



Geneva Rutherford

September 4, 1936 - March 1, 2013

Mrs. Geneva (Chris) Rutherford was born September 4, 1936 to the late Onious Matthews Sr. and the late Shirt Etta (Earnest) Kelly in Luxora, Arkansas. She departed this life on Friday, March 1, 2013 after a lengthy illness.

She accepted Christ at an early age. Geneva (Chris) met the love of her life and married George Rutherford Sr. on June 15, 1960. They toured Gary, Indiana, and Louisville Kentucky, then decided to settle in Saginaw, Michigan in 1964. They looked out for family members by encouraging them to move to this area for job opportunities, and they did a good job at it too!

For many years Geneva (Chris) was known as the Avon Lady. She would take your orders just right. However, she would add something extra you didn't order and convince you to buy it.

She enjoyed traveling, cooking, fishing, music, dancing and home videos. Most of all she enjoyed family and friends.

Mrs. Geneva (Chris) Rutherford leaves to cherish her legacy, her husband, George Rutherford Sr. of Saginaw, MI; two sons, George (Tracy) Rutherford Jr. & Gregory (Donn) Rutherford Sr. of Saginaw, MI; fourteen grandchildren, Kierra, George III, Shanice, Tramece, Shabria, Gregory II Rutherford, Bre'Aoncia Boykins, Qwantoria Wesley & Donquarius Mitchell all of Saginaw, MI, Geniyah Rutherford, Rashard, Mercedes, Dontrell Price & Depree

Blackmon all of Ft. Wayne, Indiana; five great-grandchildren, Le'Taysia Scott, Trawvon Wesley, Deontavis Evanster Jr., A'nyiah Jackson, Stephen Simmons Jr. all of Saginaw, MI; four sisters, Irene (Leonard) Batts, Velvia (Charlie) Monroe & Felvia Holmes all of Saginaw, MI, Bernice (Joe) Brooks of Osceola, AR; eight brothers, Ernest (Willie) Matthews Sr., Onious (Ada) Matthews Jr. & Joe Kelley all of Saginaw, MI, Eugene (Glenda) Kelly Sr., Maurice (Janice) Kelly Sr., Bobby (Rose) Kelly Sr., & Allen Kelley Sr. all of Osceola, AR, Zebedee (Tammy) Kelly of FT. Lauderdale, FL; three aunts, Eldora (Earnest) Easton, Maggie (Samuel) Wiley, Savannah (John) James; one sister-in-law, Mary Ann (Greg) Crochkand of San Antonio, TX; & a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws & friends.

She was preceded in death by all her grandparents; two sisters, Earnestine Kelly-Woodson & Myra Kelly-Robinson; one brother, Myron Kelly; father & mother-in-law, Charlie & Sarah Rutherford; sister-in-law, Gladys Rutherford-Carr; brothers-in-law, Freddie Lee Johnson, Venice Holmes, Gene Love, & Joseph Lay.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 11, 2013 at Freedom Full Gospel Baptist Church, 2259 Williamsom Rd. Pastor Eddie Bragg will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave. on Sunday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 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

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Freedom Full Gospel Baptist Church
2259 Williamson Road
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall



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



Browne's Mortuary - August 01, 2024 at 12:42 PM

LI

“ *Dear Rutherford Family and Friends,
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one. I too have lost several loved ones in death, and the pain is fresh even with the passage of time. I have found relief in knowing that "The Most High God" is the "Hearer of Prayer", and a source of tremendous comfort in times of grief and distress. (Psalms83:18, Psalms65:2) Please be assured, death will soon be "swallowed up forever" and we will have the opportunity to see our dead loved ones again. (Isaiah 25:8) My family and I wish you and yours peace. (Phillipians4:7)*

Lisa - March 27, 2013 at 10:35 AM

PS

“ *Patricia Scott-Mason lit a candle in memory of Geneva Rutherford*



Patricia Scott-Mason - March 14, 2013 at 06:14 PM

MK

“ *Ms. Jackie Batts & Kids lit a candle in memory of Geneva Rutherford*



Ms. Jackie Batts & Kids - March 10, 2013 at 05:23 PM

PS

“ *Pastor Sammy Nelson Sr purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Geneva Rutherford.*



Pastor Sammy Nelson Sr - March 09, 2013 at 07:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Geneva Rutherford.*



March 08, 2013 at 05:19 PM

VH

“ *Venice Holmes lit a candle in memory of Geneva Rutherford*



Venice Holmes - March 08, 2013 at 05:11 PM

LS

“ To George, Irene, Pony and all of 'Chris' family,
you have my heartfelt sympathy. May God
comfort you all



Lonny and Diana Simpson - March 06, 2013 at 10:53 PM

 Rose
Clark-
Lowrey

“ Rose Clark-Lowrey lit a candle in memory of
Geneva Rutherford



Rose Clark-Lowrey - March 06, 2013 at 12:38 PM

BB

“ Betty Holmes Bell lit a candle in memory of
Geneva Rutherford



Betty Holmes Bell - March 06, 2013 at 06:23 AM

BB

*Mr George and family we pray that God comfort you and your family
during this time of adjustment, just look to the hill from whence cometh
your help all of your help comes from the Lord.*

Betty Holmes Bell - March 06, 2013 at 06:27 AM

MF

“ *Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Bennie & Bettye Batts and Family

Mr & Mrs. Bennie Batts and Family - March 05, 2013 at 09:11 PM

MF

“ *Mr & Mrs. Bennie Batts And Family lit a candle in memory of Geneva Rutherford*



Mr & Mrs. Bennie Batts and Family - March 05, 2013 at 09:07 PM