



Mildred "Gem" Davis

May 16, 1923 - August 30, 2019

Mildred "Gem" Greggs Davis, was born to Louis and Minnie Lou Greggs on May 16, 1923. She was the youngest of nine children. Growing up in Kissimmee, FL., she attended Kissimmee High School; where she played point guard on the basketball team. Mildred was married on June 6, 1948 to the late Clarence Oliver Davis Sr. He served in the Navy and retired from Lockheed Martin after several years. Clarence and Mildred were married 64 years and 5 months. He would call her "Gem", because she was the perfect cut for him.

She later became the head cook at Kissimmee Hospital, where she sprinkled her personal seasonings of grace, hope, and love. She would eventually voluntarily leave her job at the hospital due to wanting to spend more time at home with her husband and children. After several years, she gracefully joined her husband's side by cooking at the Elks Club in Kissimmee, Florida; where she received several awards of excellence. They always stood by each other and leaned on God's word to direct their path.

Mildred grew up in the church that her father and mother founded in 1912, Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church later known as Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. It was her home church since birth. She was a deaconess and sang in the choir. After moving to Orlando, she became an active member at Tangelo Baptist Church in 1963. She was part of the Golden Stars and served on the cooking committee. She was well known for her "YUMMY" yellow rice and dressing, and her "THIRST QUENCHING" iced tea. OH, AND DON'T FORGET her baking skills. She always said her secret ingredient was LOVE!

Mildred's favorite pastime included: watching Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune every night. She watched the Orlando Magic play on television and Sunday NFL games with her family. She enjoyed shopping at the mall with her daughter; and meals with the family at Golden Corral. She always made time to visit those that were not feeling well; and made sure that those who were in need got their needs met. The family was able to grant her final request to revisit the beach and watch the sunset on July 28, 2019.

Mildred touched the lives of many children from their first steps to teaching them how to read. Her first lesson after you knew how to talk was to say "Please" and "Thank you". No matter who you were, she showed you unconditional love. Her heart was so close to that of Jesus. She always believed that we should love others as God has shown us.

Mildred was preceded in death by her beloved husband: Clarence O. Davis, Sr.; son: Eddie "Sonny" Davis (Jewelene); daughter: Gail Regina Davis.

She leaves to always remember and cherish her memories: Daughters: Loretta Davis of Kissimmee, Florida, LaFran Davis Turner (Robert) of Orlando, Florida, Gail Wolfe (Daniel) of Natchitoches, Louisiana; Son: Clarence Davis, Jr. of Orlando, Florida; Adopted Son: Arthur Harris (Cassandra) of Orlando, Florida; Adopted Daughters: Susan Lovette of Orlando, Florida and Beverly Smith of Brooklyn, New York; Sisters-in-law: Jeanette Davis of Davie, Florida, Marie Allen of Seattle, Washington; Gem's Angels: Sheila Davis of Gainesville, Florida, Ashtian Turner of Orlando, Florida, Jasmine Minott (Ryon) of Orlando, Florida; a host of Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, Great-Great Grandchildren, Nieces, Nephews, Other Relatives, and Loving Friends.

Special thanks to her nieces Sandra Johnson, Cynthia "Cynt" Bartley, and aide Stacy Lockett

Events

SEP **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Tangelo Baptist Church

7001 Ravenna Avenue, Orlando, FL, US, 32819

SEP **Service** 03:00PM

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SEP **Florida National Cemetery Burial** 11:00AM

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Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Avenue, Bushnell, FL, US, 33513

Comments



“ So many memories of Aunt Mildred, I will always cherish the loved see gave so freely. Rest in peace auntie.....Adolphus

Adolphus McMillian - September 30, 2019 at 12:22 AM



“ I will miss you grandma so so much! I am so thankful to have had the privilege to spend so much time with you. You will forever be my diamond!



Ashtian Turner - September 08, 2019 at 12:54 PM



“ To all family members, Ms. Davis was a beautiful women with a pure spirit. Ms.Davis (Granny), I will always cherish my visits with you. How your face would light up, your arms spread wide to give and recieve a hug. I still hear that soft sweet voice saying, " Show Nuff ". I remember just getting a hair cut before I came to visit, and your words to me were" You ready now". We both smiled together. We would just sit and talk. Then you would send me on my way with a bowl of Lima Beans that you prepared just for me.I love you, and you will be truly missed.



Natasha Kinney - September 06, 2019 at 12:27 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mildred "Gem" Davis.





“ Venus Rackard lit a candle in memory of Mildred "Gem" Davis



Venus Rackard - September 05, 2019 at 10:25 AM



“ Dot Newsome lit a candle in memory of Mildred "Gem" Davis



Dot Newsome - September 04, 2019 at 02:54 PM



“ To all family members 'Gem" was loved by all. My mother, Ella Mae Mercer (deceased), Aunt Ella as she was called. My mother loved her and her husband Clarence (deceased) so much and claimed that they got married because 'she' always knew that she was the right and only woman for her nephew Clarence. Gem, I will always miss you and the drives from Tampa to your home for Thanksgiving meals and the Florida Classic. A piece of my heart is missing. Gem is at peace now because she is with the love of her life, my cousin Clarence forever. Love You, Miss You Mildred (Gem) La Sharn (Mercer) White

LASHARN WHITE - September 04, 2019 at 01:59 PM



“ Sandra lit a candle in memory of Mildred "Gem" Davis





Sandra - September 03, 2019 at 10:19 AM



“ **Marian Ivey** lit a candle in memory of Mildred "Gem" Davis



Marian Ivey - September 02, 2019 at 11:35 PM