell J. and Kendra Foster of

McDonough, GA, J'Vier Jones, Sa'Kiya McDuffy, August Hunt, A'Nilah Ortiz, K'Lynn Erby, Kasin Simmons, TaMarria Myles, Kyrie Simmons and Savanna Williams all of Saginaw, MI; four special and loving sisters, Odie Mae Burrage of Chicago, IL, Renola Williams, of Calumet City, IL, Eva Grace Macon and Mary Alice Hubbert both of Saginaw, MI; three special and loving brothers, Burnett Rush of Omaha, NE, Glen Rush of Saginaw, MI and Marvin (Juanita) Rush of Milwaukee, WI; two sisters-in-law, Berline Rush of Louisville, MS and Ann Rush of Omaha, NE; five special nieces, Robbin Baker of Calumet City, IL, Levorn Macon of Saginaw, MI, Ruth Foster of Detroit, MI, Tashia Small of Lindenhurst, IL and Catherine Haynes of Louisville, MS; one special nephew, Charlie Macon of Freeland, MI; two special great-nieces, Reshaunda Foster of Detroit, MI and Mya Macon of Saginaw, MI; three special cousins, Helen Russell of Cleveland, OH, Pearl Crosby of Detroit, MI and Minnie McCree of Detroit, MI; three special friends, Loretta Price of McDonough, GA, John Hilliard of Chicago, IL and Valerie McDole of Alabaster, AL; one god-daughter, Jy'Nia Brown of Saginaw, MI; a host of special and loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and friends.

Cather was also preceded in death by her husband, Clovis Baber; son, Terry Rush; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross and Tasha (Overstreet) Rush; five brothers, Johnny Charles, James, William and Emmett Rush and one sister, Annette Prince.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 10, 2017 at New Life Ministries Church, 1401 Janes Street. Pastor Rufus Bradley will officiate with interment at Oakwood Memorial Mausoleum. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home on Sunday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Family will be present from 5:00-8:00 p.m. to greet friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Memorial Mausoleum

5950 Gratiot  
Saginaw, MI 48603

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **9**. 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>

## Funeral Service

APR **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Life Baptist Church Ministries  
1401 Janes Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - April 14, 2017 at 01:00 PM

DW

*Beautiful 😊 Rest easy Mrs. Baber ❤️*

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**Debra Whittington** - April 22, 2017 at 07:58 PM

DD

*What A Beautiful Tribute 🙏🙏🙏*

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**Doris (Tot) Hudson , Lyda Hudson, daught** - April 24, 2017 at 03:19 PM

BB

*Thank You*

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**Bridget Baber** - April 26, 2017 at 10:31 AM

BB

“ *Wow mom I can not believe today mark 8 years that you passed away man how I'll give anything to have you back but I know that you was tired and God needed you more. But know that you are deeply missed and how I wish I could have more day with you. Love always Bridget*

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**Bridget Baber** - March 31, 2025 at 11:03 AM

BR

“ *Bridget lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



**Bridget** - April 20, 2017 at 11:12 PM

SH

“ *Shunda lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



**Shunda** - April 12, 2017 at 11:32 AM

RB

“ *Rev. LaTrell Bailey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



**Rev. LaTrell Bailey** - April 12, 2017 at 10:06 AM

GP

“ *Coming from Hammel street ,,I could Stop in any time to talk to her ,she would always say to me stay out of trouble. Lol. Mrs. Leedy would keep me Laughlin.rest in peace Mrs Leedy.*



**Gwendolyn Perry** - April 10, 2017 at 10:46 AM

AP

“ *Ann M. Patrick lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



Ann M. Patrick - April 10, 2017 at 10:37 AM

CW

“ *Clareeta White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



Clareeta White - April 10, 2017 at 08:46 AM

AJ

“ *Alauna LaLa Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



Alauna LaLa Johnson - April 10, 2017 at 08:14 AM

CF

“ *Clinton And Diana Johnson And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



Clinton and Diana Johnson and Family - April 10, 2017 at 08:13 AM

AJ

*To Bridget and the Baber Family,*

*I would like to express our deepest sympathy to you all. Ms. Leady will definitely be missed by all of those who knew her. I would like to thank Ms. Leady, Bridget, Shaneka, Simone and September for all the love and care you showed my family especially "LaLa", when Ms. Leady was our daycare provider. The one thing I can say, Ms. Leady continued to show that same love, concern and care even after LaLa babysitting days was over. Ms. Leady act as if LaLa was one of her own. I thank you Ms. Leady for all the love, concern and care you showed our family. We will always remember and love you. Rest in Peace and I'll see you again one day.*

*Diana/Clinton Johnson and Family*

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**Alauna LaLa Johnson** - April 10, 2017 at 08:47 AM

BB

*Thank You*

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**Bridget Baber** - April 26, 2017 at 10:32 AM

SJ

“ *Shenice Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Shenice Jackson** - April 10, 2017 at 07:19 AM

KT

“ To Bridget and Simone and Shaneka,  
You will feel loss without her but know that she is at peace.  
Remember that you will see her one day in Gods Kingdom. She will  
save a place for you and she will be there with open arms and a  
smile. I am sorry for your loss. Bridget I know how it feels to lose a  
parent that you are close to. Lean on those closest to you. I will  
miss her smile, hug and talks.

Kay Tafel - April 10, 2017 at 02:29 AM



Thank you Kay

Shaneka Erby - June 13, 2017 at 09:54 PM

FR

“ Faye Rush lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Cather "Leady" Lue Baber



Faye Rush - April 09, 2017 at 08:21 PM

TC

“ Tracie Conic lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Cather "Leady" Lue Baber



Tracie Conic - April 08, 2017 at 09:42 PM

NC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Nikia Coleman - April 08, 2017 at 08:57 PM



Bernard Rush

“ Bernard Rush lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber



Bernard Rush - April 08, 2017 at 07:20 PM

PA

“ Pank lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber



pank - April 08, 2017 at 07:13 AM

DO

“ Dorothy Price Omar lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber



Dorothy Price Omar - April 08, 2017 at 06:47 AM



“ Well Auntie I guess it's til GLORY, I Love you dearly and you truly made me feel loved can't say that about not even a handful of people not quite sure why I'm unable to contame these tears and emotions cause I know we serve a Good Great God and I wouldn't dare be selfish and want you to suffer in any way fashion Or form here on this side, I know your dancing with your Mother, Father, Sister and Brothers..... Love You Boo going to Miss you, Watch over me Nah..... I was reading that Maya Angelo saying, And Things you said , Did and how you made me feel will definitely be remembered.....



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**Sonya Cameron** - April 08, 2017 at 06:11 AM



“ Harriet Brittain lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber



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**Harriet Brittain** - April 08, 2017 at 02:22 AM



“ Michelle Livingston lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber



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**Michelle Livingston** - April 08, 2017 at 12:49 AM

ML

“ *Mary Liddell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Mary Liddell** - April 08, 2017 at 12:04 AM

  
Colleen  
Smith

“ *To the entire family. You are in my prayers.*



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**Colleen Smith** - April 07, 2017 at 08:47 PM

JF

“ *To the Family of such a beautiful woman. Leady was truly a sweetheart, everyone that entered her home was always welcome.*

*God has truly gained a Saint.*

*Judi Ford,*

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**Judith Ford** - April 07, 2017 at 08:33 PM

BB

“ *Leady, I am going miss calling you and ask you what are you doing or when people say I look like you and you say that you ain't never been that ugly. Oh mom I truly miss you but I know that you are in a better place where you don't have to suffer no more.*

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**Bridget Baber** - April 07, 2017 at 07:54 PM

DW

Amen 🙏

Debra Whittington - April 07, 2017 at 09:23 PM

BF

“Beverley Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber



Beverley Ford - April 07, 2017 at 11:12 AM

BF

*For a beautiful lady*

Beverley Ford - April 07, 2017 at 11:13 AM

BB

*Thank You*

Bridget Baber - April 07, 2017 at 07:55 PM

GF

“Grandson and family... purchased the Blessed Heart for the family of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber.



