



## Mrs. Rose Gillespie

February 9, 1950 - November 1, 2016

Our beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, Rose Marie Spencer Gillespie was called to be with the Lord in eternal rest with her family by her side, on Tuesday, November 1, 2016. Rose Marie Spencer was born February 9, 1950 in High Point, North Carolina the daughter of Kenneth and Elizabeth Spencer. She was the fifth of six children.

Rose accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. She came to Saginaw in 1972 and soon after met and married Charles Gillespie. Rose graduated Summa Cum Laude from Saginaw Valley State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in art and social work. She was employed as a social worker by the State of Michigan until ill health cause her retirement. Upon moving to Saginaw, Rose immediately joined Bethel A. M. E. Church and was a loyal and faithful member of the Chancel Choir, a Bible School Teacher and a former member of the Courtesy Committee. She was initiated into Mu Phi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. at Saginaw Valley State University and upon graduation was affiliated with Eta Upsilon Omega Chapter until ill health prohibited her participation. However, she always participated in its community service projects such as Salvation Army's Angel Tree, Shoes for Kids and backpack give away projects. Rose enjoyed working on art projects and frequently would design the program covers for Chancel Choir programs, Church Conference banners, sign and bulletin board. She frequently served as door

watcher during the church's prayer vigil. Rose was an avid bowler and tennis player.

Her memory will be cherished by her devoted husband, Charles Gillespie; daughter, Tammie; grandson, Darian Marsalis who was the joy of her life; two brothers and one sister, Reginald Spencer, Inez (George) Currie and Kenneth Wayne Spencer, all of High Point, NC; a host of nieces and nephews including, Danita McNeil of Rockingham, NC, Keith Byers of NJ, Michael Byers of Greensboro, NC, Tina Wilson, High Point, NC, Barry Monroe of Saulsberry, NC, Cleopatra Spencer of Chesapeake, VA, Maria Spencer of Baltimore, MD, Sharon Graham, High Point, NC, Kenneth Spencer III of High Point, NC, Denise Spencer of Philadelphia, PA, Brandon Howard of Oklahoma and Darius Keith of High Point, NC; brother-in-law, Rev. Melvin Byers of Rockingham, NC; her memory will also be cherished by her adopted family, Yvette Wofford, Sylvia McAfee, Dr. Roslyn McQueen, Corr Lynn Wofford, Margaret and Henry Brown, Pamela Maloy, Mark Brown, Ryan Maloy and Cassandra Landrum; special friend and sister, Terry Johnson-Wise (Sands).

Mrs. Gillespie was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Beverly Byers; brother, Vardry Spencer; mother-in-law, Mary Alice Curry; and brother-in-law, Arthur Gillespie.

The family would like to offer special thanks to Pastor P. David Saunders and Rev. Thelma Williams for their constant prayers, visits and ministerial blessings, Mobile Medical Response (MMR), Bridgeport Spaulding Rescue Team, and Dr. Altamash Amin, Felissia Thomas, Elizabeth Collins and the Logan Families.

“Well done good and faithful servant, you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of the Lord.”

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 11, 2016 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 North Jefferson Avenue on Thursday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **10**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 N. Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
(989) 754-0481  
evansbrownes@gmail.com  
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

NOV **11**. 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 Mrs. Rose Gillespie*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - November 14, 2016 at 01:00 PM

BO

“ *I send my condolences to the family and friends of Mrs. Rose Gillespie.  
May the God of heaven be with you all to comfort you through these trying days.  
He will "heal the brokenhearted ones and bind up your wounds" (Ps. 147:3) of those that hurt so deeply, because he cares for you. (1Pet. 5:7)*

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**bobbie** - November 29, 2016 at 08:14 AM

PA

“ *Tammie, praying that your entire family receives a divine healing.*



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**Pamela** - November 21, 2016 at 11:54 AM

LB

“ *Lois & Michael Balls lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie*



Lois & Michael Balls - November 11, 2016 at 05:24 PM

RW

“ *Deepest condolences special Christian friend her and you Charles.*

Rodney Walker - November 11, 2016 at 09:09 AM

JM

“ *Jim And Hazel Milam lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie*



Jim and Hazel Milam - November 11, 2016 at 07:26 AM

MH

“ *MATTIE( TWINK) HOOPER lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie*



