



Mrs. Irene West

December 29, 1942 - September 7, 2020

In Loving Memory Of:

I could write a book and tell a whole lot of stories of all the adventures that took place during my lifetime. I couldn't drive, but I could tell you how to get there. I could keep you woke, and pray you home. However, there are some things that I would like to highlight, and they are as follows.

I came to this earth feet first December 29th, 1942 in Prichard, Alabama to Prince and Irene (Crawford) Edwards. I was number twelve of fifteen children, which included five sisters; Mildred, Vera, Marie, Gwendolyn, Gloria and nine brothers John, Cecil, Prince, James, Lamar, Arthur, Joe, Fredrick and Richard. I attended George Washington Carver Elementary and graduated from Cedar Grove Academy High School. I gave my life to the Lord as a young teen at the Adams Street AOH Church under the late Bishop W. T. Phillips.

I moved to Michigan in the early 60s. I lived with my sister Nette' and her husband Norman, on the west side of Detroit; Kimberly to be exact. I was captivated by the sites and sounds of the Motor City. Saturday night you could find me with Ethel, a few family and friends enjoying the music at one of the local halls. I liked to socialize. Everybody is only young once; fiery red hair and all, I knew how to have a good time.

I rededicated my life to Christ at New Creation Church under the leadership of Pastor Lottie Glenn. Later I fellowshipped with Church of the Firstborn under the late Pastor Michael Waters, New Creature in Christ under Bishop Billy Smith and International Gospel Center under Pastor Marvin Miles. My faith led

me to a life of service in my community and the various churches I attended. My first job was the traveling family babysitter; you never knew where you would find me; California, Michigan, Alabama, and Illinois are just a few of my destinations. I left the driving to Greyhound, and they got me safely to my destination every time.

When I wasn't caring for all my nieces and nephews, I proudly served as a Nurses Aid at Edgewater Convalescent Home. It was an honor to assist my patients, even if it meant meeting their needs off the clock. I was privileged to faithfully care for my parents as they advanced in age until their passing. I didn't have a nine to five for years, but I may as well have been an employee at Comerica Bank and Henry Ford Hospital.

I was quite the character, I hated a disorderly house, and I could spot a dust bunny from a mile away. I loved crafting ceramics, eating good food, reading the newspaper, and watching the news. I never missed a family function. My all time favorite thing to do was catching beads, eating moon pies, and tailgating with my family at Mardi Gras yearly; where all is fair in love and war. Watch out for my cane now; if the favors are coming my way, they're mine!

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Family Hour

Wednesday, Sep. **16**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Irene West*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *My Family,*

Take comfort in knowing that now you have a special guardian angel Auntie Ninny to watch over us!



Ronnie & Brenda Fields & Family - September 16, 2020 at 01:07 PM



“ *Live stream available at https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCYX5Xyv5zO_08UqYZIqYUSA*

Najeema Thomas - September 16, 2020 at 09:50 AM



“ *<https://www.facebook.com/Najeemathomas/videos/10218117787476697/?extid=rTaVL5GrNfGMaRtZ&d=n>*

Najeema Thoma - September 16, 2020 at 09:48 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Irene West.*



September 14, 2020 at 03:01 PM

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“ *Sharing your sadness as you prepare to say goodbye to your love one. May the memories that mean the most to you, live forever in your hearts. God comfort us through his word the Bible and the gift of prayer.*

Evans family - September 14, 2020 at 05:01 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Irene West.*



September 11, 2020 at 09:46 PM

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“ *My Aunt Ninny... Thank you for loving me and my Children. Thank you for accepting me despite my flaws. I'm blessed to have known you, and to be in your presence. You will be missed. Love Always, Beth...*

Elizabeth Edwards - September 11, 2020 at 11:00 AM

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Aunt Ninne, Though your smile is gone forever, and your hand I cannot touch. I still have so many memories of the Aunt I loved so much. Your memory is now a keepsake which with I'll never part. God has you in his keeping, I have you in my heart. Rest well Aunt Ninne, see you on the other side. Love you. Demetrius Edwards

Demetrius Edwards - September 15, 2020 at 02:46 PM



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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Najeema Iman - September 11, 2020 at 10:37 AM