



Ms. Artha Lee Darty

December 15, 1924 - January 10, 2019

Her Journey:

Artha Lee Gainey was born on December 15, 1924 in Rochelle, Georgia to Julia Olivia Reid and John Gainey, Jr. When Artha was nine years old, her mother, Julia, passed. When word reached her father, John, he immediately went to go get his daughter and at Artha's insistence, her five year old sister, Julia. John and his wife, Nealy Gainey, lovingly and contentedly raised both girls and in return both girls were lovingly devoted to their parents throughout.

Artha, better known as Teenie, lived a quietly active life growing up in Rochelle. She was on the girl's basketball team and learned to play the game of tennis from her beloved high school teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Green. She attended the Piney Grove Baptist Church in Rochelle where she accepted Christ as a young girl.

In 1951, Teenie moved to Detroit, Michigan to join the love of her life, James Darty, Sr. and began their new life together. They purchased their first home in Detroit, Michigan on Baylis Street. They raised their blended family which grew to six children there. It was also the "home-house" for relatives and friends visiting the city or looking to start new lives up north.

Teenie was known for her excellent hospitality skills, delicious cooking, clean home, and having the whitest laundry on the block. She canned fruits and

vegetables, made homemade sausages, slaughtered chickens, and helped plant large garden plots during springtime in Belleville, MI, so her family would be well fed throughout winter. She also made homemade starch for ironing, providing her family with crisp and well pressed clothing for school and work. She loved to listen to Motown and dance to her favorite tunes.

In her later years, she became known for her delectable sweet potato pies, beef brisket, cabbage, and other delicacies of African American cuisine. If you ask her grands and great-grands, she made the best breakfast in town.

Sadly, Teenie and James divorced in the late 1970s. Although heartbroken, she began a new chapter in her life. She began to drive and began to work full time at Mohawk Liqueurs. She made lifelong friends there and enjoyed traveling. Her grandchildren and great-grands took a special place in her heart. Almost all of them were comforted and nurtured by “those loving hands.”

Following retirement, Teenie took on a new role as a child care provider for a loving family, The Sims. Larry, Silvia, Bree, Jo and both sets of their grandparents helped to make the autumn of Teenie's life joyously meaningful. She loved helping them and after more than thirty years they have continuously shown love towards her.

Teenie was quietly charitable. Not only was she a regular donor to her grandchildren's projects, she annually contributed to the National Negro College Fund and the Detroit Public Television Station Channel 56. She also helped many students at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School.

She departed this life on Thursday, January 10, 2019.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

1200 Elmwood Ave.
Detroit, MI 48207

Previous Events

Family Hour

Saturday, Jan. **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Kadesh Full Gospel Baptist Church
20361 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48228

Funeral Service

Saturday, Jan. **19**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Kadesh Full Gospel Baptist Church
20361 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48228

Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Artha Lee Darty*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *To the family of Mrs Darty, you all have my Deepest Condolences. Mrs Darty was such a nice lady and she always made me smile when I saw her. I use to walk the long way to school and back home just so I could look up on the porch and hear her and the next door neighbor(Michael's grandma) say, hello Smiley. I'd giggles with a smile and walk on. That's probably why she gave me the name Smiley. Smiley is still one of my nick names. R.I.P. Mrs Darty!!*

Evelyn Littlejohn (Fentress)

Evelyn Littlejohn - January 19, 2019 at 01:05 PM



“ *Mrs Darty will always be in our hearts. She was family. She was a soft spoken lady and loved her family. She will be missed. R.I.P. The Andersons.*

Estella Anerson - January 18, 2019 at 02:26 PM



“ *The family of Ms Artha L. Darty
It's faith that will lift you and the love and strength.*

*From
Lydia Robinson
Detroit*

Lydia Robinson - January 17, 2019 at 08:34 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Artha Lee Darty.*



January 17, 2019 at 07:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Artha Lee Darty.*



January 16, 2019 at 08:13 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Artha Lee Darty.*



January 16, 2019 at 01:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Artha Lee Darty.*



January 16, 2019 at 01:34 PM

ML

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort embrace you with peace and hope during this difficult time. Rev 21:4*

Ms Laverne - January 14, 2019 at 01:06 PM