



## Janie M. Gray

January 27, 1949 - February 11, 2014

Mrs. Janie Mae Gray passed away Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at the age of 65 years. She was born January 27, 1949 in Vicksburg, MS to the late David Johnson and Doris S. (Smith) Davis.

Mrs. Gray was a member of New Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church where she sang in the choir. She loved to dance, take pictures, play with her children and grandchildren and play on her tablet. Janie was also a member of the Saginaw Ballroom Association. She was employed by the Dow Event Center and K-Mart.

She leaves to cherish her memory, one daughter, Trina V. Jackson (Derrick Martin) and one son, Corey L. Jackson, both of Saginaw, MI; step-daughter, Breanna Thornton; grandchildren, Kishna, Tyler and Kayla Jackson, all of Saginaw, MI; sisters, Betty Ann Smith, Vicksburg, MS and Ozella J. (Lavonza) Mays, Lansing, MI; brothers, Willie Davis, Jr., Vicksburg, MS, William Davis, David (Edna) Brooks and Michael Johnson; special aunts, Idella Gary and Ruth Ferguson; God-daughter, Le'Teia Smith; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law and many other special relatives and friends.

Mrs. Gray was preceded in death by her husband, John L. Gray; her parents, David Johnson and Doris S. Davis; step-father, Willie Davis; and sisters,

Dorothy L. Jones and Toccoa "Cocoa" Morris.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at New Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 3610 Russell Street. Elder Jonathan Shivers will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the church on Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. until time of service.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 19. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Mt. Calvary Baptist Church  
3610 Russell Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601

## Service

FEB 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Mt. Calvary Baptist Church  
3610 Russell Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Janie M. Gray*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ *It been 3 months since I lost my granny I miss her so much I wish she were here but she's in a better place*

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**kishna jackson** - May 21, 2014 at 05:21 PM

MA

“ *To the Family of Janie M. Gray*

*Please accept my heartfelt condolences. It is always painful to lose a loved one;*

*I also have lost many dear ones to death.*

*God's son Jesus promised a resurrection in John 5:28, 29. Imagine enjoying life with*

*Janie once again, right here on earth, forever. -Psalm 37:11, 29.*

*May you find comfort, gain hope at this time, and seek the answer to: 'When will sickness, suffering and death end?'. -Revelation 21:4*

*Sincerely,*

*Marlis...*

*Find more answers to Bible questions at: [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)*

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**Marlis** - March 06, 2014 at 02:49 PM

TF

“ *Dear family We will always remember Janie. We will keep her in ours heart- Mary/ The Mission Choir. God bless all of you.*



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**The McCray family** - February 28, 2014 at 03:33 PM

DW

“ *Deborah Williams lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



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**Deborah Williams** - February 27, 2014 at 04:04 AM

DA

“ *Danielle lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



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**danielle** - February 26, 2014 at 08:40 PM

LS

“ *Le'Teia Smith lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



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**Le'Teia Smith** - February 21, 2014 at 10:00 AM

SS

“ To my family I say I am sorry for Our loss. Janie Mae was always the one at our family reunions taking all the pictures and making us all smile. She was such a positive joy to be in the presence of. I will miss her today and always at our future events. To my favorites Korey and Ozella, I am praying for you and the others in our family because this is a great loss to our clan. I'm sorry I wasn't able to make it home but I am always praying for you for the Lord to provide you with faith and strength during this time. Janie Mae, you will always be loved and forever missed. RIH cuz...  
Silvia & Brittany Stanford

Silvia Stanford - February 20, 2014 at 04:20 PM

KT

“ Kitty Townsend lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray



kitty townsend - February 19, 2014 at 05:55 PM

YC

“ Yvonne Corley lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray



Yvonne Corley - February 19, 2014 at 12:19 PM

KA

“ Rest in peace. K

Kay - February 19, 2014 at 11:39 AM

BG

“ To Janie's family - we are deeply saddened by your loss. We were fortunate to work with Janie at the Dow Event Center. She was a wonderful person, easy to talk to, and spoke of her family often. She was open about her faith in God, and we know He has wrapped his arms around her at last. Our deepest sympathy, she will be missed.

Bethlehem Lutheran volunteer group - February 19, 2014 at 10:43 AM

D(

“ To the family of Janie, I'm so sorry for your loss, may the Lord wrap his loving arms around you.



Debra Dawkins (Henderson) - February 19, 2014 at 07:47 AM

EC

“ Eric Collins lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray



Eric Collins - February 18, 2014 at 11:28 PM

RS

“ Janie was a co-worker of mine at the Saginaw Civic Center. She was a very nice lady, she will be missed by all who knew her. Trina, you have my deepest sympathy.

Ronda Smith - February 18, 2014 at 09:02 PM

EG

“ *Evelyn Hardy Garrett lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



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**Evelyn Hardy Garrett** - February 18, 2014 at 03:00 PM

CS

“ *Crystal Simmons lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



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**Crystal Simmons** - February 18, 2014 at 02:34 PM

JH

“ *Jamie Sanders Hicks lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



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**Jamie Sanders Hicks** - February 18, 2014 at 02:34 PM

CW

“ *We were deeply saddened to learn of your loss..every time we would see Janie she would greet you with a smile and warm hug. We will continue to keep the family in prayer.*



*Clint and Carol Walker*

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**Carol walker** - February 18, 2014 at 12:52 PM

SJ

“ *Shanelle Johnson lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



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**Shanelle Johnson** - February 18, 2014 at 12:48 PM

BH

“ *Bobby & Tiffany Hendrix lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



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**Bobby & Tiffany Hendrix** - February 18, 2014 at 11:14 AM

MA

“ *May the God of tender mercies and the God of all comfort be with the family and friends of Janie M. Gray throughout all your trials.- 2 Cor 1:3,4. I am sorry about your loss. May you all receive the love and support that is greatly needed at this time.- [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)*

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**Margaret** - February 18, 2014 at 07:54 AM

 Angela Ross

“ *Praying for the entire Gray family. Life is but a moment, let us not forget we only have this moment in life, live it to the fullest with love from the Lord.*



*Jessie Langston and Family  
Sean Gray and family*

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**Angela Ross** - February 18, 2014 at 06:59 AM



“ *Janie May. Wow.*



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**Joselyn Jordan** - February 17, 2014 at 11:01 PM

MP

“ *To: Trina, Corey, and Kishna, our prayers are with you, we know that God will help you thru this. Miss Janie was one of the best neighbor/friend we've ever had! We thank God for knowing her personally. And we will miss her. But, we have Faith knowing that she is with the Lord. We will continue to pray for your healing and well being. May you rest in the shadow of the all mighty.*  
*LOVE ALWAYS THE PRIMAS FAMILY.*



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**MARY PRIMAS** - February 17, 2014 at 09:26 PM

SG

“ *Aunt Janie May, I Love you and Miss you. I was so sadden when I heard the news that you had moved on to your heavenly home, because it meant I wouldn't see you again, say hello to my momma (Ruby) and my sister (Cheryl) and my brother (Tony). You were always there for me (each time). And I thank God for you. Rest in Paradise my Love, God has called you and welcomed you home. No more struggles, no more sadness, no more lonely nights. You have earned your crown, rest in the Lord, Sweet peace you now have. I will Always Love You!!!*

*Your niece,  
Shylinda DIANN Gray*

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**Shy Graystreete** - February 17, 2014 at 07:28 PM

MR

“ *Matthew Rick lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



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**Matthew Rick** - February 17, 2014 at 04:34 PM

PL

“ *Trina and family, your mother/grandmother talked alot about you all. She would tell me how proud she was of you all and how much she loved you all. She was an asset to Kmart and will be missed by all. God bless!!*



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**Pam LeTourneau** - February 17, 2014 at 02:01 PM

BM

“ *Trina, Corey and Family,*

*I am truly saddened by the loss of your mother and loved one. I know this is a difficult time for you all but God will get you through it. Be strong and just remember the love and memories of your mom. I am so thankful that I got a chance to see and hug her at Madea's birthday celebration a few months ago. Remember that earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. Love to you all!*

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**Betty Mitchell** - February 17, 2014 at 10:04 AM

DC

“ *Deborah Champion lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



Deborah Champion - February 17, 2014 at 09:27 AM

MH

“ *Janie, You were my coworker, friend and other half for over thirty years. You will be deeply missed. Your stories will live on forever. Love Mary*



MARY HERZOG - February 17, 2014 at 09:25 AM

GC

“ *Gwen Conway lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



Gwen Conway - February 17, 2014 at 09:22 AM

LF

“ *SADLY MISSED, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN*



LINDA FOSTER - February 17, 2014 at 07:56 AM

KH

“ I always remember Janie making me laugh when I was growing up. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.



Kaitlin Herzog - February 17, 2014 at 07:06 AM

CC

“ Charles Cork lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray



Charles Cork - February 17, 2014 at 02:55 AM

EC

“ EBONY CALDWELL lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray



EBONY CALDWELL - February 16, 2014 at 09:18 PM

BM

“ Bessie McDole lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray



Bessie McDole - February 16, 2014 at 04:17 PM

PE

“ Peggy lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray



Peggy - February 16, 2014 at 12:49 PM

BK

“ May you rest in peace my friend!  
I will always treasure our friendship,until we meet again my friend.  
Barb Kinch

Barb Kinch - February 16, 2014 at 08:11 AM

LG

“ Lynda Goodwin lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray



Lynda Goodwin - February 15, 2014 at 09:59 PM

TF

“ The Roberson Family lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray



The Roberson Family - February 15, 2014 at 06:50 PM

DF

“ *Derrick & The Livingston Family lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



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**Derrick & The Livingston Family** - February 15, 2014 at 05:10 PM

AL

“ *Alyssa lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



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**Alyssa** - February 15, 2014 at 03:40 PM

DJ

“ *Doris Johnson lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



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**Doris Johnson** - February 15, 2014 at 02:43 PM

T(

“ *Sorry for your lost your family is our prays. Ternenia O'Bryan (Nina) and Family*



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**Ternenia O'Bryan (Nina)** - February 15, 2014 at 01:20 PM

CO

“ *Crystal Obryan lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



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**Crystal Obryan** - February 15, 2014 at 11:30 AM

BN

“ *I am so sorry for your loss Ms. Janie was beautiful inside and out and she will truly be miss love the Nash Family!!We are only a phone call away call us if you need us love yah.*

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**Betty Nash** - February 15, 2014 at 10:18 AM

CO

“ *I am so sorry for your loss and my prayers are with you and your family. Trina your mom was a very strong lady and taught you and Kishna how to be strong. Just remember she ill always be watching over you and keeping you safe. She loved you guys very much...*

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**cindi ostrander** - February 15, 2014 at 09:26 AM

AB

“ *Corey & Trina words cannot express how sorry I am to hear of your loss. My prayers are with you both.*

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**Ametra Burton** - February 15, 2014 at 09:22 AM

MB

“ *Melba Banks lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



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**Melba Banks** - February 15, 2014 at 08:47 AM

CJ

“ *Carrie Jackson-Zackrie lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



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**Carrie Jackson-Zackrie** - February 15, 2014 at 08:01 AM

LJ

“ *Lela And Wilson Jones lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



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**Lela and Wilson Jones** - February 15, 2014 at 08:01 AM

DF

“ *Denise Sykes And Family lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



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**Denise Sykes and Family** - February 14, 2014 at 08:01 PM

RC

“ *Rhonda Clark lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



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**Rhonda Clark** - February 14, 2014 at 06:38 PM

FM

“ *Felicia Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



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**Felicia Mitchell** - February 14, 2014 at 04:59 PM

SG

“ *Sylvia George lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



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**Sylvia George** - February 14, 2014 at 04:36 PM

DQ

“ *So sad to see Janie has passed away. My prayers are with the family. We worked together at the Civic Center for many years and have been friends every since.*

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**Daveda Quinn** - February 14, 2014 at 04:33 PM

BK

“ *Barbara Kemp-Lauria lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



Barbara Kemp-Lauria - February 14, 2014 at 04:14 PM

LF

“ *Lucille Jones & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Janie M. Gray*



Lucille Jones & Family - February 14, 2014 at 02:48 PM

MA

“ *MarquiettaDavis lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



MarquiettaDavis - February 14, 2014 at 01:58 PM

BD

“ *Betty Daily lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



Betty Daily - February 14, 2014 at 01:47 PM

MS

“ *Michelle Stewart lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



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**Michelle Stewart** - February 14, 2014 at 12:18 PM

DB

“ *Trina & Corey,i am so sorry to hear of the loss of such an important piece to the puzzle in your life-(your dear mother Janie)-I remember seeing her last summer at Tyler's graduation party.Oh how happy and proud of him she was!-She always had a warm smile and a gave me a big hug when i would see her at church.She will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of meeting her and those who actually had the chance of knowing her.I will continue to pray for both your strength and comfort through this most trying time,and that God will grant you each peace in your mind,body,and soul. With deepest sympathy,Your brother Daryl.*

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**DARYL BOND** - February 14, 2014 at 11:57 AM

DB

“ *DARYL BOND lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



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**DARYL BOND** - February 14, 2014 at 11:14 AM

VP

“ *Vyethel Kemp Peterson lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



**Vyethel Kemp Peterson** - February 14, 2014 at 11:01 AM

AN

“ *Angela Snow- Noel lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



**Angela Snow- Noel** - February 14, 2014 at 10:49 AM

BW

“ *Betty Williams lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



**Betty Williams** - February 14, 2014 at 10:28 AM

TP

“ *Tracey Packard lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



**Tracey Packard** - February 14, 2014 at 10:25 AM

DJ

“ *Doris Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Janie M. Gray*



Doris Jones - February 14, 2014 at 10:03 AM

JC

“ *Judge Terry L. Clark lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



Judge Terry L. Clark - February 14, 2014 at 08:57 AM

JJ

“ *Joe & JoeAnn Jackson lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



Joe & JoeAnn Jackson - February 13, 2014 at 07:02 PM

EG

“ *Evelyn Garrett lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



Evelyn Garrett - February 13, 2014 at 06:04 PM

SO

“ *Sonacarruth lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



sonacarruth - February 13, 2014 at 03:45 PM

RA

“ *Rosie Anderson lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



Rosie Anderson - February 13, 2014 at 03:37 PM

TF

“ *The Barkley Family lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



The Barkley Family - February 13, 2014 at 11:39 AM

CH

“ *Charolett lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



charolett - February 13, 2014 at 11:16 AM

AF

“ Alex Farrell lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray



alex farrell - February 13, 2014 at 09:08 AM

MD

“ Kory,  
The last time I saw your mother we were laughing about you, me and Ramen noodles. She was laughing so hard. Be strong in the Lord.  
Love you.



Ms. Cherilyn Davis - February 13, 2014 at 07:45 AM

VP

“ To Trina and family, I am so saddened by your loss. Janie was such a sweet person. I can still hear her saying to me (while smiling) "Oh, you didn't want to get in my line, huh?" at K-Mart. The last memory I have of her being so proud was back in the summer at the graduation in Ann Arbor of her grandson, where our family saw all of you--taking pictures and everything. We have known each other since the "Mattie Ross" days, a long time. I have the love of God in my heart, and I know Him to be a healer and comforter, as I too, have lost my mother. I still mourn with you. Your tears, your prayers, your needs have not gone unnoticed by God--He hears you, sees you, will never leave your side. Be strong as she would have you to be, celebrate her life, hold fast to your memories. God bless you and keep all of you.



Valerie Packard - February 12, 2014 at 09:30 PM

VG

“ Valorie Green lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray



Valorie Green - February 12, 2014 at 08:16 PM

VG

To the family of Janie, please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers..

Valorie Green - February 12, 2014 at 08:21 PM

 Ebony Caldwell

“ Mrs janie I remembered when I first met you in 2011 at first I was a little scared to meet my pud (kishna) family, but when I finally did I fell in love with you and ms trina. Over the course of the years I consider you my granny too. Every time I have came to your house thier was never a dual moment we always had so type of fun through out the day. Ehen ever I had a problem or concern you always helped me solve them and I always love you for that. Mrs janie Gray I will always love and miss you. R.I.H (GRANNY) You will never be forgotten ever.....

Ebony Caldwell - February 12, 2014 at 07:38 PM

BE

“ Beverly lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray



Beverly - February 12, 2014 at 05:14 PM

WD

“ *William & Geraldine Doxie lit a candle in memory of Janie M. Gray*



William & Geraldine Doxie - February 12, 2014 at 04:52 PM



Starreese Jackson

“ *I will truly miss you Mrs. Janie! You always have treated me like I was one of yours even though I wasn't you always welcome me in your home whenever I came over for my sister brother and niece. I will always remember you and love you. I promise I will take care of your babies.*

Starreese Jackson - February 12, 2014 at 04:29 PM



Trina Jackson

“ *I remember the time's when we were was lilttle we go down south for the summer . I remember how she made to up to be a strong woman like her . I remember how she she made me a glad mother just as she is . God thank you she 's a very import port persons in my life and Grannie to a whole lot far and near . Good night my love I love you until . I won't say bye I won't say see u later it's just until . MOMMA I LOVE YOU !!!!! :-)*

Trina Jackson - February 12, 2014 at 04:12 PM

AB

*Trina, sorry for your loss, but remember GOD knows best. I'm very proud to have met your mother working at K-mart, she was one of the sweetest people I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. I'm praying for you and your family. Keep God's loving arm's around you always.*

AUDRA BRADSHAW - February 17, 2014 at 10:43 PM