



## Coddie Mackey

February 12, 1924 - November 30, 2008

Family hour will take place at 12:00 noon Saturday, December 13, 2008 at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, with the funeral commencing at 1:00 p.m. Friends may call at the funeral home on Friday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Coddie "Claudia" Mae Mackey, 84, went home to be with our Creator on November 30, 2008. She was born in Lafayette, AL to the late Walter and Clara Allen, Sr. She met and married Jimmy Mackey and gave birth to a daughter, Donnia Kate Mackey (Drake). They decided to leave the south in 1951 to settle in the auto industry city of Saginaw, MI. After having quit school in the 6th grade, Mae returned to school and attended Saginaw High School Adult Education in 1979. Later she transferred to Ruben Daniels Life Long Learning Center where she obtained her high school diploma in 1989. Sister Mackey, along with her husband and daughter, was instrumental in helping to establish several local churches in Saginaw, MI to include New Mt. Calvary Baptist (Rev. Joe Moore and Rev. M.T. Thomas), Bethlehem Baptist (Rev. E. W. Bothuel), Friendship Baptist (Rev. Evans) and Rose Hill Baptist (Rev. Washington). She later joined and became an active member of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church (under the direction of Rev. Columbus Clayton), where she was the church secretary and a member of the Galilee Mass Choir under the direction of her daughter and only child, Donnie K. Drake. With open arms and an open heart, she blessed and touched the lives of many and was affectionately known as "Granny", "Aunt Mae" or simply, "Mae". If you were down, she would tell you one of her famous tales

and make you laugh. If you were hungry, she would feed you then make you laugh. No matter what she did for you, there was always laughter involved. Granny "shoulda been a comedian." Though small in stature, she was as gritty and feisty as a badger and stood ten feet tall, yet she still maintained a heart of gold. That's how those of us who knew and loved her should remember her. Remember how she lived and not how she was called home to rest. Celebrate her life and she will live on forever in our hearts and minds. Her parents, Walter and Clara Allen, Sr., Chattanooga, TN, husband, Jimmy Mackey, Saginaw, MI, daughter, Donnia Kate Drake, Bridgeport, MI, sister, Ola Bell Spence Nunn, Chattanooga, TN, brothers, Carl Allen, Chattanooga, TN and Walter Allen, Jr., Nashville, TN, preceded Mae in death. Mae is survived by sisters, Sarah Woods, Atlanta, GA and Ruby Flynn, Lexington, KY; brothers, Oliver Doc (O.D.) Allen, Detroit, MI and William (Carol) Allen, Philadelphia, PA. She leaves to cherish her memory, her son-in-law, Charles Drake, Bridgeport, MI; her grandchildren, Larry D. Steward, Saginaw, MI, Phyllisa Coleman, Akron, OH, Scherry Steward, New Baltimore, MI; adopted grandchildren, Shonda, Diane and LaWanda Drake, Saginaw, MI, Gabria and Devon Drake, Bridgeport, MI, Sandra F. Sanders, Saginaw, MI, Debra Sanders, Atlanta, GA, Leslie Davis and Rodney Howard, Saginaw, MI.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stiletto Allen-Saine lit a candle in memory of Coddie Mackey*



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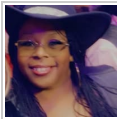
**Stiletto Allen-Saine** - May 19, 2020 at 11:35 AM

JD

“ *To Sherry and family I am sorry for the loss of your grandmother better known as granny. Granny was a funny lady. I admire her so much. She will be missed but God knows best. I will pray for you all.*

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**Jackie Davis** - November 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM



*Jackie?? Contact me fb stiletto Allen-Saine*

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**Stiletto Allen-Saine** - May 19, 2020 at 11:36 AM

HI

“ *to the family I am sorry for your loss mae was a caring and loving person to her family. she will be sadly missed. hazel & family.*

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**hazel irvin** - November 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Our Family remembers "Mae" as a good next door neighbor and friend. The years we lived on Lincoln Street we developed a dear friendship with this kind and loving lady. She was always friendly towards us. We enjoyed talking and sharing laughter with her. We will miss her present and she will forever be remembered as a dear person in our family hearts.

Our prayers and best wishes go out to her family and relatives. God Bless you all.

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**Dennis & Pat Balls** - November 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Granny was priceless! I'll never forget her offering her home to me as a teen-ager when I thought I was running away from my parents. (LOL) She was always there when you needed her to be, forever offering a kind word & comfort. What a gift the Lord blessed us with. Thanx Granny....I miss u!!!

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**Debbie Sanders** - November 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM