



Geneva Brooks

June 27, 1934 - December 6, 2012

Our beloved wife, mother, grandmother and sister went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at the age of 78 years. She was born June 27, 1934 in Starkville, MS the daughter of J.D. & George Ella Gillespie. Geneva came to Saginaw in 1954 and married Thelester Brooks in 1968, he survives her. She was a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church and a member of the Nurse's Guild. Geneva was employed with the Saginaw Public School system in the Grandparents Program. She also worked at General Motors and K-Mart. She enjoyed traveling, working in her flower and vegetable gardens and spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Brooks memory will be cherished by her husband, Thelester Brooks; six children, Charlie Brown, Saginaw, MI, Sharon (Mark) Brown Patterson, Atlanta, GA, J.D. (Brenda) Brown, Saginaw, MI, Betrice (Mark) Brown Christmas, Atlanta, GA, Ellester Brooks, Saginaw, MI and Andrea' Johnson, Dallas, TX; 15 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; step-mother, Lorraine Gillespie, Starkville, MS; four sisters, Mary Gillespie, Betty Patton, Ella (Joe) Presberry and Vera Gillespie; five brothers, Spencer (Dorian) Gillespie, Jessie (Millison) Gillespie, J.D. Gillespie, Clinton Gillespie and Eddie Gillespie; mother-in-law, Willie Dell Green, Longview, TX; sisters-in-law, Virginia Wilson, Maxine Houston both of Longview, TX and Ramona Bryant, Orlando, FL; brothers-in-law, Bobby Bryant and Bobby Harmon; also a host of aunts, cousins, other relatives and friends, including special friends, Lillie Mae Sangster, Shirley Riley and Lee Thomas.

Geneva was predeceased by her parents, J.D. and George Ella Gillespie; brothers, Michael, Tom and Larry Gillespie.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 14, 2012 at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 535 Cathay St. Rev. P. David Saunders will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call on Thursday at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave. from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m., where the family will be present from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 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>

Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church
535 Cathay Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Geneva Brooks*



Browne's Mortuary - August 28, 2014 at 10:52 AM



I just had a melt down yesterday after passing Tiger Woods in the airport on his way to the charter flight they had waiting and the first thing I wanted to do was call my MOTHER. We would go to his tournaments go to every other hole just so we could be up close she said Tiger was her boy. It brought such joy to her to go to the different cities to see him play and I am glad I was able to share that you are with her

Sharon Patterson - September 24, 2018 at 07:25 PM

SC

“ *Sandra D. Chapman lit a candle in memory of Geneva Brooks*



Sandra D. Chapman - December 19, 2012 at 07:17 PM

EG

“ Evelyn Hardy Garrett lit a candle in memory of Geneva Brooks



Evelyn Hardy Garrett - December 13, 2012 at 11:22 PM

CT

“ Cynthia(Edmond) Bruce- Taylor lit a candle in memory of Geneva Brooks



Cynthia(Edmond) Bruce- Taylor - December 13, 2012 at 08:04 PM

IC

“ IRMA CHISM lit a candle in memory of Geneva Brooks



IRMA CHISM - December 13, 2012 at 02:39 PM

EG

“ Brooks Family,

Unable to be with you, but please know that we are praying for you all that the Lord will continue to sustain you.

Ethen Gillespie and Family, Starkville, Mississippi.

Ethen Gillespie - December 13, 2012 at 01:21 PM

BM

“ *Bernice Nowell McGlothin lit a candle in memory of Geneva Brooks*



Bernice Nowell McGlothin - December 13, 2012 at 01:13 PM

SW

“ *Shon Wrihten lit a candle in memory of Geneva Brooks*



Shon Wrihten - December 13, 2012 at 12:20 PM

SN

“ *Shirley Norman sent a virtual gift in memory of Geneva Brooks*



Shirley Norman - December 13, 2012 at 12:10 PM

SN

“ *Shirley Norman lit a candle in memory of Geneva Brooks*



Shirley Norman - December 13, 2012 at 12:09 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Geneva Brooks.



December 13, 2012 at 11:14 AM



“ Jocelyn Bates-Jackson lit a candle in memory of Geneva Brooks



Jocelyn Bates-Jackson - December 12, 2012 at 06:32 PM



Sharon and the Brooks Family,
Sorry for your loss, but know that God is with you during this difficult time.

Love ya, Jocelyn

Jocelyn Bates-Jackson - December 12, 2012 at 06:35 PM



“ Junell(lake) Webb lit a candle in memory of Geneva Brooks



Junell(lake) Webb - December 12, 2012 at 05:34 PM



“ Sharon & to the rest of my family I'm praying for your strength. God will keep you through this ruff time. It is often difficult to know what to say but, know that God is able to bring us through.

Love Jessie & Sherron Tate

LATTISE TATE - December 12, 2012 at 02:29 PM



“ Sam And Deborah Mack lit a candle in memory of Geneva Brooks



Sam and Deborah Mack - December 12, 2012 at 11:41 AM



“ To My Friend JD, Im so sorry about your loss, praying that God will keep you and strengthen you in this very trying time. May the Peace of God that transends all understanding be with you and your family.
humbley submitted: Alberta (Bert Smith) Palmer



Alberta Palmer - December 12, 2012 at 08:47 AM



“ Dr. Tilda Neal lit a candle in memory of Geneva Brooks



Dr. Tilda Neal - December 12, 2012 at 08:10 AM

DM

“ *The world is a dimmer place without Geneva's light shining. She had such a gentle spirit and I will truly miss her. I got to know Geneva over the past year while working in the Foster Grandparent Program. She was dedicated to her children and fellow Grandparents. I enjoyed visiting her at Longfellow Elementary. She was a model Foster Grandparent and I know her passing has left many in shock and bewilderment. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. May you rest in peace Geneva.*

Doris McBratnie, Foster Grandparent Program Assistant

Doris McBratnie - December 12, 2012 at 08:01 AM

DK

“ *Deb Juhasz Krawczyk lit a candle in memory of Geneva Brooks*



Deb Juhasz Krawczyk - December 12, 2012 at 06:58 AM

DK

“ *Geneva was a foster grandparent at Longfellow Elementary School where I am the secretary at. She was always a very special and nice lady. Everyone around her loved her and her smile. She will be greatly missed here. My prayers and thoughts go out to her family at this time. Hugs to her family and friends.*

Deb Juhasz-Krawczyk

Deb Juhasz Krawczyk - December 12, 2012 at 06:53 AM

DT

“ Sharon, I am praying for the strenght that the Lord has given all of us for YOU and your family. He wil never give us moe than we can bear. Take care and look to the hills which our strenght lies!! Love ya!! Dee Dee (Delta Airlines Co-Worker)



Dee Dee Tyler - December 12, 2012 at 04:37 AM

DT

misspelled more(moe) sorry

Dee Dee Tyler - December 12, 2012 at 04:38 AM

PF

“ Patsy Walker Chambers & Family lit a candle in memory of Geneva Brooks



Patsy Walker Chambers & Family - December 11, 2012 at 11:14 PM

PF

*To my southside family, I am so sorry for your loss, Mrs. Geneva is now in a better place, she will bloom in Heaven with God~It really does get better, I know. May the Lord continue to Bless you all..~Rejoice in the Lord always,and again I say Rejoice.
From the Walker Family*

Patsy Walker Chambers & Family - December 11, 2012 at 11:24 PM

RS

“ I worked with Granny Brooks at Longfellow Elementary, she was a very nice lady and the kids loved her. She will truly be missed. To the family you have my prayers.
Mrs. Ronda Smith

Ronda L. Smith - December 11, 2012 at 10:44 PM

MC

“ To the family of Mrs. Geneva Brooks, we are so sorry to hear of your great loss. Mrs. Geneva and my mom were both Foster Grandparents and lived accross the street from each other. They were good friends and now that they are both in Heaven they can continue their frendship with talking and the laughter that they use to do. Mrs. Geneva will be greatly missed. May God strengthen the family now and forever.
Mr. Brooks Richard and I are here for you please call on us any time.

Richard and Mary Crosby

Mary Crosby - December 11, 2012 at 03:59 PM

AT

“ *Annette Turner lit a candle in memory of Geneva Brooks*



Annette Turner - December 11, 2012 at 01:37 PM

AT

sharon, beatrice and the entire family and friends , you are in my prayers, Ms. Brooks will be missed.

Annette Turner - December 11, 2012 at 01:40 PM

BC

“ Ben (*Pointe South Cleaners*) purchased the Red Poinsettia for the family of Geneva Brooks.



Ben (Pointe South Cleaners) - December 10, 2012 at 11:57 PM

PC

“ Priscilla Craig lit a candle in memory of Geneva Brooks



Priscilla Craig - December 10, 2012 at 11:07 PM

SB

“ I know everyone feels like they have the greatest Grandmother ,well I did and she will be missed by many. I am so glad I was able to say goodbye and let you know how much I love you. I miss you already...

From shelina brown

Shelina brown - December 10, 2012 at 04:00 PM

SB

“ *Shelina Brown lit a candle in memory of Geneva Brooks*



Shelina brown - December 10, 2012 at 03:53 PM

LH

“ *She was a wonderful person and our classroom was blessed to have her working in our room. She loved the children and they loved her. I am blessed to have known her. She will be missed.*
Ms. Laura Horb

Laura Horb - December 10, 2012 at 12:03 PM

SG

“ *To our sister Sharon Brown-Patterson:*

We the SHS class of 1975 wish to extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family in the heavenly transition of your mother

Geneva Brooks. Sharon as your sisters and brothers we share in your sorrow. Know that we are praying for and with you during this time, that God will give you all the strength as well as comfort to endure the days ahead.

Humbly Submitted
SHS C/O 1975



Sylvia George - December 10, 2012 at 12:02 PM

SG

“ *Sylvia George lit a candle in memory of Geneva Brooks*



Sylvia George - December 10, 2012 at 11:58 AM

BS

“ *BARBARA LAND SMITH lit a candle in memory of Geneva Brooks*



BARBARA LAND SMITH - December 10, 2012 at 11:55 AM

BS

To J.D. and the entire Brooks and Brown family; I will miss Geneva, she sat behind me in church every Sunday, she always gave me a hug. May God comfort and keep all of you. I will keep you all in my prayers. God Bless. Barbara Land-Smith

BARBARA LAND SMITH - December 10, 2012 at 11:59 AM

BE

“ *My family and I want to express our sympathy on your loss. And would just like to share a comforting scripture from Gods word the bible. It is found at John 5:28,29 where it speaks of a time when all those in the memorial tombs will come out. This will be a joyous time. I hope that scripture gives your family comfort.*

Betty - December 10, 2012 at 07:23 AM

JM

“ James And Ola McMillan lit a candle in memory of Geneva Brooks



James and Ola McMillan - December 10, 2012 at 04:07 AM



“ Lonny Diana Simpson lit a candle in memory of Geneva Brooks



Lonny Diana Simpson - December 09, 2012 at 03:25 PM

JT

“ Janice Brooks Thompson lit a candle in memory of Geneva Brooks



Janice Brooks Thompson - December 09, 2012 at 04:24 AM

DB

“ Diane Bond lit a candle in memory of Geneva Brooks



Diane Bond - December 08, 2012 at 06:16 PM

TA

“ Tommy&Rhonda Henderson Atkins lit a candle in memory of Geneva Brooks



Tommy&Rhonda Henderson Atkins - December 08, 2012 at 09:47 AM

HJ

“ Houston And Elaine Jackson, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Geneva Brooks



Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr. - December 07, 2012 at 10:10 PM

DG

“ Deidra Hopgood Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Geneva Brooks



Deidra Hopgood Gilbert - December 07, 2012 at 11:23 AM