



## Mrs. Alice Davis-Rice

January 14, 1950 - June 1, 2014

### The Journey Of Alice Delores Davis-Rice:

he late Alberta Louise Norris. Her formative years were spent in Detroit and she was educated in the Detroit Public Schools system where she attended Balch Elementary, Spain Middle School and Northeastern High School.

Alice was very popular in her neighborhood, specifically in the Theodore-Hastings-St. Antione area where most of her childhood growth took place and where most of her childhood memories were formed. As a young teenager, she loved to do all the latest dances and would frequent the Graystone Ballroom, on Woodward and Canfield, every Sunday and danced from opening to closing. Alice was also an avid skater and honed her skating skills at the Arcardia Roller Rink, in the Woodward and Mack area. She was fortunate to have lived in a neighborhood that had an abundance of cultural and recreational activities. She kept herself busy during her youth by involving herself in every one of them, from swimming to visiting the museums.

In 1972, Alice began her career at Wayne County Community College at its original location on Woodward and Garfield, the Garfield Building. She worked in different divisions and other locations of the college, but started at the college as a switchboard operator where she directed hundreds of calls daily. She became a microfiche stenographer, with responsibilities of archiving college records and other documents. During the latter parts of her

employment at Wayne County Community College, she elevated to administrative roles, which included Inventory Specialist and the Campus Technician. As the campus technician, she provided accommodations for meetings and other types of gatherings for community groups and public and private organizations. Alice retired from Wayne County Community College in 2005 after 33 1/2 years of dedicated service.

Alice was an active member in the United Auto Workers (UAW) Union, Local 1796, and spent over 20 years in service. She was on the election committee, union steward for ten years and financial secretary for the local union. As a member of the bargaining team, Alice strategically negotiated employee agreement contracts. Her passion for a fair workplace and support of union members propelled her to lead Local 1796 in the roles of Vice President and Acting President. She traveled to numerous UAW Delegate and Leadership Conferences during her tenure.

Alice also served as an elected Precinct Delegate in her community for over ten years. She was a lifetime member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Her civic, political and advocacy relations spanned many years.

After receiving her Associate Degree in 1992 from Wayne County Community College, she went on to Sienna Heights University to graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in 2002.

Alice had a very pleasurable life, which included volunteerism, travel, and leisure time. For many years, Alice gave her time towards volunteering services, and volunteered for the national telethon of the United Negro College Fund, the City of Detroit's African World Festival, the Eskies Reunion Committee of Northern High School, the Detroit Department of Human Services, and many others. She found time to travel, albeit, pleasure or

business, and would travel at the drop of a hat. Some of her trips included Las Vegas, Washington D.C., Philadelphia, Caribbean countries and cruises, etc. Her favorite binge trip was travelling to Shaker Heights Ohio, to see her daughter, son-in-law and her two precious grandsons. This is where she could relax as she enjoyed good times with her immediate family.

Alice will truly be remembered for her deeds and the influence she carried and left upon people. Her faith in God was strong, and she believed that God is the ultimate "Handler" of life's episodes. She aspired to live in a way that was deemed morally right, and placed herself, her cares and her woes in the hands of the Lord. Alice was a member of Greater Grace Temple for over 30 years.

# Cemetery Details

## Lincoln Memorial Park

21661 East 14 Mile Road  
Clinton Twp., MI 48035

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Sunday, Jun. **8**. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour

Monday, Jun. **9**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Greater Grace Temple  
23500 W. 7 Mile Road  
Detroit, MI 48219  
(313) 543-6000

## Funeral Service

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Monday, Jun. 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Alice Davis-Rice*

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January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Ma,  
Thinking of you on this day. I miss you so much.  
Forever your daughter,  
Alicia (Lisa)*

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**Alicia James** - August 28, 2015 at 09:00 PM



“ *May God forever Bless and Keep you.*

*To the Davis - Rice Family I Would like to send my condolences to  
Sammie and the family.*

*We worked for over ten years at WCCC for over ten years.*

*Remembering Bertha*

*Polk (Deceased) Darlene, Joanne and Darlene Ross. We send our  
deepest regards.*

*Lots of Love,*

*The Ross Family*

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**The Bertha Polk and Family** - June 11, 2014 at 09:40 AM

NW

“ *Sammie and Family*

*May god keep all of you lifted up because he have truly took one of his children home to rest in peace.*

*May God Bless all of you.*

*Nancy Walker & Family*

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**Nancy Walker** - June 09, 2014 at 01:05 PM



“ *Sammie and Family*

*It is with great sadness to here of the passing of your wonderfully made wife, friend, mother, and mentor. Alice meant so much to me and my son, Melvin. Alice shared many laughs with us and gave unconditionally motherly love and advice. I know that her spirit with forever reign over all of us. She will truly be missed. And for you, Sammie, her daughter, and the family, my heartfelt prayers are with each and every one of you. May God stretch his loving arms around you in this time of need. May Alice spirit continue to be with you and to give you comfort to know, she is and always will be with you. For the word says, to be absent from the body, is to be present with the Lord. I thank you for allowing Melvin and I the opportunity to share her with us as a mentor, my friend, my colleague, and a mother figure. I will forever cherish those memories.*

*May God Bless You and Be With You Always.*

*Love,*

*Dionne & Melvin Johnson*

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**Dionne Loving-MeAgain** - June 09, 2014 at 09:39 AM

JW

“ Dear Sammie family, So sorry for the loss of your beautiful wife Alice may her soul rest in peace and prayers to you and your family.



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**Jackie West** - June 09, 2014 at 06:49 AM

CP

“ To Sammie and Lisa:

*I remember such wonderful times that Alice and I have had over the years. Though we were not in contact as much lately, every time I think of her and the days at WCCC a big smile comes over my face and heart. My condolences to each one while we have faith in the resurrection hope.*

*Love,*

*Carol Wilkerson Pitts*

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**Carol Pitts** - June 08, 2014 at 04:54 PM

CJ

“ Dear Sammie,

*Our prayers go out to you and your family at this time. May God continue to strengthen you at this time. Ephesian 1:2 Grace be to you, and peace from God and our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ,*

*Love Curtis Johnson and Pamela Strober*

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**Curtis Johnson** - June 08, 2014 at 06:32 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Mrs. Alice Davis-Rice.*



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June 06, 2014 at 11:26 PM



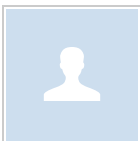
“ *Dear Sammie,*

*Although I have been retired for a long time now, there are some people I will never forget. You and Alice are two of them. Paul and I are so happy to have had you both in our lives while we were at the College. Alice was such a kind, compassionate and friendly person. She made life at the NW campus a pleasure. We send our sincere condolences to you and your family at this time of loss. May God bless you and give you strength.*

*Debbie & Paul Fiedler*

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**Paul & Debbie Fiedler** - June 06, 2014 at 05:46 PM



“ *Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Alice Davis-Rice.*



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June 06, 2014 at 03:31 PM

AC

“ Dear Sammie and Family.  
I was sorry to hear about the passing of Alice. It was such a pleasure working with you and her at Wayne County Community College. At a time like this we must remember the words of our Lord in John 14:27 "Let not your heart be troubled". My God continue to bless you and your family and bring you the peace that only he can bring.  
Annie Comor-Jacobs

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Annie Comor-Jacobs - June 04, 2014 at 02:14 PM

AS

“ Dear Sammie and Family: My sincere condolences to you and your entire family. I am glad you and Alice had so many wonderful years together. It is hard to lose someone we have shared our life with. When I worked for you , I learned to appreciate what a good man you are. God bless you my friend.



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Amal Marie Spearman - June 04, 2014 at 12:55 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Alice Davis-Rice.



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June 04, 2014 at 10:42 AM

MG

“ I thank God for my cousin Alice Rice. You were truly a sweetheart to so many. Thank you for your love and support when I needed you the most. I looked forward to Sundays seeing you and cousin Sam. I will never forget the good times we had, and you'll always be in my heart,. I pray that God will comfort us during this time. Rest in peace  
"Psalms 37:23

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**Mary Glenn** - June 03, 2014 at 04:16 PM

PA

“ Sammie, Kim and family,

*Praying for you and asking God to keep you in his care during this period. In time, may the love that you shared with Alice help to lighten these dark days and bring healing to your hearts. Alice and I shared great moments at the old NW Campus - she was a loving mother, feisty and had a beautiful smile.*



Love,

*Pamela (Broaden) Montague*

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**Pam** - June 03, 2014 at 03:12 PM

DB

“ I will never forget Mrs. Rice her smile,our conversations at lunch and her genuine concern for my son and I. ( I will always remember her asking "hows that boy of ours") Sammie and family you have my deepest condolences. I was truly blessed to work with and have the opportunity to know such a outspoken, kind,woman in Mrs. Alice Davis-Rice.

*Miss Dana J. Barrow & Russell (Rj)  
(WCCCD)*

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**Dana Barrow** - June 03, 2014 at 02:42 PM

DJ

*Prayers from Austin, Texas to the family of Alice Davis-Rice. This is the one regret of moving from Detroit when I learn of the death of loved ones that I been a part of my life. I have known Alice and her extended family since the 1960s. She was one of my friends I shared good times with before moving to Austing. Thank you for the memories Alice. My condolences to her loved ones. Find your strength through prayer and faith and you will be able to get through this difficult time. Rest In Heaven Alice!. You were loved and you will be missed.  
Donna Jones*

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**Donna jones** - June 05, 2014 at 10:42 PM

MI

“ *Sammie and Family:  
You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I smile when I recall all the fun and good times I had working with you and Alice at WCCCD Northwest Campus. She was a very Classy Lady.*

*Mable Ivory*

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**Mable Ivory** - June 03, 2014 at 01:33 PM

VC

“ *Vetta (Judy) Cook lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice Davis-Rice*



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**Vetta (Judy) Cook** - June 03, 2014 at 10:26 AM

JN

*Dear Sammie,*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. We are remembering Alice with heartfelt love and memories.*

*Love with Deepest Sympathy  
Jo Ann and Douglas Nyquist*

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**Jo Ann Nyquist** - June 03, 2014 at 03:25 PM

SH

*Dear Sammie and Family,*

*I am very sad for your loss. Alice was a very dear friend and close to my heart. I pray that you find comfort and peace during this time and may GOD bless her in heaven.*

*My sincere condolences.  
With all my love,*

*Selma and Hamad Harp*

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**Selma Harp** - June 04, 2014 at 03:34 PM

RH

*Lisa you are in my prayers for the lose of your Mother. A old friend from Montclair street. God be with you. Love You...*

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**rovenie harris** - June 08, 2014 at 07:30 AM