



Mary Hollis

December 28, 1944 - April 6, 2012

Funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 13, 2012 at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 535 Cathay Street. Pastor P. David Saunders will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Avenue on Thursday from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. "God took a walk through His garden and looked at how the flowers abound. As He strolled along the blooms ...a special flower He found. On Friday, April 6, 2012, He reached down his massive hand and picked it from all the rest. He gazed at this special flower, He knew He picked the best! Dignity, elegance, courage, and strength are all words that describe Mary Alice Hollis; an entrepreneur and God fearing woman. She was a woman of extraordinary grace and excellence sent to us by God." Mary Alice Reaves moved to Saginaw, Michigan in June of 1963 and married the love of her life, Thomas Hollis, on September 12, 1964. Thomas preceded her in death on October 9, 1999. She was a faithful and active member of Bethel A.M.E. Church. She was known for her creativity. Mary Alice received her education and was a graduate of the Headland School System in Headland, Alabama. She leaves to cherish her memory two daughters and one son, Deirdre Hollis-Smith and Devona Hollis both of Lawrenceville, GA and Devin Hollis, Saginaw, MI; three grandchildren, Jevon Hollis, Houston, TX, Thomas and Amaria Smith both of Lawrenceville, GA; three sisters, Gracie Witherspoon, Shender (Regimond) McKinney and Ethel Warren, all of Saginaw, MI; adopted grandson, Lawrence Bell, Houston, TX; Godchildren, Rhonda Warren,

Sheena Flemming and Camesha Huffman, all of Saginaw, MI, and Robert Cook of Esconaba, MI; special nieces, Tonja Brown, Saginaw, MI and Loretia (Darrell) Usher, Conyers, GA; special nephew, Rapheal Hill; uncle, Royal Lee Holley, Saginaw, MI; special cousins, Mae Rietta Reaves and family of Dothan, AL and Donnie (Francis) Reaves and family of Jackson, MI; cousins, Regina, Kendra, Khalia, Reginald Warren, Drayne all of Saginaw, MI, Nicquel Terry, Troy, MI, Peggie (Hinton J.) Lucas, Landenberg, PA, Eyvonne Matthews and the Reeves family of Holland, MI; sister-in-law, Becky (Luther) Petty; brothers-in-law, Charles and Cecil (Rena) Hollis, both of Saginaw, MI; her extended family, Angela Foster and Ayana Lett both of Detroit, MI, Kevin Lett, Lawrenceville, GA, Andre Walton, Fort Wayne, IN, Kevin Garcia, Rogelio (Lovetta) Garcia, Kevin (Gioia) Marshall, Jenaro Juarez, all of Saginaw, MI, DeAndre Lipscomb, Detroit, MI and the Williams Family; special friends, Lue Ellen Flemming, Francis Huffman, both of Saginaw, MI, June Newton, Norcross, GA; dear friends Laura, Christine and Georgia Mae all of Miami, FL, Bob Mack, Dothan, AL, and Jorene, Browns Mills, NJ; a host of other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Mary Alice was also preceded in death by her mother Lessie (Rev. Chester, Sr.) Brown; father, Randall Jackson; two sisters, Charlotte Anna; brother, Chester, Jr., father-and mother-in-law, Emmitt and Emma Hollis; one brother-in-law, DeRonnie Hollis.

Tribute Wall

PW

“ *To the Hollis Family;*

We pray that the Hollis family find peace and rest in this time of bereavement and may the family be uplifted through God's Word.

Pastor McKinley & Karen M. Williams - April 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Devin and family,*

Our condolences and prayers are extended to your family during this most difficult time. May our Father, the ultimate healer of broken hearts, comfort and uplift you now and in the days ahead. Please know that our family is praying for all of you.

*God bless,
Kevin & Felice Bond*

Kevin & Felice Bond - April 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ To the Brown, Hollis, & Warren Families,

It is with a heavy heart that I send this condolence to your family. Our families have been close friends for at least 50 years. When my mom told me that Alice had passed I felt like I had lost a member of my family,

Alice was one of the nicest people that you could ever know. She would always greet me with a smile and hug whenever we saw each other.

I will not be able to be with you as you celebrate her homegoing but know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Leah Conway O'Daniels - April 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

OK

“ DEEDEE AND NOOKIE I WILL KEEP YOU IN MY PRAYERS SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR LOSS. BUT GOD KNOWS BEST. SHE IS IN THE ARMS OF OUR FATHER UP IN HEAVEN.

Olivia Kincaid-Smith - April 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Remembering Alice's beautiful smile and sharing in your sadness about her passing. We pray that God gives you strength each day.

Evelyn Sangster - April 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *The last time I saw you was @ my cousin Gina Frierson's wedding ~ we laughed and it was great to see you in that we had not seen each other since the old days on 28th street - To the Family - My deepest condolences - God makes no mistakes - however we no that earth has no sorrows that heaven can not heal - RIP my friend*

God Bless you all during this time.

Tracy Woods - April 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ *Mary was a wonderful person; in lieu of everything that was going on in her life, she always had a smile on her face every time I saw her on the floor. I was always greeted with a great big hug, a kiss on the cheek and a warm welcome like I was a part of the family! Meer words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss. God bless you in your hour of need.*

Respectfully

Holli S. Willett, RN

Holli Willett - April 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *You will be sadly missed and know that God knows what's best for us. To the family my sincere blessings to all of you and stay strong.*

Love,

June

June M Newton - April 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ To the Hollis family,
We send our condolence and prayers to you all. Know that mama
Mary is in a better place and she is not suffering anymore.

Charles & Kellee Garrett - April 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ To Devon and family I would like you to know that you and the
family are in our prayers and if there is anything me or Travon can
do let us know. God will give you strength.

McClellon, Cotton, Essex Family

Theresa McClellon - April 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ To the Hollis Family,

My prayers and condolences are with you during your time of
bereavement. May was a beautiful woman who never met a
stranger. I will miss the talks we used to have as well as her smile
and warm hugs that she always greeted me with.

May God comfort you today, tomorrow and always. All my love,

Vonnie

Vonnie Scott - April 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM