



Mrs. Marie Elsie Rashada

March 31, 1939 - July 12, 2022

Marie Elsie (Bosley) Thomas Rashada was born on March 31, 1939 in Natchez, Mississippi into the union of the late Joseph Bosley Sr. and Carrie E. (Bernard) Bosley. She was the fourth of five children. Marie departed this life on July 12, 2022 at Seton Medical Center in Harker Heights, Texas.

At a young age, Marie confessed her faith in Christ at China Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Natchez, MS. Marie's mother taught her to play the organ/piano, how to cook, and how to sew. Marie was hired to be the organist/pianist at numerous churches in Mississippi during her early years, which helped to cultivate her talent for playing the organ and piano. Marie attended Natchez College, where she received her formal education. While attending school, Marie performed as a member of the glee club under the direction of Professor Kind. The glee club was well-renowned for their talents, performing at many venues throughout the South. Marie graduated from Natchez Junior College on May 26, 1958.

Marie was united in Holy Matrimony to Elijah Thomas Sr. in 1958. To this union seven children were born, two of which preceded Marie in death. Marie and Elijah were married for 38 years, until Elijah Sr.'s passing after a lengthy illness in 1996. In 1998, Marie married Abdur-Rahim Rashada of Saginaw, MI. Marie and Abdur were married for 19 years. This union brought together two loving and humble families, consisting of 11 devoted children.

Marie and her family relocated to Saginaw, MI in the late 1950s, where she converted to Islam and served as a long-time faithful member of the Islamic Center of Saginaw. She served diligently as the leader of the Surety Board and the Kitchen. Marie graciously visited and cared for the sick and shut-in, providing sustenance and emotional support. Marie was dearly devoted to her family and her love for cooking, sewing, and music. She enjoyed playing the organ/piano and singing songs from the heart to the one from which she received her strength, gifts, and blessings; The Creator, God Almighty, Allah. Marie spent many years playing the organ/piano for local churches, even teaching children how to play. She was a master seamstress who was sought out by local businesses to do alterations, supplying services daily for many years. Marie's customers were very grateful for her services and her abilities. Marie was a woman of faith, strength, love commitment, resource, and wisdom. She was a God-fearing and virtuous woman, and a faithful and loyal friend.

Marie was preceded in death by both parents Joseph Bosley Sr. and Carrie E. (Bernard) Bosley; both husbands Elijah Thomas Sr. and Abdur-Rahim Rashada; brothers Joseph Bosley Jr. and Sam Bosley; sister Ruby L. Wilson; son David E. Thomas and daughter Sheila M. Freeman; step-son Maurice Tate and step-grandson Ali S. Rashada.

Marie leaves to cherish her memories: her sister Deloris Brooks, Memphis, TN; sons Elijah Thomas Jr. of Saginaw, MI, Samuel (Marcelyn) Thomas of Grand Rapids, MI and Craig Thomas of Temple, TX; her daughters Brenda (Delbert) Irving of Killeen, TX and Bridget (Mark) Thomas of Killeen, TX; Stepsons William Tate of Rockford, IL, Rahim S. (Jamillah) Rashada of Las Vegas, NV; stepdaughters Hafeeza Rashada of Wayne, MI and Fathiyyah Rashada of Westland, MI; 35 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and

loved ones.

Funeral service will take place at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 21, 2022 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48607. Iman Robert Shaheed. Interment is in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington, Ave, Saginaw, MI 48601. Friends may call at the funeral home on Wednesday from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 20. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JUL 21. 11:30 AM (ET)

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441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Marie Elsie Rashada*



Browne's Mortuary - July 21, 2022 at 11:26 AM

IH

“ *Inez Hinton-Summerall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Elsie Rashada*



Inez Hinton-Summerall - July 29, 2022 at 12:07 PM

OB

“ *May you Rest in Paradise Sister Marie*

Oona Bey-Outlaw - July 25, 2022 at 12:17 PM

SO

“ *Stephanie Omar lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Elsie Rashada*



Stephanie Omar - July 22, 2022 at 11:03 PM

CT

“ Cynthia Tate lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Elsie Rashada



Cynthia Tate - July 22, 2022 at 11:43 AM

HF

“ Hollis Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Elsie Rashada



Hollis Family - July 20, 2022 at 08:59 PM

CB

Rest in peace Aunt Maria Rashada Charlena Lewis family

Charlena lewis Bell - July 27, 2022 at 11:01 AM

BS

“ Mrs. Marie as all the neighbor kids called her was a very kind hearted spiritual lady. I remember her sharing her homemade rolls that she freshly baked with the children playing in her yard. Sending love and condolences to the family.

Barbara Hollis-Lawson & Sisters - July 20, 2022 at 08:17 PM

SW

“ Fly high our angel! We love and greatly miss you! Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

🙏❤️ Percy Bernard & Family



Sandra Williams - July 20, 2022 at 01:25 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie Elsie Rashada.



July 20, 2022 at 08:59 AM

DC

“ Deborah Champion lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Elsie Rashada



Deborah Champion - July 20, 2022 at 03:42 AM

RS

“ Our prayers and condolences to the family. 🙏
🙏 God bless and strengthen each of you during this difficult time... rest well Mother Marie
🎹📺📺💛🕊️



Regina Smith-Johnson - July 19, 2022 at 06:43 PM

LV

“ When you know a person for their kindness and good deeds, you know where they will spend eternity. My condolences to her family.

Linda McClain Holiday Veasley - July 19, 2022 at 05:47 PM

DP

“ Dorothy Price-Omar sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marie Elsie Rashada



Dorothy Price-Omar - July 19, 2022 at 03:42 PM

DH

“ Damaris Hardy purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Mrs. Marie Elsie Rashada.



Damaris Hardy - July 19, 2022 at 01:01 PM

HR

“ My angel, I will always cherish the love you have shown to us all. No one was a stranger. Always open arms!!! I knew you as my sister in faith for years. Then Allah blessed me to be your daughter. I love you Mom. I can hear my Dad in Jannah telling you to play something on that organ.
Your daughter,
Hafeeza



Hafeeza Rashada - July 19, 2022 at 01:00 PM

DH

“ Damaris Hardy purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Mrs. Marie Elsie Rashada.



Damaris Hardy - July 19, 2022 at 12:55 PM



“ White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie Elsie Rashada.



July 19, 2022 at 11:18 AM

DE

“ Debra Davenport El-Amin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Elsie Rashada



Debra Davenport El-Amin - July 18, 2022 at 09:04 PM

RW

“ Rasheedah Wazeerud-Din lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Elsie Rashada



Rasheedah Wazeerud-Din - July 18, 2022 at 06:49 PM

LM

“ *Linda M McCune lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Elsie Rashada*



Linda M McCune - July 18, 2022 at 03:57 PM

ES

“ *To the family of Sister Marie (Thomas) Rashada May God strengthen your family! Please Accept our Sincere Condolence for your great loss. Those we love don't go away They walk beside us everyday. Unseen, unheard, but always near, still Loved and Missed and always Dear. We will miss Sister Marie a very kind and gentle woman. Who Never met a stranger always caring and, a Loving person. Sister Marie will deeply be missed by All and, especially The Islamic Center Community as well. RIP. Sister Ethel Nadiyah Shaheed, and Imam Robert Abdul Shaheed*



E. Nadiyah Imam Robert Abdul Shaheed - July 17, 2022 at 09:10 PM

ES

“ *E. Nadiyah + Imam Robert Abdul Shaheed sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marie Elsie Rashada*



E. Nadiyah + Imam Robert Abdul Shaheed - July 17, 2022 at 08:39 PM

RF

“ RIVERS FAMILY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marie Elsie Rashada



RIVERS FAMILY - July 17, 2022 at 07:09 PM

TF

“ THE RIVERS FAMILY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marie Elsie Rashada



THE RIVERS FAMILY - July 17, 2022 at 07:07 PM

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DA

“ Debra Abdullah sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marie Elsie Rashada



Debra Abdullah - July 14, 2022 at 08:04 PM

DA

“ Sister Marie, was definitely a woman of faith! Very kind and just a great person to be around! To her family, I offer my heartfelt condolences and prayers! She will definitely be missed! ❤️! May you R.I.H, Sister Marie Thomas Rashada❤️

Debra Abdullah - July 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM

AS

“ Akeshia Speight lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Elsie Rashada



Akeshia Speight - July 14, 2022 at 07:55 PM

DP

“ Dorothy Price-Omar lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Elsie Rashada



Dorothy Price-Omar - July 14, 2022 at 01:55 PM

DM

“ Doris R Morris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Elsie Rashada



Doris R Morris - July 14, 2022 at 09:07 AM

DM

“ *Doris R Morris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Elsie Rashada*



Doris R Morris - July 14, 2022 at 08:26 AM

GB

“ *To the Family of Mrs. Marie Elsie Rashada:*

We offer our sincere sympathy and heartfelt prayers during this very difficult time. She was a great neighbor and we are sure that she will truly be missed by all who knew her . . .

Sincerely,

*Mother Charlsie Thomas
Rose Chandler
Gwen White Bowman*



Gwen White Bowman - July 13, 2022 at 07:06 PM

HT

“ *Helen Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Elsie Rashada*



Helen Thomas - July 13, 2022 at 01:40 PM

HT

“ *When the last breath of one creates such a void in so many equate to a well lived life. A woman of faith and always an encouraging word. No matter what she herself was facing she did it gracefully . if you were in need she would be a face that you can count on and a helping. Loved her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grands. She poured something in to each one of them from oldest to the youngest. Rest well job well done.*

Helen Thomas - July 13, 2022 at 01:39 PM

JL

Keeping the family in prayer

Janice Lee - July 14, 2022 at 09:18 AM