



Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese

February 26, 1953 - May 13, 2024

Melvie Kay “Sis” (Gaiter) Reese, beloved wife of Jerome Reese, Sr., devoted mother of Alnisha (Kenneth, Sr.) Muschette, Waldorf, MD and Jerome, Jr. (Jeannine Williford) Reese passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on May 13, 2024 at the age of 71 years in Saginaw, Michigan.

On February 26, 1953 in Saginaw, Michigan, Melvie was the first loving daughter of eight children born to the proud parents of Buford, Sr. and Emma (Townsend) Gaiter. She was dedicated and selfless to the needs of her family. She was the life of the party making sure to keep everyone smiling and laughing. Melvie loved being around her family and providing unwavering support to them.

She attended Saginaw High School and graduated from St. Joseph High School “Class of 71”. Melvie committed over 40 years of her life to Heartland Healthcare, working in the Dietary Department. She formed special bonds with the patients, finding joy in serving and caring for them. She loved to travel in her earlier years. Outside of work, she found solace in caring for her grandchildren, visits from family and friends, watching her favorite T.V. shows and listening to blues music. Some of her favorite singers were her cousin, L.J. Reynolds and Johnny Taylor.

She is survived by her loving husband, children and grandchildren: Eulalia

Muschette, Monica Williford, Kenneth Muschette, Jr., Ana Muschette, Mylin Williford Reese, Alexis, Jalon and Simeon Muschette. Melvie is also survived by her siblings, Jessie (Bruce) Taylor, Memphis, TN, Buford, Jr. (Sallie) Gaiter, Eddie (Brinda) Gaiter, Emma (Terry, Sr.) Richard, Willie Gaiter and Everette Gaiter; brothers and sisters-in-law, Willie Reese, Patricia Johnson and Janice Wimberly all of Valley, AL and Gail Oliver; special niece that was like a daughter, Shandra Gaiter and many other beloved nieces and nephews, Devrette Gaiter, Sr. Wesley (Courtney) Gaiter, Vernon (Tiffany) Gaiter, Gressley Smith, Christopher Smith, Eddie, Jr. (Shawquinna) Gaiter, Eboni Gaiter, Cherel (Anthony) Land, LaCresha (Kevin) Moore, Milton, Jr. (Denise) Oliver, Marshall (Mandi) Oliver, Matthew (Taneisha) Oliver, Terry, Jr. (Setira) Richards, Keshia Richards, Akeshia Speight, Jamar, Whitney and Aaliyah Williamson; great-nieces and nephews, Nyauri Joshua, Marcel Nathan, Marcus Henderson-Gaiter, Mariah Gaiter, Terry Richard III, Devrette, Jr., Jordan and Samantha Gaiter, Bre'Asia Smith, Liliana Gaiter and many more that were precious to her; numerous aunts, uncles and cherished cousins; dear friends, Ms. Doris Davis, Cecil Robinson and Ms. May Snead.

Melvie Reese was preceded in death by her parents Mr. Buford, Sr. and Mrs. Emma (Townsend) Gaiter; mother-in-law, Ms. Willie Pearl Reese and eldest brother, Milton Oliver, Sr.

Our family would like to extend sincere appreciation to the ICU Medical Team at Covenant HealthCare-Harrison and everyone who provided care and support. We also would like to express our gratitude to family and friends for your kindness, compassion and support during this time.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 25, 2024 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607. Pastor Robert Corley, Jr. will officiate. Interment will take place in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington Ave., Saginaw, MI 48601. Visitation will take

place from 9:00 until the time of service.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 25. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

MAY 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



Browne's Mortuary - May 25, 2024 at 01:45 PM

KG

Rest in Heaven, Cuz.

Kenneth Marcellus Gaiter - May 25, 2024 at 01:31 PM

JH

Rest in peace sis I love you

Joyce Hunt - June 15, 2024 at 01:54 PM

DP

“ *Sending sincere condolences to the family of Melvie, sorry for your loss*



Denise Pierson, - May 26, 2024 at 03:46 PM

DF

“ *Sending sincere deepest condolences to the family of Melvie May you find peace and comfort during the difficult times* ”



Denise Pierson, Delores Roberson and fam - May 26, 2024 at 03:44 PM

MB

“ *Marie D Blackmon sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese* ”



Marie D Blackmon - May 26, 2024 at 09:24 AM



“ *Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese* ”



Joanie Williams - May 25, 2024 at 12:43 AM

VS

“ *Vermell L. Sangster lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese* ”



Vermell L. Sangster - May 24, 2024 at 05:46 PM

DH

“ Deborah H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese.

Deborah H. - May 24, 2024 at 04:09 PM

LJ

“ Linda Burks Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese



Linda Burks Jackson - May 24, 2024 at 12:57 PM

LJ

Prayers to the family.

Linda Burks Jackson - May 24, 2024 at 12:57 PM

MB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss



Monica Blackman - May 24, 2024 at 12:37 PM

WH

“ My deepest heart felt condolences to the family Eddie (Brinda) Gaiter I pray God will comforted you all with his heavenly peace peace and understanding. So sorry for your loss.



Willie & Elaine Houston - May 23, 2024 at 09:36 PM

BR

“ *Browder,Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



Browder,Family - May 23, 2024 at 08:39 PM

DD

“ *TO THE FAMILY OF MELVIE REESE. THIS IS HARD FOR ME. TO LOSE A FRIEND AFTER 40 YEARS. MAY THE HAPPY MEMORIES GIVE YOU PEACE AND COMFORT. WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS HOW SADDENED I AM. NO WORDS CAN EASE THIS PAIN. LOVING THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE FAMILY DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONDOLENCES .MELVIE IS GONE FROM OUR SIGHT, BUT NEVER FROM OUR HEART.MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. DORIS DAVIS*

Doris Davis - May 23, 2024 at 08:20 PM

DD

“ *Doris Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



Doris Davis - May 23, 2024 at 06:59 PM

DA

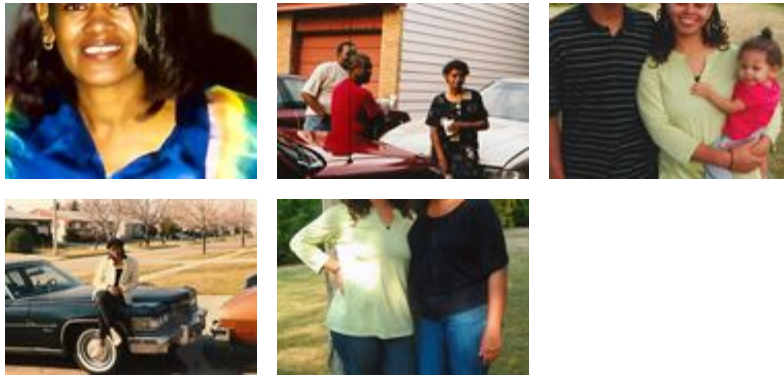
“ Deborah Aytch lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese



Deborah Aytch - May 23, 2024 at 06:51 PM



“ 81 files added to the album Life Tributes



Browne's Mortuary - May 23, 2024 at 12:08 PM



“ Family it is with great sadness that I will not be able to be with you during this time of sorrow. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers and I love you with all my heart. Sis is and will always be well love by me and my mom and Kindy. She and mom talked often after dad passed, mom enjoyed those conversations. If she could be with you I know she would, as well as me. we are with you in thoughts and prayers. Again we love you and blessings always.



Leonora Pickett (Baby-Sis)

Leonora Townsend-Pickett - May 22, 2024 at 10:30 PM

VT

“ Valerie Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese



Valerie Taylor - May 22, 2024 at 10:09 PM

KT

“ Kenneth Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese



Kenneth Taylor - May 22, 2024 at 10:04 PM

KT

To the gator family sorry for your loss life is too short these days she was a beautiful woman. She's gone to be with the Lord in heaven, ❤️ may God bless the family and all the siblings Jesus name amen. ❤️🙏
Mr. Kenny Taylor and family ❤️

Kenneth Taylor - May 22, 2024 at 10:08 PM

CH

“ Clifford L. Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese



Clifford L. Harris - May 22, 2024 at 09:06 PM

RJ

“ *Rev Robert D Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



Rev Robert d Jones - May 22, 2024 at 06:35 PM

PC

“ *Penny Cole lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



Penny cole - May 22, 2024 at 03:03 PM

SB

“ *Shellie Jackson Bell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



Shellie Jackson Bell - May 22, 2024 at 12:36 PM

ES

“ *Ella Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



Ella Scott - May 22, 2024 at 10:48 AM

VR

“ *Veronica Nikki Roby sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



Veronica Nikki Roby - May 21, 2024 at 11:07 PM

DM

“ *Derrell Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



Derrell Martin - May 21, 2024 at 08:52 PM

JP

“ *To the Family of Melvie K. Reese: My prayers, condolences, and thoughts are with you during this time of loss! I pray that God will bless you with comfort, peace, and strength during your time of bereavement! God bless, and much love to you all!* 🙏🙏🙏❤️



*With deepest sympathy,
Josephine Pelt*

Josephine Pelt - May 21, 2024 at 11:22 AM

LS

“ *Sending love and prayers to Nisha and the family during this time. May God give you peace, strength and understanding.*

LaToya Sherman - May 21, 2024 at 09:47 AM

LM

“ *Linda Miller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



Linda Miller - May 21, 2024 at 08:59 AM

BS

“ *Bobby Shakespeare lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



Bobby Shakespeare - May 20, 2024 at 10:52 PM

BC

“ *Bonnie Curry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



Bonnie Curry - May 20, 2024 at 10:51 PM

CG

“ *Caroline J Glover lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



Caroline J Glover - May 20, 2024 at 10:51 PM

SC

“ *SONA Carruth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



SONA Carruth - May 20, 2024 at 10:45 PM

MP

“ *Our deepest condolences and prayers are with the entire family* ❤️🙏.

Dec. Charles & Share' Patrick



Mrs. Share' Patrick - May 20, 2024 at 09:25 PM

DS

“ *Donna Shipman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



Donna Shipman - May 20, 2024 at 09:13 PM

MC

“ *Mrs Addie Harper, Evelyn And Josie Couch lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



Mrs Addie Harper, Evelyn and Josie Couch - May 20, 2024 at 07:56 PM

PC

“ *My condolences to the family, so sorry for your loss, Mr. Eddie & Brienda Gaiter and family. Mel RIP*



Pamela Jumper Cisco - May 20, 2024 at 05:58 PM

WF

“ *Wanda Faye Reynolds And Reynolds Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



Wanda Faye Reynolds and Reynolds Family - May 19, 2024 at 01:40 PM

MK

“ *Siss I can't believe this. Rest in peace, my friend. My condolences and prays to family.*



Monica Kellum - May 18, 2024 at 11:12 PM

DS

My sincere condolences to the families RIP Sis you will be missed

Donna Sorherland - May 19, 2024 at 10:17 PM

TB

“ *REST IN PEACE MRS. MELVIE KAY REESE*



TECKNER BROWN - May 18, 2024 at 10:10 PM

AF

“ *Annie Ruth Speight Fuller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



Annie Ruth Speight Fuller - May 18, 2024 at 06:40 PM

RA

“ *Regina Alford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



Regina Alford - May 18, 2024 at 01:45 PM

RS

Ruth Sisson lit a candle in memory of Mrs Melvin Reese

Ruth Sisson - May 18, 2024 at 02:56 PM

DA

“ Debra Austin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese



Debra Austin - May 18, 2024 at 12:53 AM

BO

“ Bertha Omar sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese



Bertha Omar - May 17, 2024 at 10:48 PM

EB

“ Eugene And Michelle Blair sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese



Eugene and Michelle Blair - May 17, 2024 at 01:02 PM

MM

“ I would like to give the Reese family my condolences from the Marsh family



Mae Marsh - May 17, 2024 at 10:07 AM

SM

“ *Shayla Miller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



Shayla Miller - May 17, 2024 at 09:54 AM

EB

“ *Elaine Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



Elaine Brown - May 16, 2024 at 04:40 PM

BL

“ *Brenda Lawson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



Brenda Lawson - May 16, 2024 at 03:45 PM

AH

“ *Ayanna Harrow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



Ayanna Harrow - May 16, 2024 at 09:53 AM

AS

“ Rest Well Auntie ☐🍫❤️



Akeshia Speight - May 15, 2024 at 08:42 PM

LI

“ Linda(Arnett)Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese



Linda(Arnett)Taylor - May 15, 2024 at 07:15 PM

JH

“ Jamie & Raymond Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese



Jamie & Raymond Hicks - May 15, 2024 at 09:13 AM

SM

“ SHARON MITCHELL lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese



SHARON MITCHELL - May 15, 2024 at 09:00 AM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



Brenda Jones - May 15, 2024 at 04:25 AM

JL

“ *John Lively lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



John lively - May 14, 2024 at 11:05 PM

BT

“ *Bobbie Turner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



Bobbie Turner - May 14, 2024 at 07:59 PM

KR

“ *Kevin Richard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese*



Kevin Richard - May 14, 2024 at 06:40 PM

KD

“ KAY DAWKINS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese



KAY DAWKINS - May 14, 2024 at 06:35 PM

TJ

“ Rest on Sis

Tina Jamerson-Mata - May 14, 2024 at 05:06 PM

NM

“ 1 file added to the album Memories of Sis



Nisha Muschette - May 14, 2024 at 03:49 PM

SB

Really Gonna miss you .Melvie you always had a warm beautiful smile.My mother Dorothy Boone loved you so much. You both worked together at heartland health care. Take your Rest we love you. But God loves you best.

Sandra Boone - May 14, 2024 at 04:32 PM

PU

Lovely

Pumpkin - May 22, 2024 at 08:47 AM

YC

“ Yvonne Corley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese



Yvonne Corley - May 14, 2024 at 02:19 PM

LT

“ Linda Troutmon sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese



Linda Troutmon - May 14, 2024 at 12:03 PM

DA

“ Dona Austin-Bigby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvie Kay Reese



Dona Austin-Bigby - May 13, 2024 at 05:26 PM