



## Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders

June 24, 1948 - February 21, 2017

Loving cousin, god-sister, god-mother and friend was called to be with the Lord in eternal rest, on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at her home at the age of 68 years. Ms. Bunny was born June 24, 1948, in New York, New York to the late Garvin L. Saunders and Lavinia M. Osborne Saunders.

Ms. Bunny was baptized in Bethel A.M.E. Church in 1948 and was a life-long member of Bethel A.M.E. Church, and a resident of Saginaw, MI. Her great great-uncle, Mr. Henry VanDyke was one of the founders of both Bethel A.M.E. Church and Zion Baptist Church. Mr. Henry VanDyke and his family moved to Saginaw from Canada in 1867. Ms. Bunny graduated from Saginaw High School in 1966. She started working at the Civitan Recreation Center as a Co-op student in 1965. In 1968 she started working at Osteopathic Hospital. Ms. Bunny left for better paying job and began working for General Motors in 1977. She retired from Delphi in 2003.

Ms. Bunny was very active in her church at an early age. She sang in the Junior Choir and was a member of the Junior Usher Board and a member of Girl Scout Troop 210. Under the Leadership of Rev. Harold C. Huggins, Ms. Bunny became a Trustee and served for six years, she also served on Usher Board # 2. Upon her death Ms. Bunny was member of Bethel A. M. E. Stewardess Board #2, The Retirees Club and The Courtesy Ministry. She was also a life time member of the N.A.A.C.P. Bunny was a blessed woman and

filled with the joy of giving, with a loving spirit, she frequently gave of her money and clothes to those in need. She also liked to surprise the elderly one day of the month, she would surprise one elderly person with a fruit basket. She always enjoyed helping older people, and talking with them, because she felt they had so much wisdom.

She enjoyed traveling, sports, ballroom dancing, writing poems, collecting coins and collecting Tiggers. She made new friends when she started Ballroom dancing, she loved to dance. Anyone that knew Bunny knew that things were either black or white to her, there were no gray areas. Also if you did not want to know the truth, don't ask her. If you were Ms. Bunny's friend she cherished your friendship.

Ms. Bunny is survived by her adopted family Sarah and Jerry Blakely and Tarsha; her BFF's, Maria Brewer, Renee McCall, Patricia McKinnon Simpson, Lori Reetz and Bette C.; her grade school friends since the age of 5, Loudean Moultrie, Penny Williams (god-sister); her god-brother, Keith Jackson and two god children, Wayne Abby and Arlea Arnett; dear friends, Bobby Reynolds, Irene Romero Margie Lopez and Roberta McGowen.

Ms. Bunny was preceded in death by her parents, Garvin L. and Lavinia M. Saunders; her grandmothers, Edna M. Osborne and Nellie Lewis Saunders; her grandfather, Norman V. D. Osborne; and her beloved friend, Mary E. Miller.

Ms. Bunny was a faithful member of Bethel A.M.E. Church. Just remember "I did it my way". If I put a smile on your face or made you laugh, remember those days, because they were truly important to me. Peace, happiness & love to all of you that I met during my life's journey.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 535 Cathay Street. Pastor P. David Saunders will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the University of Michigan CCC Breast Cancer Program 304917, 1000 Oakbrook Drive, Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church  
535 Cathay Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



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**Browne's Mortuary** - March 03, 2017 at 03:18 PM

RP

*Lovely will miss my big sister*

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**Ray parker** - March 10, 2017 at 11:59 PM

RF

*Sweet memories*

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**Rose Ferrell** - March 12, 2017 at 02:24 PM

JS

“ Jamie Sanders-Hicks lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



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**Jamie Sanders-Hicks** - March 04, 2017 at 06:59 AM

DW

“ *Dr. Emilia Williamson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



Dr. Emilia Williamson - March 03, 2017 at 05:47 PM

DW

*Will miss you, rest in God loving arms, you will surely be miss my cousin. Dr. Emilia Williamson and Family*

Dr. Emilia Williamson - March 03, 2017 at 05:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders.*



March 01, 2017 at 07:50 PM

SS

“ *Shelva Scott-Veal lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



Shelva Scott-Veal - March 01, 2017 at 06:26 PM

TB

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Bunny's passing. I met her at the Civitan Center when I was a very young girl dancing with the High Steppers and we recently reconnected as Facebook friends. She was a warm and loving person and will be missed by all who knew her. I send my heartfelt condolences to her family friends.

*Theonas Barry*

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**Theonas Barry** - March 01, 2017 at 03:38 PM

EJ

“ Bonnie and I grew up playing on the same softball team, girl scout troop. and in the class of 1966. We did many activities at Bethel A.M.E. church. I will miss your laughter, your smile, your friendship and most of all your kindness. "Rest in Peace"

*Evelyn Johnson-Whitner*

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**Evelyn Johson-Whitner** - March 01, 2017 at 01:20 PM

CH

“ Cynthia Hinton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



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**Cynthia Hinton** - February 28, 2017 at 08:33 PM

Devion Weems

“ James and Helen Weems class of '66 sends out deepest sympathy to "Bonnie's" family. I first met you in 1961, we saw each other off and on through the years . Glad we could celebrate the 50 year reunion . We will miss u and our hope is to laugh with you again . - love your classmate James and Helen

Devion Weems - February 28, 2017 at 08:23 PM

PW

“ Patricia Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Patricia Williams - February 28, 2017 at 03:48 PM

DH

“ Debra Hinton-Abdullah lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Debra Hinton-Abdullah - February 28, 2017 at 10:35 AM

S(

“ The Merkerson Framily, Sandra,Emerson,Larry,Connie & Collis send their sympathy to the family. Bonnie was our childhood family.



Sandra Crichton (Merkerson) - February 27, 2017 at 09:19 PM

RF

“ *Rest in Heaven my High-stepper sister*



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**Rita Farrell-Williams** - February 27, 2017 at 09:13 PM



“ *Doretha Cheatom sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



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**Doretha Cheatom** - February 27, 2017 at 05:23 PM

RG

“ *Rosie Gatson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



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**Rosie Gatson** - February 27, 2017 at 04:56 PM

VY

“ *Bunny Girl, disbelief and sorrow! Thanks for the smiles and laughter. You will be missed.*

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**Vicki @ the Y** - February 27, 2017 at 02:22 PM

BF

“ Ben Frazier lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Ben Frazier - February 27, 2017 at 01:58 PM

MD

“ Mr.and Mrs. Willie Drain lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Mr.and mrs. Willie Drain - February 27, 2017 at 11:47 AM

SN

“ Shirley Norman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Shirley Norman - February 27, 2017 at 11:10 AM

LL

“ Lonnie&Londia Langston lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Lonnie&Londia Langston - February 26, 2017 at 08:41 PM

GH

“ Gwendolyn Henry-Thomas & James Henry lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Gwendolyn Henry-Thomas & James Henry - February 26, 2017 at 08:22 PM

GP

“ Geraldine Parris lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Geraldine Parris - February 26, 2017 at 08:21 PM

SM

“ Sam And Deborah Mack lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Sam and Deborah Mack - February 26, 2017 at 07:24 PM

DD

“ Debra/Lottie Dillard lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Debra/Lottie Dillard - February 26, 2017 at 05:51 PM

DD

*We will miss our life long neighbor.  
R.I.H.*

Debra/Lottie Dillard - February 26, 2017 at 05:53 PM

DA

“ *I will treasure the friendship we shared since before kindergarten, and your memory, as long as I live. Blessings on your sweet and fun-filled soul. You were so full of LIFE that it's hard to realize that you are no longer among us. Rest in peace, dear friend. You will be sorely missed.*

*Sharon L. Anderson, Austell, GA*

Dr. Sharon L. Anderson - February 26, 2017 at 03:50 PM

MF

“ *RIP 'Cousin Bunny' (Osbourne Family). Bren Bren*



Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family - February 26, 2017 at 12:27 PM

BA

“ *Barbara Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



Barbara Anderson - February 25, 2017 at 07:33 PM

BA

“ Rest in peace my friend/ coworker. I will never forget you dancing for Mommie Wicks High Steppers. Barbara Kindred-Anderson.

Barbara Anderson - February 25, 2017 at 07:27 PM

MC

“ Mary Crosby lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Mary Crosby - February 25, 2017 at 07:01 PM

DW

“ My heart is so heavy and hurt for the passing of my dear sweet friend. May God Bless her family. Bunny will truly be missed.



Doretta J Williams - February 25, 2017 at 01:17 PM

RM

“ Roslyn McQueen lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Roslyn McQueen - February 25, 2017 at 12:14 AM



“ *Carol Walker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



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**Carol Walker** - February 24, 2017 at 10:42 PM



“ *IRMA CHISM lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



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**IRMA CHISM** - February 24, 2017 at 08:03 PM



“ *Robert Veasley sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



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**Robert Veasley** - February 24, 2017 at 03:21 PM

AP

“ There are not words to express the shock, void and sadness felt at this time by her church family. Another link in our "chain" has been removed. Bunny will certainly be missed. I will never forget the smile on her face and the joy in her heart at Prayer Meeting one Wednesday night as she shared her testimony of GOD's blessings. GOD has an appointed time for all us, and a special place for HIS own. Cherish her memories for they are precious. My condolences to her family and friends.

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**Alberta Pruitt** - February 24, 2017 at 02:07 PM

DT

“ Dr Marie Wright Tolliver lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



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**Dr Marie Wright Tolliver** - February 24, 2017 at 11:58 AM

FW

“ I am so sad to see you go, I have known you most of my life, you are truly an Angel now! I will always cherish the encouraging words of inspiration that you shared with me! <3

-Francesca Williams

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**Francesca Williams** - February 24, 2017 at 10:04 AM

JM

“ *John & Betrice McAfee lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



John & Betrice McAfee - February 23, 2017 at 10:25 PM

KF

“ *It's so hard to say good by to a very sweet cousin whom i just had a wonderful time with last Thursday love you cousin RIP Karen Jones and family.*



Karen Jones and family - February 23, 2017 at 09:33 PM

IB

“ *Ingrid Barkley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



ingrid barkley - February 23, 2017 at 08:37 PM

PG

“ *I want to say it hard to say good by I will always keep you in my heart and in my prays sleep on tell mom to play fair From the Catholic Green Dillon Street*



Phyllis Catholic Green - February 23, 2017 at 07:38 PM

DC

“ *David and Rebecca Carter lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



David and Rebecca Carter - February 23, 2017 at 03:46 PM

RS

“ *Ruth Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



Ruth Smith - February 23, 2017 at 01:32 PM

DA

“ *Dona Austin-Bigby lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



Dona Austin-Bigby - February 23, 2017 at 10:33 AM

AF

“ *Athen & Margery Flournoy lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



Athen & Margery Flournoy - February 23, 2017 at 08:05 AM

BK

“ *Bea King, Clarkston, Michigan*



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**Bea King** - February 23, 2017 at 06:39 AM

SF

“ *Sharron Hall & Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



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**Sharron Hall & Family** - February 23, 2017 at 05:55 AM

SH

*The Hall family sends our prayers and condolences to the family.*

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**Sharron Hall** - February 23, 2017 at 05:57 AM

AZ

“ *Albert & Frances Zackrie lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



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**Albert & Frances Zackrie** - February 22, 2017 at 11:40 PM



“ *Frank Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



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**Frank Johnson** - February 22, 2017 at 09:38 PM



“ *Alicia Nelson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



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**Alicia Nelson** - February 22, 2017 at 08:31 PM



“ *MAY YOU REST IN PEACE " BUNNY RABBIT*  
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**HERBERT FLOURNOY** - February 22, 2017 at 06:49 PM



“ *Sonny & Freddie Hodges lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



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**Sonny & Freddie Hodges** - February 22, 2017 at 06:42 PM

DK

“ Deacon Larry Kemp lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Deacon Larry Kemp - February 22, 2017 at 05:34 PM

CH

“ Carla And Jonnai Hinton sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Carla and Jonnai Hinton - February 22, 2017 at 05:20 PM

HF

“ Hinton Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Hinton family - February 22, 2017 at 05:15 PM

DH

“ Doris Hinton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Doris hinton - February 22, 2017 at 05:14 PM

JG

“ Jo Ellen Gaddis-McElhaney lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Jo Ellen Gaddis-McElhaney - February 22, 2017 at 04:48 PM

CW

“ Calvin And Delores Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Calvin and Delores Williams - February 22, 2017 at 04:45 PM

IH

“ Ida Helton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Ida Helton - February 22, 2017 at 01:50 PM

DA

“ Dante lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Dante - February 22, 2017 at 01:13 PM

DA

*Bunny, you have been my life long "cuz" through thick and thin. Always a special smile for me. I'm missing you.*

**Dante** - February 22, 2017 at 01:18 PM

DB

“ *Deborah Broaddus lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



**Deborah Broaddus** - February 22, 2017 at 12:55 PM

LJ

“ *Lela And Wilson Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



**Lela and Wilson Jones** - February 22, 2017 at 12:47 PM

SC

“ *Our days at Bethel AME... God is good and gracious... Deepest sympathy to the extended family.*

*Shari haithco Clarke*

**Shari haithco clarke** - February 22, 2017 at 12:45 PM

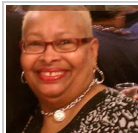
AM

“ Our Hearts go out to the family, friends and neighbors of "Bunny". Her quiet presence will remain in our hearts. God comfort each of you.

*The Williams and Mason Families of Dillon Street.*

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**Aaron McKissick** - February 22, 2017 at 12:31 PM



“ I'm going to miss my morning tex from you.  
Love and miss you.



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**Bobbie Reynolds** - February 22, 2017 at 12:00 PM

CH

“ A very Dear Classmate, a shock and surprise will be Truly Missed PRAYERS for the Family



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**Cheryl** - February 22, 2017 at 11:35 AM

SS

“ Charles and Savannah Samuels



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**Savannah Samuels** - February 22, 2017 at 10:47 AM

MF

“ *Deepest Condolences to the Saunders & Ruffin Families and Friends. I Love You Bunny! Our Families Were Very Dear Friends And I Always Looked Up To Bunny Since I Was A Very Young Girl--Her Love Of God, Family and Friends, Beautiful Inside and Out, Intelligent, Generous, Etc. I can go on and on. God Bless You All! With Sincerest Sympathy, Love & Prayers, Bren Bren (Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds, Adrienne and Steven B.)*



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**Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family** - February 22, 2017 at 10:13 AM

LL

“ *Walter & Laura Leslie*



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**Laura Leslie** - February 22, 2017 at 09:46 AM

LP

*my heart is so heavy*

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**Linda Taylor Prince** - February 22, 2017 at 10:12 AM

IH

“ *Inez Hinton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



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**Inez Hinton** - February 22, 2017 at 08:11 AM



“ Angela Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Angela Dorsey - February 22, 2017 at 08:06 AM



“ Mary Bailey-Fifer lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Mary Bailey-Fifer - February 22, 2017 at 07:51 AM



“ Mr. & Mrs. William Doxie lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Mr. & Mrs. William Doxie - February 22, 2017 at 07:23 AM



“ Valerie lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Valerie - February 22, 2017 at 07:12 AM

HJ

“ *"Our loss is Heaven's Gain!" Another Angel has gained her wings. We're going to miss you Bunny. Love you Cuz! "To God Be The Glory!!!"* ”



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**Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr.** - February 22, 2017 at 06:31 AM

EM

“ *Estrella Young And Mother lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders* ”



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**Estrella Young and Mother** - February 22, 2017 at 06:21 AM

WB

“ *Walsezetta Bennett sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders* ”



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**Walsezetta Bennett** - February 22, 2017 at 06:04 AM

JM

“ *James And Ola McMillan sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders* ”



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**James and Ola McMillan** - February 22, 2017 at 05:57 AM

MH

“ *Mary Hannibal lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



**Mary Hannibal** - February 22, 2017 at 03:57 AM

ML

“ *Martha Lockhart lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



**Martha Lockhart** - February 22, 2017 at 03:37 AM

LJ

“ *Louis Cassell Mitchell Jr sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



**Louis Cassell Mitchell Jr** - February 22, 2017 at 03:33 AM



“ *Henry Parker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



**Henry Parker** - February 22, 2017 at 03:29 AM

BB

“ *Brenda Bryson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



**Brenda Bryson** - February 22, 2017 at 02:21 AM



“ *Myrtle Collier sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



**Myrtle Collier** - February 22, 2017 at 01:48 AM



“ *Myrtle Collier lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



**Myrtle Collier** - February 22, 2017 at 01:44 AM



“ *Arthur Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



**Arthur Williams** - February 22, 2017 at 01:36 AM

AJ

“ ANNIE JACKSON lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



ANNIE JACKSON - February 22, 2017 at 01:30 AM



Cleveland Burks

“ I'm so sad in the passing of my childhood friend my condolences to the family and friends.



Cleveland Burks - February 22, 2017 at 01:05 AM

FJ

“ We have memories..to remember



Frankie Johnson - February 22, 2017 at 12:53 AM

JJ

“ Joe & JoeAnn Jackson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Joe & JoeAnn Jackson - February 21, 2017 at 09:36 PM

FT

“ Fred & Rita Taylor lit a candle in memory of  
Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Fred & Rita Taylor - February 21, 2017 at 08:13 PM

DB

“ we had such a beautiful time at the 50th class  
reunion, I an going to miss your beautiful  
personality and friendliness, rest in peace my  
sister, Dorothy Burch



Dorothy Burch - February 21, 2017 at 06:14 PM



“ Helen Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms.  
Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



Helen Jones - February 21, 2017 at 06:12 PM



“ Just like you to leave quietly like a whisper.  
Rest in peace my sister.  
You're in great company now.



Diana Simpson - February 21, 2017 at 05:32 PM

LO

“ You are now at peace and resting with your beloved mother again



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**Lois** - February 21, 2017 at 02:35 PM

SM

“ Shender And Regimond Mckinney lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



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**Shender and Regimond Mckinney** - February 21, 2017 at 02:03 PM

TG

“ Tammie Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders



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**Tammie Gillespie** - February 21, 2017 at 01:53 PM

CJ

“ Peace Be With You



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**Carolyn Jarrett-Mason** - February 21, 2017 at 01:04 PM

BJ

“ *RIP Bunny*



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**Brenda Jones** - February 21, 2017 at 12:57 PM

BL

“ *BARBARA LAND-JONES lit a candle in memory of Ms. Miriam Elaine "Bunny" Saunders*



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**BARBARA LAND-JONES** - February 21, 2017 at 12:47 PM