



## Ms. Greta Watley

September 8, 1955 - April 9, 2021

Greta Viola Watley was born September 8, 1955 in Saginaw, Michigan to Andrew Sam and Elizabeth (Lance) Williams. She passed away on April 9, 2021 at the age of 65 years.

Greta was a longtime member of Mt. Olive Institutional Baptist Church. She was a graduate of Saginaw High School Class of 1973 and furthered her education at Saginaw Beauty Academy in the field of Cosmetology.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her spouse, Rickey Riley; three children, Derrick (Shontell) Williams, Eric (Michelle) Williams and Elizabeth (Jamol) Watley; grandchildren, Vintora Breamsy, Thelma Hatter, De'Eric Williams, De'Ricka Williams, Devin Smith, Michaela Nash, Nasir, Amair and Derrick Williams, Jr., Jamol and Jayla Pinkston; one great-grandchild, Qai'lyn Doster; three sisters, Constance Chapman, Mary (Earl) Chapman and Sherry Breckenridge; one brother, Andrew Williams; five sisters-in-law, Doretta and Sonja Williams, Pamela Watley Harrold, Leandra Coles and Arnesha Mason; one brother-in-law, L.C. Turner; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many special friends.

Greta Viola was preceded in death by her parents, Andrew Sam (Elizabeth) Williams; sisters, Lou Bertha Williams, Martha Turner and Latrice Wicker; brothers, Andrew and Alexander Williams.

The family would like to express special thanks to Covenant Medical Center I.C.U. 4th floor, Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, New Birth Missionary Baptist Cathedral and Pastor Robert Corley, Jr.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, April 19, 2021 at New Birth Missionary Baptist Cathedral, 3121 Sheridan Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48601. Host Pastor, Bishop Larry Camel and Pastor Robert Corley, Sr. will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 South Washington Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48601. Visitation will take place Sunday, from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. April 18, 2021 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48607.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 18. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

APR 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Birth Baptist Church  
3121 Sherian Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phyllis McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



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**Phyllis McDaniel** - May 10, 2021 at 04:17 PM



“ *Jordan Chapman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



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**jordan chapman** - April 26, 2021 at 09:17 AM



“ *Valerie Champion sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



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**Valerie Champion** - April 20, 2021 at 01:20 AM



“ *Cathie Stephens lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



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**Cathie Stephens** - April 19, 2021 at 08:39 PM

OT

“ Oliver & Lisa Tucker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley



Oliver & Lisa Tucker - April 19, 2021 at 01:34 PM

L.

“ L.D.Frierson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley



L.D.Frierson - April 19, 2021 at 12:29 PM

YS

“ My heartfelt condolences and prayers of comfort & strength to my twin nephews and the entire family. Greta was a joy to be around. We all grew up as family and I will forever cherish all the good times we had together. Love you.



Yvette Smith - April 19, 2021 at 05:57 AM

TB

“ We will miss you. Prayers for the family 🙏



Takisha Brown - April 19, 2021 at 05:26 AM

RC

“ Our condolences & prayers to the entire family of Greta Watley. May God keep His loving arms around you. - Pastor Robert & Jannis Corley & family

Robert & Jannis Corley - April 19, 2021 at 12:02 AM

MW

“ Maurice&Marie Washington sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Greta Watley



Maurice&Marie Washington - April 18, 2021 at 08:16 PM

MA

Take your rest Cuzz. Love you gonna truly miss you.

Maurice - April 18, 2021 at 08:17 PM

BK

“ Barbara Kemp-Lauria lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley



Barbara Kemp-Lauria - April 18, 2021 at 03:09 PM

RB

“ Greta and I grew-up around the corner from each other, she on 5th and me on 4th. We shared the same birthday month, she the 8th and me the 11th. We walked to and from Potter School together, and we always had a friendship. May the beautiful smile and sweet spirit of Greta's bring peace and comfort to her children and grands. To Connie, Mary and the rest of the family, May God's love strengthen you. Much Love and prayers to all of you.



Rhonda Farrell Butler - April 18, 2021 at 11:13 AM

DW

“ My Sincere Condolences To My Entire Family Of Greta Watley. May God continue to Bless and keep us all.RIHP Sister In Law.



Doretta J Williams - April 17, 2021 at 10:13 PM

LK

“ Lesley Renee Kaiser lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley



Lesley Renee Kaiser - April 17, 2021 at 09:20 PM

DM

“ *Doris R Morris lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



Doris R Morris - April 17, 2021 at 09:08 PM

JK

“ *Janice Kemp-Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



Janice Kemp-Anderson - April 17, 2021 at 06:47 PM

SW

“ *Sandra Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



Sandra Williams - April 17, 2021 at 09:09 AM

TC

“ *SUCH A SWEET,REAL, BEAUTIFUL SOUL..AWESOME GRANDMOTHER TO ALL YOUR GRANDCHILDREN..YOU WILL BE GREATLY MISSED..DERRICK,ERIC,AND YOYO MAY YOU LEAN ON GOD FOR ALL STRENGTH AND UNDERSTANDING..MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU...LOVE YOU GUYS 🙏❤️*



Tosha Caldwell - April 17, 2021 at 08:52 AM

FM

“ Sending our condolences to the entire family. We will continue to pray that peace comfort strength and wonderful memories will overtake your grief one day at a time. Much love and prayer

Fred & Marilyn Martin - April 17, 2021 at 08:51 AM

BP

“ Barry& Deborah Price! Philadelphia purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Ms. Greta Watley.



Barry& Deborah Price! Philadelphia - April 17, 2021 at 08:49 AM

LO

“ Lori lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley



Lori - April 16, 2021 at 03:26 PM

RM

*She was a very sweet person and will be missed*

Reginald mcdaniel - April 17, 2021 at 12:13 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Ms. Greta Watley.



April 16, 2021 at 11:59 AM



“ Purvis Carter Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Greta Watley



Purvis Carter Jr. - April 16, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ Larry Kemp sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Greta Watley



Larry Kemp - April 16, 2021 at 10:30 AM



“ May Blessings and unknown strengths be with the family at this time. So sorry for your loss.  
With love, Torrance & Robyn



Torrance & Robyn - April 16, 2021 at 09:27 AM

ES

“ *Eddie Sanders lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



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**Eddie Sanders** - April 16, 2021 at 09:23 AM

AF

“ *Apral D. Maner & Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



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**Apral D. Maner & Family** - April 15, 2021 at 08:19 PM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Ms. Greta Watley.*



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April 15, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ *Otis W Jackson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



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**Otis W Jackson** - April 15, 2021 at 05:22 PM

RT

“ *Rachida Tucker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



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**Rachida Tucker** - April 15, 2021 at 03:36 PM

LM

“ *Larry Martin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



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**Larry Martin** - April 15, 2021 at 02:44 PM

WB

“ *Walsezetta Bennett sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



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**Walsezetta Bennett** - April 15, 2021 at 03:54 AM

WB

*Sending my condolences and prayers to the family.*

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**Walsezetta Bennett** - April 15, 2021 at 03:57 AM

RS

“ *Rev. Willie Thomas, Sr. lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



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**Rev. Willie Thomas, Sr.** - April 14, 2021 at 09:34 PM

RB

“ *My condolences to the family you will be missed, I'm so glad I met you kind sweet and funny I enjoyed the time I had with you.*



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**Raecille Brooks** - April 14, 2021 at 09:17 PM

MF

“ *Words may not wipe away your tears and hugs may not ease the pain, but hold onto your memories because forever they will remain. Martinez family our deepest condolences.*



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**Martinez Family** - April 14, 2021 at 09:09 PM

MG

“ *Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard but always near, so loved, so missed, so very dear. RIP, Love Manuel Gonzales*



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**Manuel Gonzales** - April 14, 2021 at 08:59 PM

BT

“ *Bobbie Turner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



**Bobbie Turner** - April 14, 2021 at 08:14 PM

CM

“ *Charlotte McMillan-Harper lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



**Charlotte McMillan-Harper** - April 14, 2021 at 06:56 PM

CJ

“ *Chris Jernigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



**Chris Jernigan** - April 14, 2021 at 12:21 PM

YC

“ *Yvonne Corley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



**Yvonne Corley** - April 13, 2021 at 11:28 PM

BW

“ *Bernice Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



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**Bernice Williams** - April 13, 2021 at 08:19 PM

TW

“ *Teresa &Theotis Wilcoxon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



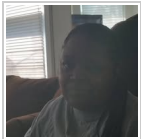
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**Teresa &Theotis Wilcoxon** - April 13, 2021 at 07:48 PM

PL

“ *Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.*



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**Pastor Ernest L.Reed** - April 13, 2021 at 06:03 PM



“ *God Call his Angel Home Going To Truly Miss You Love You SIS*

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**Connie Chapman** - April 13, 2021 at 06:02 PM

LV

“ I've known Greta most of my life. We were friends, neighbors, and schoolmates. To her family I send my most heartfelt condolences. I pray that God will give you the strength you need to endure your loss. With Love, Linda



Linda McClain Veasley - April 13, 2021 at 01:48 PM

LA

“ Leopold/Janel Arnett lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley



Leopold/Janel Arnett - April 13, 2021 at 10:20 AM

VP

“ Sending my prayers and condolences to entire family; I know you have so many happy memories and I hope they will soon give you comfort



Vyethel Kemp Peterson - April 13, 2021 at 10:10 AM

DP

“ Dennis And Gail Porter sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Greta Watley



Dennis and Gail Porter - April 13, 2021 at 12:33 AM

BD

“ *Brittney Donald lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



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**Brittney Donald** - April 12, 2021 at 11:18 PM

DS

“ *Good bye my childhood friend. I will never forget Potter elementary and authur Eddy Junior High and 4th and Norman rest in heaven. A candle to light the Way*



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**Dolores Hill Sneed** - April 12, 2021 at 08:34 PM

SO

“ *SONACARRUTH sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



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**SONACARRUTH** - April 12, 2021 at 07:24 PM

OC

“ *I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE SCHOOL YEARS AND FUN THAT WE SHARED YOU SUE AND I REST EASY MY FRIEND*



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**Odeania Carruth** - April 12, 2021 at 07:23 PM

EB

“ Eugene & Michelle Blair lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley



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**Eugene & Michelle Blair** - April 12, 2021 at 07:06 PM

DT

“ Denecho Turner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley



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**Denecho Turner** - April 12, 2021 at 06:58 PM

TH

“ Tina Houze lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley



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**Tina Houze** - April 12, 2021 at 06:51 PM

LH

“ My beautiful cousin will be forever cherished and missed .... and my cousins actually more like siblings.. Derrick Eric and Elizabeth.. here for y'all abs your families always.... love y'all

*Lance and family*

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**Lance K. Henderson** - April 12, 2021 at 05:20 PM

DW

“ *Sending our love condolences and prayers to the entire family* ”



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**Daymon and Taniesha Williams** - April 12, 2021 at 03:06 PM

CD

“ *Clydemarie Dangerfield lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley* ”



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**Clydemarie Dangerfield** - April 12, 2021 at 01:30 PM

RG

“ *Fred and Rochelle Gilmer our family will be lifting your family up in prayer* ”



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**Rochelle Gilmer** - April 12, 2021 at 12:02 PM

DE

“ *Dee-Dee lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley* ”



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**Dee-Dee** - April 12, 2021 at 11:01 AM

AT

“ *Annette Turner sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



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**Annette Turner** - April 12, 2021 at 08:44 AM

BL

“ *Barbara Land-Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



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**Barbara Land-Jones** - April 12, 2021 at 08:03 AM

SW

“ *Sherrie & Mary Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



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**Sherrie & Mary Williams** - April 12, 2021 at 07:22 AM

BW

“ *Sending love, prayers, hugs and condolences to the family and friends!*



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**Bernice Williams** - April 12, 2021 at 06:13 AM

KB

“ You Truly going to be missed sis in law Greta but not forgot the sweetest person you ever met in life .. She loved. My Condolences and love prayer to Miss yo pig , Peanut .. Kim



Kim butterfield - April 11, 2021 at 08:55 PM

TH

“ Tisa Henderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley



tisa henderson - April 11, 2021 at 08:40 PM

TH

“ You going to be miss auntie Greta love you



tisa henderson - April 11, 2021 at 08:32 PM

VF

“ Valerie Foster-Baker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley



Valerie Foster-Baker - April 11, 2021 at 06:28 PM

SC

“ *SONA Carruth sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



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**SONA Carruth** - April 11, 2021 at 03:33 PM

DT

“ *Denecho Turner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



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**Denecho Turner** - April 11, 2021 at 01:50 PM

DM

“ *Deon Mayes lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



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**Deon Mayes** - April 11, 2021 at 11:35 AM

EB

“ *Eugene & Michelle Blair sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



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**Eugene & Michelle Blair** - April 11, 2021 at 08:47 AM

PA

“ *My childhood friend* 🌺🙏



**Pamela** - April 11, 2021 at 08:16 AM

BL

“ *Barbara Land-Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*

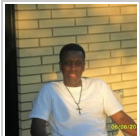


**Barbara Land-Jones** - April 11, 2021 at 07:00 AM

KJ

“ *R.I.P. Greta.*

**Karen White Jones** - April 11, 2021 at 05:47 AM



“ *Brad Garner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley*



**Brad Garner** - April 10, 2021 at 09:23 PM

CF

“ Life throws us many of curves some we can handle some we can't, Elizabeth, Derrick, Eric, We are family and we're in this all together. one hurt we all hurt because we have lost another love one. God will not let us go through this alone he will be with us. This is a most difficult time that you all are experiencing.'because of the lost of you mother but remember all the good times and laughter that you all shared as her children she loved you and left you with a legacy of her loved. We as a family are here for you now and always,heaven has gain an angel God Bless you my cousins.



*Greta will truly be miss by all whom knew and loved her.*

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**Cynthia Johnson & Family** - April 10, 2021 at 08:12 PM

VF

“ Valerie Foster-Baker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley



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**Valerie Foster-Baker** - April 10, 2021 at 07:58 PM

TH

“ Tara Henderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley



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**Tara Henderson** - April 10, 2021 at 07:09 PM

TH

“ Tara Henderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley



Tara Henderson - April 10, 2021 at 06:53 PM

RW

“ Rita Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Greta Watley



Rita Williams - April 10, 2021 at 03:44 PM

CJ

“ Chris Jernigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Greta Watley



Chris Jernigan - April 10, 2021 at 02:28 PM

JT

Jacqueline Thomas

Jacqueline Thomas - April 11, 2021 at 11:16 PM

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