MATTIE( TWINK) HOOPER - November 10, 2016 at 08:48 PM

MH

*GOD BLESS!*

MATTIE( TWINK) HOOPER - November 10, 2016 at 08:50 PM

HC

“ *Hilda Logan Calhoun lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie*



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**Hilda Logan Calhoun** - November 10, 2016 at 07:16 PM

AJ

“ *Alice Faye Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie*



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**Alice Faye Johnson** - November 10, 2016 at 06:03 PM

AJ

*May the Lord be with Rose's family. I will miss her bright smile when I come home. I always enjoyed spending time with her.*

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**Alice Faye Johnson** - November 10, 2016 at 06:06 PM

ET

“ *Eleanor Plowden Tate lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie*



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**Eleanor Plowden Tate** - November 10, 2016 at 11:26 AM

LC

“ *Lisa Coney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie*



**Lisa Coney** - November 10, 2016 at 10:43 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Rose's family. She was such a sweet spirit and a joy to know.*



**Cheryl Fentress-Nash** - November 10, 2016 at 10:28 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rose Gillespie.*



November 10, 2016 at 07:11 AM

LO

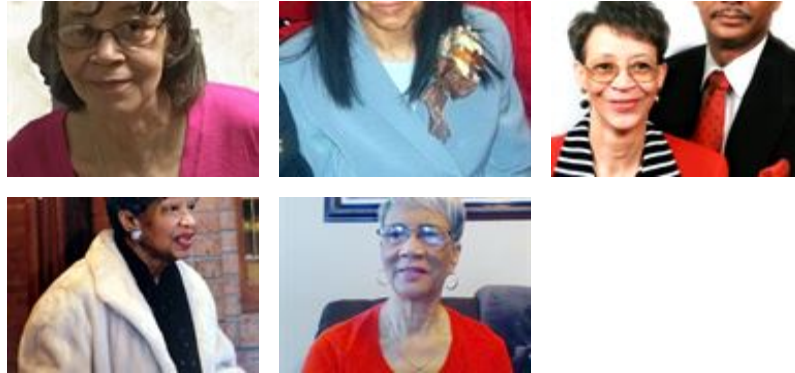
“ *Leah O'Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie*



**Leah O'Daniels** - November 09, 2016 at 09:17 PM



“ 68 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Browne's Mortuary** - November 09, 2016 at 03:40 PM

JP

“ *Joyce Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie*



**Joyce Phillips** - November 09, 2016 at 11:11 AM

MF

“ *Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie*



**Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family** - November 09, 2016 at 10:50 AM

BF

“ Rest In Heaven Rose. I know you're already designing programs and singing tenor along with the other Chanel Choir Members in Heaven.



**Bobbie Crosby Locke, Cantonment, FL** - November 08, 2016 at 12:26 PM

RB

“ Rakia Banks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie



**Rakia Banks** - November 08, 2016 at 09:03 AM

SH

“ Shantel Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie



**Shantel Harris** - November 08, 2016 at 08:50 AM

GV

“ Glenda Richardson Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie



**Glenda Richardson Vaughn** - November 07, 2016 at 05:45 PM

AP

“ Our sincere condolences to Charles, Tammie, her dearly loved grandson and her extended family. We are indeed sorry to hear of her passing. Rose was such a kind and considerate. She will be dearly missed by her Bethel A.M.E. Church family. We pray God's peace and blessings be with your family in this time of sorrow. Always remember, there is no sorrow that heaven can not heal. God bless you all. Sam and Alberta Pruitt

Alberta Pruitt - November 07, 2016 at 03:44 PM

CW

“ Clareeta White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie



Clareeta White - November 07, 2016 at 08:41 AM

AF

“ Athen & Margery Flourney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie



Athen & Margery Flourney - November 07, 2016 at 07:12 AM

VS

“ Vermell Sangster lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie



Vermell Sangster - November 06, 2016 at 08:38 PM

CJ

“ Carolyn Jarrett-Mason lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie



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**Carolyn Jarrett-Mason** - November 05, 2016 at 12:02 PM

LB

“ Linda Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie



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**Linda Brown** - November 04, 2016 at 03:57 PM

AN

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers in these times of sorrow,  
Your Healthsource family,  
We love you!

Andrea

Eddie

Emory

Sadie

Davey

Antonio

Erica

Kasey

Marv

James

Alok

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**Andrea** - November 04, 2016 at 02:55 AM

AN

“ *Andrea lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie*



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**Andrea** - November 04, 2016 at 02:50 AM

T'

“ *T'Era lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie*



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**T'Era** - November 03, 2016 at 06:49 PM

TM

*"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.-Matthew 5:4  
King James Version  
With Deepest Sympathy -T'Era M.*

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**T'Era M** - November 03, 2016 at 07:09 PM

RC

“ *Richard And Mary Crosby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie*



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**Richard and Mary Crosby** - November 03, 2016 at 06:15 PM

HS

“ *Helen Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie*



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**Helen Scott** - November 03, 2016 at 05:36 PM

KB

“ *Kimberly Logan Bailey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie*



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**Kimberly Logan Bailey** - November 03, 2016 at 03:39 PM

SM

“ *Sam And Deborah Mack lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie*



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**Sam and Deborah Mack** - November 03, 2016 at 02:21 PM

SM

*God's blessing to Charles, Tammie, Darian and the family. Rose was a beautiful person.*

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**Sam and Deborah Mack** - November 03, 2016 at 02:25 PM

PB

“ Pam Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie



Pam Bryant - November 03, 2016 at 07:51 AM

PM

“ Pamela Monroe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie



Pamela Monroe - November 03, 2016 at 07:17 AM

MC

“ Myrtle Collier lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie



Myrtle Collier - November 03, 2016 at 07:05 AM



“ Lucy Erby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie



Lucy Erby - November 02, 2016 at 09:14 PM



“ *Lucy Erby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie*



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**Lucy Erby** - November 02, 2016 at 09:12 PM



“ *Lucy Erby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie*



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**Lucy Erby** - November 02, 2016 at 09:09 PM



“ *Jimmie And Beverly Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie*



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**Jimmie and Beverly Westbrook** - November 02, 2016 at 09:03 PM



“ *Inez Currie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie*



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**Inez Currie** - November 02, 2016 at 08:37 PM

IC

*My Sister was a sweet and Gentle Soul. I loved the way she called my name when we talked. I will miss her for the rest of my life.*

**Inez Currie** - November 02, 2016 at 08:39 PM

IC

“ *Inez Currie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie*



**Inez Currie** - November 02, 2016 at 08:28 PM

TG

“ *LOVE YOU MOM. I miss you so very much.!!*



**Tammie Gillespie** - November 02, 2016 at 08:13 PM

SV

“ *Tammy and family I am sorry to hear of the loss of your mother, wife, grandmother and friend may GOD give the family strength to get through this trying time*



**SATRINA V.TATE** - November 02, 2016 at 03:58 PM

TJ

“ Tammy and family, I'm so sorry for the loss of your beautiful mother and my sand. Keep the love of your mother in your heart always. AKA sisters forever.

Terri Johnson-Wise - November 02, 2016 at 03:22 PM

TJ

“ Terri Johnson-Wise lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie



Terri Johnson-Wise - November 02, 2016 at 03:14 PM

BJ

“ Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie



Brenda Jones - November 02, 2016 at 09:16 AM

MC

“ Myrtle Collier lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie



Myrtle Collier - November 02, 2016 at 07:12 AM

BR

“ *Brownie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie*



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**Brownie** - November 02, 2016 at 06:52 AM

BR

*Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow.*

*With Sympathy,*

*Love Brownie*

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**Brownie** - November 02, 2016 at 06:53 AM

HJ

“ *"Our Sincere Condolences Go Out To The Gillespie Family." We are truly sorry to hear of her passing. Rose was such a "Nice and Thoughtful Person" and she will be dearly missed by her Bethel A.M.E. Church Family. It was good to know Rose. Our loss is Heavens' gain. God's blessings and love to you all. "To God Be The Glory!!!"*



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**Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr.** - November 02, 2016 at 05:43 AM

VA

“ *Valerie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Gillespie*



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**Valerie** - November 01, 2016 at 10:07 PM

HF

“ *MY PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY, MAY GOD COMFORT YOU DOING THIS TIME OF SADNESS.*



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**HERBERT FLOURNOY** - November 01, 2016 at 09:39 PM