



## Evelyn Spates

May 8, 1963 - February 19, 2007

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at Christ Fellowship Baptist Church, 818 N. Washington Ave., Rev. Cedric Cheatham, pastor. Pastor Ronald Frierson will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call on Tuesday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Avenue. Beloved daughter, sister, aunt, niece, cousin and friend departed this life on Monday, February 19, 2007 at the age of 43 years. Evelyn was born in Saginaw, MI on May 8, 1963 to Alfred Lewis and Leona Spates. She was the second oldest of three children. She was educated in the Saginaw Public Schools and was a 1981 graduate of Saginaw High School. She graduated from Grambling State University, where she received her undergraduate degree in Education. She later pursued her education at the University of St. Thomas where she received her Masters Degree in Curriculum and was pursuing her Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership at St. Mary's University of Minnesota. Evelyn taught in the Minneapolis Public School System for more than 16 years as a Special Education Teacher and as a Teacher on Special Assignment where she mentored Special Education Teachers. She was a member of Spiritual Life Church under the leadership and direction of Dr. Judy E. Fornara where she was a member of the Praise Dance Team, the Deliverance Team, the Women Resource Ministry and the Prison Ministry. Evelyn was also a graduate of the Spiritual Life Bible College where she received a two-year certificate in Bible Study. Evelyn leaves her legacy of faith and love to her loving mother, Leona

Spates and father-like figure, Mr. DeEddie Sanders, Saginaw, MI; her devoted siblings, Delena (Eddie) Spates-Allen, Saginaw, MI and Gregory Clark of California; two very special nieces, ShaRease (Tariq) Price and BreAna Allen of Saginaw, MI; one special nephew, Jordan Clark of California; one special great-niece, DeLeana Price, Saginaw, MI; grandfather, Odie Carruth, Saginaw, MI; great-uncle, Frederick Washington, Saginaw, MI; aunts, Norma Thomas, Marcetta (Frank) Dillard, Brenda McFarland, Deanna Carruth, Sona Carruth and Charlotte Carruth all of Saginaw, MI, Jamie (Emmit) Christian, Decatur, GA, Patricia Harris, Hampton, VA and Alberta Hinds, Memphis, TN; uncles, Stevie (Ann) Carruth, Danville, IL and Earl Hinds, Memphis, TN; special cousins, Angel, Tricia, Cheryl, Damon, Perry, Ericka, Rocky, Sherry, Marcel, Jamel, Kayla, Kirk, Calvin, George, Danielle, Deante', Diamond, Marquavis, Khalil, Darrick II, Tanzania, Tunisia, Eric, Joy, Tray, Marcell and Greg; four great-aunts and six great-uncles. She also leaves special friends, Janice and Dean Evans, Minneapolis, MN, Shawn and Bernard Berry, Minneapolis, MN, Robert and Sparkle Smith, Minneapolis, MN, Veronica and Berry Young, Saginaw, MI, Ms. Earthelene Jackson and family, Saginaw, MI and many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Alfred L. Spates; grandfather, James Clark, Sr.; grandmothers, Sona Carruth and Sally Hinds; uncles, Willie B. Sanders and James Clark, Jr.; aunt, Evelyn Faye Spates and a cousin, Darrick Carruth. A special "thank you" to Marie, her nurse, and the Bay County Nurses Association, Roma Perry-Thurin, LaWanna Pruitt, Michelle Miller, Pastor Ron and Georgette Frierson and the New Covenant Christian Center Church Family. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully request that all donations be made to the Saginaw Community Foundation c/o Evelyn Faye Spates Scholarship Fund and forwarded to 100 S. Jefferson, Suite 201, Saginaw, MI 48607.

# Tribute Wall

BR

“ *Let not your heart be saddened, for now you have her with you always. To Greg and Tiny be strong and know that if there is anything you need I am there.* ”

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**barbra Roberson** - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ *In your time of sorrow may god strengthen you.* ”

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**Geraldine (Peewee) Thomas** - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ *May god be wit you all in time of your sorrow.* ”

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**Alesia Jackson-Jackson** - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Lee, we love you, and thinking of you during your time of sorrow.  
Love you* ”

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**Ruth, Barbara & Clark Foster** - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Thinking of you during this time may God's grace ease your sorrow during this time.* ”

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**Cynthia and Donell Clayton** - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I'm lost for words when I realize that that my generation is closer to eternity.

*Life is to short to waist, live your life as if our heavenly father is waiting around the corner.*

*May God Bless and keep the Spates family in there care. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**J. Anitra Smith-Williams** - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ Heaven must have been missing an Angel. Truly a Great Woman. Her Greatness was wrapped up, tied up and tangled up in her Service to Humanity.