Grandson and family... - April 07, 2017 at 10:41 AM

VB

“ *Velissa Batts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Velissa Batts** - April 07, 2017 at 09:28 AM

KF

“ *Praying for our family*



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**Karen Balls Sweeney & Family** - April 07, 2017 at 06:48 AM

KS

“ *Our Thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*



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**Karen (Balls) Sweeney** - April 07, 2017 at 06:44 AM

JM

“ *JoAnn McKethern Miles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**JoAnn McKethern Miles** - April 07, 2017 at 05:15 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber.*



April 06, 2017 at 09:56 PM



“ *Khadijah Murrell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



**Khadijah Murrell** - April 06, 2017 at 08:57 PM



*Forever in my heart, I love you!!!!*

**Khadijah Murrell** - April 06, 2017 at 08:58 PM



*Thank You and she loved you too*

**Bridget Baber** - April 07, 2017 at 07:56 PM



“ *Eva Macon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



**Eva Macon** - April 06, 2017 at 08:55 PM

CF

“ Charles A. Sledge & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber



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**Charles A. Sledge & Family** - April 06, 2017 at 08:48 PM

VE

“ Going to miss talking on the phone about food, my aunt loved to reminisce. My phone buddy miss talking to you.



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**vickie enoch** - April 06, 2017 at 08:17 PM

VL

“ Vonda Liles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber



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**Vonda Liles** - April 06, 2017 at 07:43 PM

BM

“ Brenda Murrell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber



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**Brenda Murrell** - April 06, 2017 at 07:31 PM

JP

“ Praying for the entire family for strength and peace! Joyce Patrick



Joyce Patrick - April 06, 2017 at 07:01 PM



“ Causandra Gaines lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber



Causandra Gaines - April 06, 2017 at 06:52 PM



“ Lorraine Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber



Lorraine Davis - April 06, 2017 at 06:06 PM

BJ

“ Bonita Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber



Bonita Johnson - April 06, 2017 at 05:45 PM

CC

“ *Calandra Culberson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Calandra Culberson** - April 06, 2017 at 05:38 PM

MC

“ *Minnie Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Minnie Caldwell** - April 06, 2017 at 05:28 PM

DT

“ *To the family of Leady Baber,. I was sadden to hear of the passing of Leady the other day.She was a very loving person, and she will be missed.*



*Leady was a family person, she loved her family dearly.*

*To the family weeping may endure for a night, but joy will come in the morning.*

*there is no sorrow that heaven can not heal.*

*The entire family is in our prayers.*

*Dr Marie Wright Tolliver & Family.*

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**Dr Marie Wright Tolliver** - April 06, 2017 at 04:07 PM

BS

“ *BENITA SMITH lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**BENITA SMITH** - April 06, 2017 at 11:14 AM

RV

“ *Robert And Linda Veasley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Robert and Linda Veasley** - April 06, 2017 at 10:47 AM

KM

“ *Kevin & Marleen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Kevin & Marleen** - April 06, 2017 at 08:25 AM

RS

“ *Rev,Thomas & Helen Speed lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Rev,Thomas & Helen Speed** - April 05, 2017 at 10:55 PM

JF

“ Johnny and Eva Rush Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber.



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Johnny and Eva Rush Family - April 05, 2017 at 10:29 PM



“ To Mrs. Connie Coleman- Whittington and Family:

We the members of the SHS Class of 1975 extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy to our friend, classmate and sister in the transition of your beloved mother Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber.



We want you and your family to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers for your strength to endure the days ahead.

We also recommend leaning and depending on our father the Lord Jesus Christ who will sustain you in the days ahead.

We are praying with you and for you. May God be with the entire family at this time.

With Love and Sympathy  
SHS Class of 1975  
Brothers and Sisters

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Sylvia George - April 05, 2017 at 05:34 PM

DR

“ Debra Rush lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber



Debra Rush - April 05, 2017 at 03:43 PM



“ Grandma as sad as I am knowing that you are gone, I am also grateful with the fact that I was blessed to have you in my life for 27 years. Not only were you my grandmother you were my provider, my friend, you helped make me the become the woman I am today. K'Lynn and I are going to miss you like crazy. But I know we couldn't keep you forever therefore your spirit lives on through us. Love you Grandma until we meet again Beautiful.



Shaneka Erby - April 05, 2017 at 06:43 AM

NC

“ Grandma you will truly be missed words can't even explain how much this hurts to see you go but I know God wanted you more. Thank you for loving me raising me and caring for me and also helping me with J'Vier until we meet again your second oldest grandchild Nicky.



