



## Ms. Rosa Ayler

July 19, 1925 - November 16, 2022

### In Loving Memory Of

Rosa Lee Ayler, born July 19, 1925, in Detroit, Michigan, was the second of six children born to the union of James Eckridge and Maddie Lee Williams, who, along with three brothers, one sister, and two sons, preceded her in death. Rosa was an extremely bright and precocious young child who was not only self-disciplined but a goal-setter with great ambition in mind. Rosa received Jesus Christ as her personal savior at an early age as both of her parents were very active in service at Miller Memorial Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Elder U.E. Miller. James Eckridge and Maddie Williams raised their children in the spirit of Holiness.

Rosa Lee was educated in the Detroit Public School System, where she excelled academically at Wingert Elementary, McMichael Middle School, and Northwestern High School. After high school, Rosa was joined in union with Isaiah Stevenson, and through that union six children were born: three sons, Isaiah Stevenson, Calvin Leonard, and William Gilbert, and three daughters, Barbara, Earline, and Inez.

Mom Rose, Mama, Ma, Mommie, Granny, Gramma, The Hall Monitor, as family and close friends affectionately called her, was employed by several well-known corporations throughout her 97 years on this earth.

Directly after high school, Rosa began her employment with K & H Printing Company and was later employed at Fisher Body, where she quickly advanced to the position of Foreman. Subsequently, Rosa worked at Michaels

Arts & Crafts while eagerly volunteering as a Census Taker for the City of Detroit. An active member of the AARP and a very conscientious citizen, who regarded community involvement and service as essential ways of life, she stepped to the plate and became a Block Club Leader in her neighborhood community.

The lack of not giving back to the community and volunteer service were two of Rosa Ayler's pet peeves. She had multiple charities to which she either gave service or made significant donations. After retirement, she served as an usher at the Fox Theater and the Music Hall while enjoying some of the most fabulous plays and entertainment offered at the time.

Rosa enjoyed traveling throughout the country and internationally with her family and close friends, but she especially enjoyed the multiple cruises she had the opportunity to experience. Mom Rose was fond of all sports, including soccer, baseball, basketball, and football. However, her preferred sport was golf, which surprised some because she had two children who were highly regarded college basketball players at the University of Michigan and Central Michigan University, and several grandchildren who were also recruited to play college basketball.

Mom Rose was such a humble spirit that at the age of 80, she turned down the opportunity to be showcased in Essence Magazine as one of the "Beautiful Black Women of a Certain Age." But, with an affectionate smile, a generous, loving spirit, and a wry sense of humor, she met no stranger. Rosa was delighted to share the accomplishments of her siblings, her children, and grandchildren, whom she loved dearly, with any audience that would listen.

Rosa leaves to treasure her memory one devoted sister, Gladys Jean Eckridge; three daughters, Barbara Hughes, Earline Winn, and Inez Brown; one son William Ayler; three daughters-in-law Andrea Ford Ayler, Toni Justice-Ayler, and Sandra Ayler; 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles. She leaves a legacy of a family with a strong foundation of love for God, family, and faith who will cherish her memory until they meet her again in glory.



# Previous Events

## Memorial

Thursday, Dec. **8**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Family Hour

Saturday, Dec. **10**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Word of Faith International Christian Center  
20000 W. Nine Mile Road  
Southfield, MI 48075

## Home going / Celebration of Life

Saturday, Dec. **10**. 2:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Rosa Ayler*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *We would like to extend our condolences to the family. In times of distress we need comfort that soothes our hearts. May the peace of God guard your hearts. Sharing your sadness.*

**Evans family** - December 23, 2022 at 10:04 AM



“ *Auntie Rose was a very elegant soft spoken but was very powerful when she spoke woman of God. She use to come get my cousin and I to attend church with her at DWO. I really appreciated and loved her for taking me to a place that the presence of God could surround and touch me in away that kept me going even if attending by myself. Seeing how she carried herself in dress and conversation did something for me as child. She was one to admire in her structure, statue, and pose. I know she lead soul to God and it was me at an early age.*

*You will be missed dearly Auntie Rose 🌸*

**Robin Davidson** - December 04, 2022 at 10:55 PM

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“ Rosa was one of the most kind, warm and engaging ladies I have ever met! Her genuine personality and smile are why I would love to be in her company. Although, we were generations apart I always considered her a true friend from the moment we met, and I was always honored to introduce her as friend to my family members. She may be departed but her beauty will remain in all those she has touched in so many ways and I am very thankful of lessons she so kindly taught me just because of who she was. You will certainly be missed my dear Rosa!

Ron Pryka

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**Ronald Pryka** - November 29, 2022 at 12:22 PM

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“ I was Rosa’s nephew, as she was married to Steve Ayler, who was my Mothers younger brother. God, miss her already, and our lively conversations. Rose, as we called her mind was sharp as a tact until the very end. I loved our lively debates.

May she rest in peace.

Joseph Davidson

California

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**Joseph Davidson** - November 23, 2022 at 09:48 PM

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**ronald pryka** - November 29, 2022 at 07:02 PM