*GOD, Thank you for allowing us to have her for such a short time.*

*Rev Robert Williams, III*

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**Rev Robert Williams, III** - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ In time's like these keep your anchor stead fast and unremovable. May god bless and keep the family during your time of need.

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**Pearl Pearson** - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ We extend our deepest sympathy in your time of need. May God be your comfort and your strength. Barbie and Ken Reynolds

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**Barbie Hall-Reynolds** - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ *Leona, Tiny & Greg*

*We will be praying for your family.*

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**Willie Wright Sr./Regina Ryan** - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *To The Spates, Carruth and Clark Families,*

*In your time of sorrow, look to Jesus for your strength, know that he will keep you in His loving arms and he will never leave you nor forsake you. My prayers are with the families in their time of sorrow.*

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**Carolyn Jones** - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *My Sister, My Friend*

*Words cannot expressed the lost and joy that I feel today. I am sadden because you are no longer with me. I rejoice because you are with our Lord Jesus Christ. You have the victory because you are healed!!!!*

*You will always hold a special place in my heart as my best friend and a person that I could trust.*

*I'll see you when I get to heaven!!!*

*Love ya,*

*Shawn*

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**Shawn, Bernard, Jonathan, and Ajoy Berry** - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ To Leona Spates and family please accept my condolences.

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**Walsezetta Bennett** - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Delana were sorry to here about your sisters death. Brother Leon Mcgee called and told us the bad news. Our Prayers are with you and your family.

*May God keep you and you family.*

*God Bless*

*Reginald & Tonja Mcgee*

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**Reginald & Tonja Mcgee** - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ It is healthy and honorable to weep at the loss of someone we love.

*Healthy because such passion must be released.*

*Honorable becuase it is respectful to admit the importance of people who have loved and supported us.*

*People whose footprints cannot ever be matched - Maya Angelu*

*In Deepest Sympathy - Willo Hamilton and family*

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**WILLO HAMILTON** - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ To my family:  
May God continue to comfort each one of you at your time of loss. We loved Spates, but God loved her most. We will truly miss her, but as  
in Psalm 27:4, David states, "One thing have I asked of the Lorr, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple." Spates is dwelling in the house of the Lord. Praise God!!

Love, Janice and Dean

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**Janice and Dean Evans** - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Our prayers are with you and your family. She's now in a place where there's peace and unspeakable joy.

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**Bearlean (Payne) Washington** - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ Sorry to hear about the loss of your love one. Evelyn was very special to me and will be deeply missed.

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**Valerie White** - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BY

“ It was so wonderful to have spent time with Faye before she departed and being blessed with the assurance that she was at peace. Although there will always be a void in our hearts for her, we strive to get where she is...in the presence of almighty God. To do so we must do as she did...fight a GOSpates, Clark and Carruth families OD fight, keep the FAITH and finish our course. Praying that God will comfort you as only He can. Berry & Von

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**Berry & Veronica Young** - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BV

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**Berry & Veronica** - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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*"To The Family of Ms. Evelyn 'Faye' Spates:*

*My memories overwhelm me: Childhood, adolescence, adulthood. She...(tears, sobbing) throughout life, always recognized me and I she-as our paths crossed once more.*

*I know 'death is unto life-eternal, Amen.*

*She will recognize me yet again...and I she, when my chariot arrives in the presence of She and Our Maker".*

*"God be your strength and comfort during your time(s) of need".*

*Respectfully,*

*Ms. Joselyn K. Jordan-Ford*

*\*daughter of Ann & Billy Jordan*

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**Joselyn K Jordan-Ford** - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ *Proverbs 31: 30-31*

*Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised*

*Give her the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.*

*Dear family, God has again called upon another Angel. Yes, we will truly miss Faye; just remember one thing, LOVE NEVER DIES.*

*Where there is pain, God will give us peace and mercy. With our love and deepest sympathy.*

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**Loretta Pickett Jackson** - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FD

“ *To Leona, Greg and Tiny may God be with you during this time of sorrow. I Love you all.*

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**Frances Davis** - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Evelyn was the epitome of an African-American woman. She stood strong in her individual morals, dreams and goals. I will always remember her dedication to excellence in all that she attempted (achieved). She was alright with me.*

*As I no longer live in Saginaw, I was unaware of her death until I recently viewed this site following the death of another friend.*

*My deepest sympathy and prayers are dedicated to the Spates family. I've experienced the loss of a loved one and I know the anguish.*

*In Christ,  
Taryn and family*

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**Keith D Phillips** - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM