



Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell

February 4, 1952 - October 12, 2021

Mrs. Ethel Gloria Stafford-Russell was born February 4, 1952 in San Diego, California the daughter of Mattie Lee Henderson and James S. Stafford. She passed away on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at the age of 69 years.

Gloria was a strong advocate for education, received her GED from Delta College and her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology from Oakland University. She graduated from Sharp's Academy and was certified from the State of Michigan as a Licensed Cosmetologist. Gloria enjoyed traveling, gardening, canning and working in her yard but, she was well known for her singing talent. She was a 4H mentor and vocal coach who often took her music students to nursing homes, hospitals and churches to sing and bring a smile to the sick and shut in.

She enjoyed cooking, and anyone needing a home cooked meal she welcomed them with open arms because she loved to see you eat! Gloria was an Eastern Star who enjoyed entertaining but didn't hesitate to tell you what was on her mind. She had a love for fashion and she was the owner and operator of A Lil Touch of Elegance Boutique. She last attended Coleman Temple and loved spending time with family and studying the Word of God.

She leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Caryle T. Russell, Saginaw, MI; two children, Dr. Carlotta E. Maneice (Dr. Winford "Mack") Huntsville, AL

and Fontella L. Russell-Smith (Matthew), Saginaw, MI; grandchildren, Mercedes L. Maneice, Fredericksburg, VA, Ethel and DeShone Smith, both of Saginaw, MI, Micah Maneice, Huntsville, AL and Melody Maneice, Tuscaloosa, AL; great-grandchildren, Raina A. Maneice, Fredericksburg, VA and Atlas K. Saint, Meridianville, AL; four sisters, Donna McKinney, Saginaw, MI, Shirley J. Spencer, Phoenix, AZ, Linda Ross-Pritchett, Saginaw, MI, and Wilhemeina Ross, Phoenix, AZ; two brothers, Ronnie El Henderson, Saginaw, MI and William Ross, Jr. (Joselynn) Owensboro, KY; two sisters-in-law, Lillie Russell, Flint, MI and Annie Ross, Saginaw; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends including best friends, Geraldine Dunn, Carol Hood, Ruby Von and Debbie Jackson.

Gloria was preceded in death by her father James Sylvester Stafford; mother and step-father, Mattie and Williams Ross; grandson, Caryle Thomas Matthew Smith; sister, Patricia Ann Ross-Johnson; brother, Willie J. Ross and her grandparents, Ethel and Willie Spencer; special uncle, Teolar Dunn; her mother and father-in-law, Rayfield and Hazel Russell; sister-in-law, Estelle Russell Jones; brothers-in-law, Rayfield, Jr., Robert and Richard Russell, Sr.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48607. Pastor Hurley J. Coleman, Jr. will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington, Saginaw, MI 48601. Friends may call at the funeral home on Tuesday from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

OCT **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell*



Browne's Mortuary - October 27, 2021 at 10:49 AM

DD

“ *Dennis & Hazel Durham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell*



Dennis & Hazel Durham - November 04, 2021 at 09:32 PM

BW

“ *Sending my condolences and prayers to Mr. Carl, Fontella, Bull and the rest of the family during this most difficult time! Love Bo*

Bo Woods-Miller - November 03, 2021 at 12:01 PM

FJ

“ *Felicia Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell*



Felicia Jones - October 27, 2021 at 03:09 PM

LA

“ *Condolences to the family of Gloria Russell; I definitely remember her 'Lil Touch of Elegance Boutique'. She was always very friendly.*



Linda (Berry) Adams

Linda Adams - October 27, 2021 at 11:17 AM

BP

Condolences to the family of Maneice and Russel May God be with you all. Bernadette Narcisse.

Berline pierre - October 27, 2021 at 07:58 PM

RL

“ *Dearest Russell family, it breaks my heart to hear the passing of Mrs "R" I now live and work in Flint Michigan and although work will not permit me the opportunity to attend in person know that I am there with you in every other way to say farewell to a very special and most unique caring soul that I have ever met, know that Mrs "R" touched and taught many of us to care and share with your fellow man, recognizing that any God given talents were the most valuable gift one could and should share with others,... Mr Russell,-Mrs Carlotta,-Mrs Fontella thank you for sharing Mrs "R" and know that all our lives were enriched because she chose to care, may God bring strength and healing to your hearts, her time here on Earth was very well spent.*
Mr Richard Lewis



Richard Lewis - October 27, 2021 at 10:44 AM

CS

“ C & Sophronia Sparks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell



C & Sophronia Sparks - October 27, 2021 at 02:34 AM

CM

“ Charlotte McMillan-Harper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell



Charlotte McMillan-Harper - October 25, 2021 at 06:35 PM

MC

“ Murry & Evelyn Culberson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell



Murry & Evelyn Culberson - October 25, 2021 at 02:03 PM

DF

“ Darryl and Lynette Jones, Sanford, FL. purchased the Healing Tears - All Pink for the family of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell.



Darryl and Lynette Jones, Sanford, FL. - October 25, 2021 at 01:57 PM

DM

“ Dale Mitchner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell



Dale mitchner - October 25, 2021 at 12:37 PM

EB

“ Eddie Byas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell



Eddie Byas - October 25, 2021 at 10:09 AM

BL

“ Barbara Hollis Lawson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell



Barbara Hollis Lawson - October 25, 2021 at 12:02 AM

BF

“ Batts Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell



Batts Family - October 23, 2021 at 01:40 AM

FG

“ Fred&Rochelle Gilmer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell



Fred&Rochelle Gilmer - October 19, 2021 at 10:42 PM

HW

“ Helen Wright lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell



Helen Wright - October 19, 2021 at 12:33 PM

CT

“ Carrie Townsend lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell



Carrie Townsend - October 19, 2021 at 07:52 AM

YS

“ Yvonne Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell



Yvonne Sanders - October 18, 2021 at 04:26 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell.*



October 18, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ *Deborah Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell*



Deborah Jackson - October 18, 2021 at 01:55 PM



“ *Calvin P Mcfarland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell*



calvin p mcfarland - October 18, 2021 at 11:14 AM



“ *Rosie Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell*



Rosie Anderson - October 18, 2021 at 09:15 AM

AT

“ Atlanta Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell



Atlanta Thompson - October 17, 2021 at 06:52 PM

SH

“ Sharon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell



Sharon - October 17, 2021 at 06:36 PM

CB

“ Cin Bell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell



Cin Bell - October 17, 2021 at 06:23 PM

BM

“ Carl, Fontella and all connected family members....

Sending my deepest condolences @ this difficult time....

Barbara McMillan-Hargrow - October 17, 2021 at 01:04 PM

LV

“ My sincere condolences to Fontella, and her entire family. Ethel was a singer to her heart. I have fond memories when we took a trip to the Pocono Mountains in 1988. She sang Gladys Knight hits and made the trip that much more pleasant. Please draw comfort and strength from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



Linda McClain Veasley - October 17, 2021 at 09:52 AM

DB

“ Debra Baty-Cork sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell



Debra Baty-Cork - October 16, 2021 at 05:17 PM

YS

“ Yvonne Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell



Yvonne Sanders - October 15, 2021 at 07:11 PM

KS

“ Karen S. sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell



Karen S. - October 15, 2021 at 07:02 PM

AH

“ *Aretha Hairston lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell*



Aretha Hairston - October 15, 2021 at 06:41 PM

LS

“ *Lillie B. Strong & Family Lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell we are Praying 🙏 that You'll be surrounded by God's comforting Love 💕.*



Lillie B. Strong - October 15, 2021 at 05:56 PM

YC

“ *Yashica Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell*



Yashica Campbell - October 15, 2021 at 04:21 PM



“ *Rosie Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell*



Rosie Anderson - October 15, 2021 at 03:00 PM

DB

“ *Daryl Bond lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell*



Daryl Bond - October 15, 2021 at 01:16 PM

LV

“ *Fontella, I am so sorry to to see your mom's name on this list. She was truly an angel. Her voice was also angelic. Memories of Ethel, your dad and a bus load went to the Poconos for a get away in 1988. She sang Gladys night and had us truly entertained. I know you have been through a lot, but the Lord will carry you through. Know that others care and are praying with you.*



Linda McClain Veasley - October 15, 2021 at 11:01 AM

CB

“ *Cin Bell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell*



Cin Bell - October 15, 2021 at 08:57 AM

MD

“ *Mr&Mrs William Doxie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell*



Mr&Mrs William Doxie - October 15, 2021 at 08:15 AM

ML

“ *Margie Baty Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell*



Margie Baty Lawrence - October 15, 2021 at 07:43 AM

ML

“ *Margie Baty Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell*



Margie Baty Lawrence - October 15, 2021 at 07:33 AM

MG

“ *Sorry for your loss! May God give you comfort in these time
Of sorrow* 🌸💔



Mrs.Cece Griffin - October 15, 2021 at 03:54 AM

EM

“ Ernestine Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell



Ernestine Martin - October 14, 2021 at 11:08 PM

LS

“ Lillie B. Strong, Flora Arnett, Linda Taylor & Family, sent a Virtual Gift in Memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell



Lillie B. Strong - October 14, 2021 at 11:05 PM

RC

“ Remembering you from the 60's and the beautiful voice you had when you would sing. You was lots of fun and kind. You will truly be missed and never forgotten. May you Rest In Peace❤️🙏



Rose Marie Cain-Kirkpatrick - October 14, 2021 at 08:06 PM

PU

“ Pumkin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell



Pumkin - October 14, 2021 at 06:50 PM

JH

“ Jackie Hill Hollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell



Jackie Hill Hollins - October 14, 2021 at 04:57 PM

JD

“ Juedean Dunn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Gloria Russell



Juedean Dunn - October 14, 2021 at 04:29 PM

PM

“ Condolences for you all during this difficult time of bereavement...prayers from our love 💕 ones to yours



Pamela McDaniel - October 14, 2021 at 09:15 AM

AA

I certainly will miss you, Gloria. You certainly had what Dr. M.L. King Jr called a "drum major" instinct. You cared very much about racial, social and economic justice.

Adriene Anderson - October 26, 2021 at 08:31 PM