



## Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell

November 5, 1949 - September 9, 2021

On November 5, 1949 Joann was born to the parents of Joe Gordon and Dorothy (Moore) Gordon in Vardaman, Mississippi. At the age of 71, Joann Michelle (Gordon) Ezell passed away on September 9, 2021 surrounded by her loving family.

Joann and her family relocated to Saginaw, Michigan in 1953. She attended, Martha Long Street Elementary, Central Junior High and Saginaw High School. She continued to pursue her education at Davenport University, Delta College, Northwood University, and Central Michigan University earning many degrees and certificates. Joann had a passion to learn and to teach others.

As of December 2020, Joann celebrated 23 years of sobriety and was coming up to her 24th year. She was an Activity Director at the Unity Club, and a sponsor to many. Joann was well known and actively involved in the Saginaw Community. She was always finding resources to help others in need. In her spare time Joann loved to run her own business R & J Clothing Line, read, listen to music, dancing, putting events together, finding a meeting, taking photos, meeting new friends and talking for hours on the phone to family and friends. She especially enjoyed talking with her granddaughter, Victoria who kept her up on the latest trends.

To cherish memories, Joann leaves her husband, Ronnie Ezell; her son,

Samuel (Angela) Williams of Pittsburgh, PA; two stepchildren, Jamail Peoples and Sharece Richardson both of Saginaw, MI; five grandchildren, Danyl Settles, Victoria Williams, Quinterria, Monte and Marcus Jones and one great-grandson Jai Jones all of whom she loved dearly. She also leaves to cherish memories, five brothers, James, Larry (Ada) and David Gordon, Lee (DeeDee) Wallace and Carl Gordon; three sisters, Betty Haywood, Renail Gordon and Diane Tyler all of Saginaw; one special aunt, Ruthel Wilson; two godchildren, John Clark, Saginaw and Kishi Wesby, Atlanta, GA; special friends to name a few, Carroll Beverly, Wilmer Ham-McZee, Janice Sayers, Janice Staples, Jacqueline Jacocks, Tausha Richards and the members of the Unity Club. She also had a host of nieces, nephews and cousins, too many to name but she loved dearly.

Mrs. Gordan-Ezell joined the heavenly gardens with her mother, Dorothy Gordon; father, Joe Gordon; grandparents, Joe and Lula Mae Gordon; brothers, Joe Milton, Charles and Kim Gordon; sisters, Roberta Harrison and Sandra Holliday; two nieces, Princess Elann Scott and Chelsea Phillips; one nephew, Dennis Parker; one great-nephew, Johnson Laster, Jr., godmother, Lilly Evans; mother-in-law, Mary Alice Gates; step-father-in-law, Peter James Gates; father-in-law, Detroit Ezell; and brothers-in-law, Rev. Jimmie Harrison and Jermain Gates.

The family would like to express special thanks to Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, Ames United Methodist Church, Wilmer Ham-McZee, Tracey Scott, Carroll Beverly and the Unity Club. We appreciate all the kind words of expression, concern and heartfelt sympathy during our time of bereavement. May God bless each and every one of you.

Memorial service will take place at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, September 25, 2021, at Ames United Methodist Church, 801 State Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48602. Pastor David Wichert, Host Pastor and Pastor Ernest Reed will officiate. Interment has taken place in Homewood Cemetery, 1599 South

Dallas Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ames United Methodist Church  
801 State Street  
Saginaw, MI 48602

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ I remember she use to take me to Show Biz Pizza. I love this lady for ever .

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**Marcell Sims** - February 24 at 03:35 AM

BT

“ *Barbra Roberson/Dallas Tx. sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell*



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**Barbra Roberson/Dallas Tx.** - October 12, 2021 at 12:45 PM

JI

“ *RIH*



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**Joseph Isom** - September 29, 2021 at 08:06 PM

FJ

“ *Fredrick Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell*



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**Fredrick Jones** - September 28, 2021 at 05:15 PM

YS

“ Yvonne Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



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**Yvonne Sanders** - September 28, 2021 at 10:27 AM

VB

“ I really enjoyed laughing and talking to Joann. She knew everybody in the neighborhood and in the public schools. We had some good times together when we were kids.

