



Leila Mae Davis

September 10, 1938 - December 14, 2025

With grace and quite strength, our beloved mother, Leila Mae Davis, affectionately known as “Mrs. Ruth,” entered into her eternal rest at the age of 87, stepping peacefully into the arms of her Lord and Savior.

She was born to her loving parents, the late John F. Wilkerson and Olivia Wilkerson, as their only child.

She leaves to cherish precious memories, four children: Cynthia Lattimore, Cornita Bronson, Samuel T. Bronson III (Elena), and Robin Phillips (Walter); eight grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and extended family. Her warmth, wisdom and unwavering faith will forever guide all who knew and loved her.

Leila was born in Dawson, Georgia, and in her early years she attended Terrell County School System. She graduated from Jones High School in Orlando, Florida, and later attended Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Florida, where she majored in Education and proudly marched as a member of the Bethune-Cookman College Marching Band. Her instrument of choice was the saxophone.

Following her college pursuits, Leila devoted her career to educating students throughout Florida. She later received the opportunity to move to Detroit,

Michigan where she served for many years as a pre-school Director within the Wayne County School District. She was deeply committed to ensuring that every child was given the opportunity to learn.

Leila relocated back to Orlando, Florida, where she lovingly served as a caregiver to her mother, who battled Alzheimer's disease until her passing, and embarked on a new career in sales and Marketing within the Retail Industry, where she worked for several years until her health began to decline.

A woman of strong faith, Leila touched countless lives through her years of service. Her love for Christ and steadfast devotion were evident through her faithful membership at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Orlando, Florida, where she served as a member of the Choir, Usher Board, Sunday School teacher, and so graciously read the weekly announcements. She also attended Greater Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church in Tangerine, Florida.

Cemetery Details

Washington Park Cemetery

2700 Bruton Boulevard
Orlando, FL 32805

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32703
(407) 886-3388

Service

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Tribute Wall

RP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Robin Phillips - January 06 at 02:16 PM

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Robin Phillips - January 06 at 02:12 PM

PF

“ Priority Care Transit family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Leila Mae Davis.



Priority Care Transit family - January 02 at 02:51 PM



“ May God wrap his arms of Love and Mercy around your family at this difficult time. Sending you Love, Hugs and Prayers ❤️❤️❤️

Deborah Lattimore - December 31, 2025 at 10:51 AM



“ *Deborah Lattimore lit a candle in memory of Leila Mae Davis*



Deborah Lattimore - December 31, 2025 at 10:49 AM



“ *John Tatum planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leila Mae Davis.*

John Tatum - December 30, 2025 at 11:04 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Leila Mae Davis.*



December 30, 2025 at 11:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leila Mae Davis.*



December 30, 2025 at 04:15 PM

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“ *Chris & Michele Berry and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Leila Mae Davis.*



Chris & Michele Berry and Family - December 30, 2025 at 03:16 PM

RP

“ *Mommy you have always been my biggest fan, my guide, and my best friend. I'm going to miss our long talks and shared laughter. These memories I will hold dear to my heart, and carry the precious moments with me as they continue to bring me comfort.*



Take your rest Mommy, you are loved and cherished always.

Robin Phillips - December 19, 2025 at 04:02 PM

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“ *To the dove that carries my love,
With wings of peace and whispers from above,
Fly gently through the heavens wide,
And rest where angels now abide.
This dove, a prayer, a song,
For the mother whose love still keeps us strong.
Though your voice is quiet, your presence remains,
In every sunrise, in soft falling rain.
So fly, sweet dove, on wings of grace,
And kiss her cheek in that holy place.*



Cynthia Lattimore - December 18, 2025 at 10:54 PM

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“ Cynthia Lattimore sent a virtual gift in memory of Leila Mae Davis



Cynthia Lattimore - December 18, 2025 at 10:46 PM

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Coryarn Bronson - December 18, 2025 at 06:21 PM

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“ I light this candle in honor of your beautiful spirit, Mom. Thank you for the faith you lived, the love you gave, and the legacy you left. Until we meet again, may your soul rest in God's etenal peace.



Cynthia Lattimore - December 18, 2025 at 10:23 AM

CL

“ Like a candle, your love lit our lives. Now you shine in eternity.

Cynthia Lattimore - December 17, 2025 at 11:18 PM

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“ Cynthia Lattimore lit a candle in memory of Leila Mae Davis



Cynthia Lattimore - December 17, 2025 at 11:13 PM

RP

“ Robin Phillips lit a candle in memory of Leila Mae Davis



Robin Phillips - December 17, 2025 at 10:26 PM

SI

“ Samuel T Bronson III lit a candle in memory of Leila Mae Davis



Samuel T Bronson III - December 17, 2025 at 03:31 PM

CW

“ Charlie Mae Warren lit a candle in memory of Leila Mae Davis



Charlie Mae Warren - December 16, 2025 at 01:22 PM