Nikia Coleman - April 05, 2017 at 06:08 AM

LJ

“ *Leon Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Leon Jackson** - April 05, 2017 at 03:02 AM

LP

“ *Loretta Price lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Loretta Price** - April 04, 2017 at 11:37 PM

MH

“ *Mary Hannibal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Mary Hannibal** - April 04, 2017 at 10:54 PM

DH

“ *Deidre Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Deidre Hunter** - April 04, 2017 at 07:49 PM

MW

“ *Marcelene Rush Washington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**marcelene rush washington** - April 04, 2017 at 07:21 PM

MW

*Celebrating the life and legacy of a beautiful person my Aunt Leady*

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**marcelene rush washington** - April 04, 2017 at 07:24 PM

BB

*Thank You*

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**Bridget Baber** - April 07, 2017 at 07:58 PM

MF

“ *To the family if Mrs. Leatha, she was my twin grandsons babysitter. Such a caring and nurturing person. I was blessed to had someone that came to our home and took care of our grandsons. My love and condolences to her family. Mary Ann Stewart*

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**Mary Ann Stewart of Flushing** - April 04, 2017 at 05:59 PM

MH

“ *You will truly be miss with much love in my heart*



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**Mary Hubbert** - April 04, 2017 at 03:27 PM

JR

“ *Johnnie M Rush lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Johnnie M Rush** - April 04, 2017 at 02:22 PM

TM

“ *Theresa McClellon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Theresa McClellon** - April 04, 2017 at 01:52 PM

HG

“ *Henry & Brenda Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Henry & Brenda Gibbs** - April 04, 2017 at 12:08 PM

JE

“ *Jerlean Erby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Jerlean Erby** - April 04, 2017 at 06:51 AM

JM

“ *Judy Holloway Mayes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Judy Holloway Mayes** - April 04, 2017 at 03:03 AM

DF

“ *Diana Miree & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Diana Miree & family** - April 04, 2017 at 01:41 AM

CC

“ *Cheryl Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Cheryl Cooper** - April 03, 2017 at 09:29 PM

AE

“ *Amy Epperson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Amy Epperson** - April 03, 2017 at 03:15 PM

RM

“ Robert&Jamie McCall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber



Robert&Jamie McCall - April 03, 2017 at 12:49 PM

AH

“ April Hubbert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber



April Hubbert - April 03, 2017 at 11:39 AM

AH

“ Ann Hudspeth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber



Ann Hudspeth - April 03, 2017 at 09:05 AM

DI

“ D'Vario & Allie Isom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber



D'Vario & Allie Isom - April 03, 2017 at 08:04 AM

DC

“ *Debbie & Coopers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



Debbie & Coopers - April 02, 2017 at 12:10 PM

EC

“ *Erma Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



Erma Cooper - April 02, 2017 at 12:07 PM

DC

“ *Debbie Cooper-Isom sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



Debbie Cooper-Isom - April 02, 2017 at 12:07 PM



“ *Joselyn Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



Joselyn Jordan - April 02, 2017 at 11:26 AM



“ *Bridget/Connie/Family:*

*Love and Prayers from Our Family to Yours.*

*We remember the good old days of food, card playing, music, just good times in our parent's yards. We want you to know, Miss Catherine lives on in our hearts and memories. May Our Creator bless, comfort and sustain you all during your grieving process and beyond. We love you all.*

*Your Former Hammel Street Neighbors,*

*A. Jordan; J. Jordan(-Ford)*



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**Joselyn Jordan** - April 02, 2017 at 11:25 AM

DF

“ *Diana Miree & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Diana Miree & Family** - April 02, 2017 at 07:04 AM

LO

“ *Leah O'Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Leah O'Daniels** - April 02, 2017 at 12:39 AM

MH

“ *Mary Hannibal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Mary Hannibal** - April 01, 2017 at 11:34 PM

JW

“ *Jeanette Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Jeanette Williams** - April 01, 2017 at 03:33 PM



“ *Harriet Brittain lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Harriet Brittain** - April 01, 2017 at 01:03 PM



“ *Elizabeth Hudspeth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cather "Leady" Lue Baber*



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**Elizabeth Hudspeth** - April 01, 2017 at 12:37 PM

DH

“ I will always remember her great sense of humor I loved this woman may God bless this entire family with the strength needed to get through this difficult time.



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**Deidre Holmes** - April 01, 2017 at 11:06 AM

RC

*To the family's Cather (Leady) may God give each and every one strength though this difficulty time. From Rosa Coleman Chicago I'll.*

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**Rosa Coleman** - April 06, 2017 at 03:19 PM

BB

*Thank You*

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**Bridget Baber** - April 07, 2017 at 07:58 PM