



Ms. Johnnie Mae Canada

February 24, 1959 - April 11, 2014

Johnnie Mae was born February 24, 1959 in Union Town, Alabama to the union of Mr. William Otis Gipson and the late Matilda Gipson. She was an only child.

Growing up she was a sweet little girl who loved to go to church with her Aunt Georgia. To her family she was known as their little “baby doll.” Johnnie Mae loved to dance and always enjoyed being around her family, especially her Aunt Georgia.

In 1973, she met and married Cephus Lee Harris, Sr., and moved to Detroit, Michigan. To this union, four children were born Jacqueline Elaine, Teresa Ann, Tameka Denise and finally her baby boy, Cephus Lee Jr.

In 1978, Johnnie accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and joined Prayer Chapel Church of God in Christ. Johnnie Mae worked as a Sunday School teacher and served in the Young Women’s Christian Council. In 1980, Johnnie Mae and Cephus Sr. took in his youngest two sisters, Vanessa Viola, and Jacqueline Elaine affectionately known as “Big Jackie” and helped raised them as if they were her own daughters. She loved them dearly and held them near and dear to her heart.

Johnnie Mae worked for many years in physical therapy and home healthcare.

She loved to take care of the elderly.

Johnnie Mae loved her family and made sure she called them every day. Johnnie Mae loved to talk and share stories of the past and present and most of all loved to laugh. She took pride in everything she had done, especially raising her four beautiful children and making sure her Daddy was well taken care of.

Johnnie Mae was a strong, hardworking, loving and caring person who would do anything she could for those she loved. Johnnie Mae loved to listen to music and play games with her family and friends. She never hesitated to tell you how she felt, even if you didn't like it, you knew she did it all in love. Johnnie Mae loved receiving gifts from her children and grandchildren; it always filled her with much joy. But more than any gift that could be given, all she wanted most was to love and be loved, and her family made sure she received plenty of it.

On the morning of April 11, 2014, God saw fit to trouble her no more with the cares of this world and called her home. To a home where there is no more suffering, worry, or fear.

Cemetery Details

Detroit Memorial Park West

25200 Plymouth Road
Redford Twp., MI 48239

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Apr. **18**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

Saturday, Apr. **19**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Prayer Chapel COGIC
12707 Fullerton Ave.
Detroit, MI 48227

Funeral Service

Saturday, Apr. **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Johnnie Mae Canada*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *To the Canada and Smith Family,
I am deeply sadden to hear about your loss. I am praying for your
faith and strength during these difficult times. May the Lord comfort
and bless the whole family. You have my condolences.*

Imani " Martha" Hines - April 19, 2014 at 08:37 AM



“ *Johnnie Mae may you rest in God's Holy peace. Our grandchildren
will surely miss you and I will explain that we will see you again in
God's Kingdom. Tameka I love you and if I can be of any help call
me.*

*Jeffrey's mother
Mary McGee Grant*

Mary Grant - April 16, 2014 at 02:58 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of
Ms. Johnnie Mae Canada.*



April 14, 2014 at 02:07 PM