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**Vicki Bradley** - September 28, 2021 at 04:29 AM

CW

“ R.I.H. Such a sweetheart. Praying for the family at such a difficult time .



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**Capateron Wilson** - September 27, 2021 at 05:28 PM

DP

“ Dennis And Gail Porter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



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**Dennis and Gail Porter** - September 27, 2021 at 09:15 AM

DL

“ Debra Lane lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Debra Lane - September 26, 2021 at 09:02 AM

RM

“ Ruby Weems Mcgee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Ruby Weems Mcgee - September 25, 2021 at 08:20 PM

LW

“ Louis Weems sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Louis Weems - September 25, 2021 at 08:10 PM

CB

“ Christie Barker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Christie Barker - September 25, 2021 at 07:16 PM

IB

“ We all went to kindergarten together me, you, and Diane. Over the years our lives went separate ways. I was so happy to see you when finally met up again I started crying. My tears today are sad. Sleep in heavenly peace beautiful lady. Love and condolences to the Gordon Ezell family.



Ingrid Barkley - September 25, 2021 at 02:31 PM

DT

“ I met Ms. Joanne a few times. She was very sweet and kind. Joanne had such a warm heart. Our conversations may were brief, but memorable. You will be missed. My deepest condolences to the family with all my love. Sis. Dianne T.



Dianne T. - September 25, 2021 at 09:33 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. prayers for the Gordon Family .



Pamela McDaniel - September 25, 2021 at 09:29 AM

EF

“ Ethel And Robert Shaheed And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Ethel and Robert Shaheed and Family - September 25, 2021 at 07:21 AM

VB

“ Vicki Bradley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



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**Vicki Bradley** - September 25, 2021 at 06:24 AM

TC

“ Tommy Chester lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



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**Tommy Chester** - September 24, 2021 at 07:23 PM

DT

“ Debbie Toney sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



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**debbie toney** - September 24, 2021 at 10:08 AM

MO

“ Madeleine Oneal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



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**Madeleine Oneal** - September 24, 2021 at 09:40 AM

TH

“ Thomas Henley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Thomas Henley - September 24, 2021 at 08:50 AM

MA

“ Prayers to Ronnie and family. Joann has a beautiful soul! She truly cared about others. Will cherish the beautiful memories I have with her.

Marybeth - September 24, 2021 at 02:36 AM

GF

“ Gina Ford-Copeland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Gina Ford-Copeland - September 24, 2021 at 02:04 AM

VH

Joann had a beautiful sweet spirit and a kind heart...thank you for the many conversations we had...you will be greatly missed...❤️

Viktoria Harris - October 09, 2021 at 11:40 PM

DT

“ *Delphine Tillman-Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell*



Delphine Tillman-Martin - September 23, 2021 at 11:38 PM

CS

“ *Cathie Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell*



Cathie Stephens - September 23, 2021 at 10:26 PM

D.

“ *Family, the loving and kind woman Joann was, she will be lovingly missed. May God comfort be with you though your time of bereavement. Sorrowful Submitted, Doris Battle.*



D.Battle - September 23, 2021 at 08:03 PM

DP

“ *Dorothy Price-Omar sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell*



Dorothy Price-Omar - September 23, 2021 at 06:48 PM

DP

“ Dorothy Price-Omar lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Dorothy Price-Omar - September 23, 2021 at 06:45 PM

JC

“ Judge Terry L. Clark lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Judge Terry L. Clark - September 23, 2021 at 05:29 PM

DM

“ Diane and Tekisha McGowan lit a candle in memory of Mrs Joann Gordon Ezell



*We are a Lansing Family.*

Diane McGowan - September 23, 2021 at 02:06 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell.



September 23, 2021 at 01:44 PM

ON

“ Ora Neal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Ora Neal - September 23, 2021 at 01:17 PM

DT

“ Diane Tyler lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Diane Tyler - September 23, 2021 at 11:05 AM

MD

“ Mr&Mrs W illiam Doxie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Mr&Mrs W illiam Doxie - September 23, 2021 at 10:35 AM

RB

“ Rochelle Brewer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



rochelle brewer - September 23, 2021 at 10:32 AM

PD

“ It was so nice to meet you joann.thank you for all the advice and encouraging words. R.I.P Joann

Phillip darabos - September 23, 2021 at 10:05 AM

TR

“ To Ronnie , Sam, and all the family and friends of Joanne you have my prayers and sympathy.

Joann was a beautiful woman who taught me so much. She would give you the shirt off her back. She lived her family and friends dearly and will be missed so much. I will miss you JO I still go to call you every day realizing I CAN'T call you anymore. I LOVE YOU MAY YOU BE AT PEACE NOW.



Tausha Richards - September 23, 2021 at 07:24 AM



“ Phyllis Thorne sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Phyllis Thorne - September 23, 2021 at 05:05 AM

NC

“ Joanne, May you rest in eternal peace Nancy Carter. ATL, GA 💔



Nancy Carter - September 22, 2021 at 11:18 PM

GH

“ *Gloria Henderson-Eiland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell*



**Gloria Henderson-Eiland** - September 22, 2021 at 10:23 PM

CW

“ *Cathy Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell*



**Cathy Wilson** - September 22, 2021 at 10:11 PM



“ *Rest In Peace my sweet friend*



**Scott Sayers** - September 22, 2021 at 09:52 PM

NF

“ *Nathaniel And Sandra Ferrell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell*



**Nathaniel and Sandra Ferrell** - September 22, 2021 at 07:25 PM

JR

“ *Joyce Rivers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell*



**Joyce Rivers** - September 22, 2021 at 06:47 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell.*



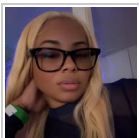
September 22, 2021 at 06:32 PM

JP

“ *Jamie Sanders-Hicks And Sentara Purdy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell*



**Jamie Sanders-Hicks and Sentara Purdy** - September 22, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ *Sentara Purdy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell*



**Sentara Purdy** - September 22, 2021 at 05:55 PM

RT

“ Robert & Kimberley Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



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**Robert & Kimberley Tucker** - September 22, 2021 at 05:41 PM

EH

“ Eual Holiman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



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**Eual Holiman** - September 22, 2021 at 05:39 PM

LH

*Joann was a very nice lady! The Saginaw community will surely miss her because she helped a lot! May you Rest In Peace now, you will be truly missed. Love Linda and Louis*

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**Linda Hodges** - September 22, 2021 at 07:21 PM

LK

“ Larry Kemp sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



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**Larry Kemp** - September 22, 2021 at 05:04 PM

FJ

“ *Felicia Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell*



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**Felicia Jones** - September 22, 2021 at 03:54 PM

CJ

“ *Carolyn Jarrett-Mason lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell*



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**Carolyn Jarrett-Mason** - September 22, 2021 at 03:02 PM

DS

“ *She was an AWESOME teacher!*



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**David Slaughter** - September 22, 2021 at 02:27 PM

CB

“ *To Ronnie, Sam, and family members of my buddy, my pal, my friend. I'm going to miss Joanne. JOANNE LOVED YOU. I pray God's Grace and Mercy towards you. Have peace in your time of need. Carroll and the Beverly Family*

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**C. Beverly** - September 22, 2021 at 02:24 PM

CB

“ C. Beverly lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



C. Beverly - September 22, 2021 at 02:18 PM

CB

“ Carroll A. Beverly lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Carroll A. Beverly - September 22, 2021 at 02:17 PM

NR

“ Nedra Riley-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Nedra Riley-Williams - September 22, 2021 at 01:00 PM

NR

“ My Prayers and Condolences to Family Rest in Peace my Childhood Friend 🙏



Nedra Riley-Williams - September 22, 2021 at 01:00 PM

YC

“ Yvonne Corley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Yvonne Corley - September 22, 2021 at 12:50 PM

MD

“ Maurice Daily lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Maurice Daily - September 22, 2021 at 12:36 PM

CF

“ Charles Dorsey & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Charles Dorsey & Family - September 22, 2021 at 12:35 PM

BE

“ BettyPruitt-Daily lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



BettyPruitt-Daily - September 22, 2021 at 12:35 PM

LM

“ *Larry Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell*



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**Larry Martin** - September 22, 2021 at 12:34 PM

WF

“ *My sincere condolences to the family Joann will truly be missed praying for GOD'S PEACE to rest upon you all* ❤️



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**Wanneka Fair** - September 22, 2021 at 12:33 PM

DW

“ *Doretta J Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell*



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**Doretta J Williams** - September 22, 2021 at 12:32 PM

DB

“ *Dr. Carroll A. Beverly lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell*



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**Dr. Carroll A. Beverly** - September 22, 2021 at 11:59 AM

DB

“ Dr. Carroll A. Beverly lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Dr. Carroll A. Beverly - September 22, 2021 at 11:56 AM

RW

“ Rodney & Barb Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Rodney & Barb Walker - September 22, 2021 at 11:50 AM

DB

“ Dr. Carroll A. Beverly lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Dr. Carroll A. Beverly - September 22, 2021 at 11:47 AM

ES

“ Ethel Shaheed lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Ethel Shaheed - September 22, 2021 at 10:31 AM

SH

“ Shirley Hughes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Shirley Hughes - September 22, 2021 at 09:30 AM

DA

“ Deidra Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Deidra Andrews - September 22, 2021 at 07:56 AM

BW

“ Sending love, prayers, hugs and condolences ❤️ 🥹 🙏 to the Gordon/Ezell extended family and friends ❤️

Bernice Williams - September 22, 2021 at 06:11 AM



“ Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Joanie Williams - September 22, 2021 at 12:18 AM

JW

“*Joyce White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell*



Joyce White - September 21, 2021 at 11:13 PM

WW

“*Joann taught and gave her all to help so many live a purposeful life, free of all substances. May Your soul Rest In Peace. Job well done.*

Warnella Wright - September 21, 2021 at 09:51 PM


KF

“*Kristine Conkey & Conkey Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell*



kristine conkey & conkey family - September 21, 2021 at 09:03 PM

OJ

“*Deepest condolences and sincere sympathy gout your The Gordon family on the homegoing of Ms JoAnn M. Gordon Ezell . From The Dorris J. & Melvin Jones & The Entire Family of The Late Ms. Rosa Lee Jones. We all grew up in the Potter - Longstreet Neighborhood. Joan will be missed. Gone but never Forgotten. Take comfort in scripture from The Holy Bible from Matt 5:4  Blessed are Those Who Mourn For They Shall Be Comforted. We love y'all Pooh. and Ron!*



Orlando Jones - September 21, 2021 at 08:54 PM

KG

“ *Missing you dearly my beloved sister, you will be missed. Forever loved & forever in my heart!* ”



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**Kuymeisha Gordon** - September 21, 2021 at 08:45 PM

BW

“ *Sending love, prayers, hugs and condolences ❤️ 🥹 🙏 to the family and friends ❤️* ”

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**Bernice Williams** - September 21, 2021 at 06:34 PM

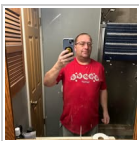
ED

“ *Emma Donald lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell* ”



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**Emma Donald** - September 21, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ *Joann I will miss u so much u r in heaven tell my sister we miss her love ya Joann* ”



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**Scott Sayers** - September 21, 2021 at 03:44 PM

KS

“ I LOVE YOU AUNTIE JO... PRAYERS OF PEACE AND COMFORT TO ALL FAMILY AND THOSE THAT KNEW AND LOVED HER. SPECIAL PRAYERS TO YOU POO BEAR.. GOD BLESS YOU....



Kimberly Bond - Sims - September 21, 2021 at 03:32 PM

KG

“ Love you dearly & beyond my aunt jojo



Kuymeisha Gordon - September 21, 2021 at 01:51 PM

CW

“ Carolyn Washington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Carolyn Washington - September 21, 2021 at 01:32 PM

CJ

“ Chris, WayneCat Jernigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



Chris, WayneCat Jernigan - September 21, 2021 at 12:44 PM

GM

“ Gary McClain lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



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**Gary McClain** - September 21, 2021 at 12:33 PM

GB

“ Gloria Blackmon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann Gordon Ezell



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**Gloria Blackmon** - September 21, 2021 at 11:42 AM