



Areatha (Ford) Stafford

December 3, 1968 - February 8, 2026

***NOTE: A MEMORIAL SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY FOR AREATHA (FORD) STAFFORD WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026, AT OUR FUNERAL HOME

***PLEASE SEE VISITATION & SERVICE TIMES LISTED BELOW

***MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER WILL BE PROVIDED BY REQUEST.

THE OBITUARY

Areatha Stafford (Ford), 58, affectionately known as “ReRe” gained her wings on February 8, 2026. ReRe was born on December 3, 1968, in Kalamazoo, Michigan to Willie B. Ford Sr. and Arletha Ford (Wilson). She was baptized at an early age at the Second Baptist Church in Kalamazoo MI, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Matthew Wright. She attended Kalamazoo Public Schools and graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School in 1986. Areatha also served as a member of The Order of Eastern Stars.

Areatha loved to dance in her younger years. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She was also known for her beautiful smile. Areatha will greatly be missed by family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents Willie B. Ford, Sr. and Arletha Ford;

her brother Zachery Bradley and her twin sister Arletha Ford.

Areatha is survived by her husband Leonard E. Stafford Jr.; her brother, Willie B. (Kimberly) Ford Jr. and a host of family and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation For Family & Friends

FEB 21. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

A Memorial Service In Loving Memory Of Areatha (Ford) Stafford

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Areatha (Ford) Stafford



Harper Funeral Home - February 19 at 03:49 PM

AM

I will miss you Aretha Ford! You were a friend to me every since I've known you and I really appreciate that. Give Aletha a hug from me. Love ya! My Condolences toThe Ford Family. May God comfort you all during this most difficult time. 🙏❤️🙏❤️

Avanette Morris - February 21 at 01:30 PM

EB

“ *I had the pleasure of visiting with Areatha while I was visiting my dad in the nursing home. She still had smiles and was able to tell me of the different people she saw going into my dad's room as she kept an eye out from across the hall. God rest her soul.*

My prayers and condolences to her family and friends.

Erica Carver Bonner - March 31 at 02:03 PM

VM

“ *Vicky Mills-Jones lit a candle in memory of Areatha (Ford) Stafford*



vicky Mills-Jones - March 05 at 10:07 AM

SC

“ *Willie, aka Whimp....my condolences to you and your family of the passing of Ree Ree. You and your family always made me feel like family, and Ree Ree never called me by my name always C....! I'm truly sorry for your loss Bro...!*

Shawn Clark

Shawn Clark - March 05 at 01:52 AM

JM

“ *Joyce McDowell lit a candle in memory of Areatha Stafford*



Joyce McDowell - March 02 at 02:09 PM

SB

“ *Sending prayers and condolences to Willie and Family Shannan Clark Bacon*



Shannan Clark Bacon - February 26 at 08:21 PM

LG

“ *Larry Gray And Karen Gray sent a virtual gift in memory of Areatha (Ford) Stafford*



Larry Gray and Karen Gray - February 23 at 11:50 PM

CC

“ *Carmen Clark lit a candle in memory of Areatha (Ford) Stafford*



Carmen Clark - February 23 at 07:26 PM

AF

“ *May you rest in peace TT RERE*
- KK ❤️



Akasia Ford - February 21 at 11:23 AM

QW

“ *Quona Walker lit a candle in memory of Areatha (Ford) Stafford*



Quona Walker - February 20 at 06:21 PM

DF

“ *Darkisha Fance lit a candle in memory of Areatha (Ford) Stafford*



Darkisha Fance - February 20 at 12:17 PM

JD

“ *Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Areatha (Ford) Stafford*



Jack Dunigan - February 20 at 10:22 AM

RJ

“ *Regina Johnson lit a candle in memory of Areatha (Ford) Stafford*



Regina Johnson - February 19 at 11:07 PM

PT

“ *Patricia Thomas lit a candle in memory of Areatha (Ford) Stafford*



Patricia Thomas - February 19 at 10:21 PM

TF

“ *The Yarbrough Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Areatha (Ford) Stafford.*



The Yarbrough Family - February 19 at 09:36 PM

CJ

“ *Growing up together with my Twin cousins was a blessing. I will forever hold on to those wonderful memories R.I.P. Re Re and Tiny, lighting this candle for you both. Sending my condolences to my Ford family, love you family.* 📖💔🕊️



Cathy Johnson - February 19 at 09:36 PM

DF

“ *My sincere condolences to the family praying 🙏 gone to soon.*



Dallas Boards and family - February 19 at 05:36 PM

TC

“ *Tracy Charleston-Blakes lit a candle in memory of Areatha (Ford) Stafford*



Tracy Charleston-Blakes - February 18 at 10:48 PM

VF

“ *Veronica Clopton, Aunt Jackie & Family lit a candle in memory of Areatha (Ford) Stafford*



Veronica Clopton, Aunt Jackie & Family - February 18 at 05:22 PM

TR

“ *Trish lit a candle in memory of Areatha Stafford*



Trish - February 18 at 01:28 PM

MW

“ *Mary Williams lit a candle in memory of Areatha Stafford*



Mary Williams - February 18 at 07:48 AM

KA

“ *Kimyatta Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Areatha Stafford*



Kimyatta Armstrong - February 17 at 10:29 PM

AB

“ *Arlene Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Areatha Stafford*



Arlene Buchanan - February 17 at 10:05 PM

TH

“ *Tracey M Hughes lit a candle in memory of Areatha Stafford*



Tracey M Hughes - February 17 at 09:27 PM

SB

“ *Sharon Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Areatha Stafford*



Sharon Buchanan - February 17 at 09:27 PM

SM

“ *Shanda Minines lit a candle in memory of Areatha Stafford*



Shanda Minines - February 17 at 05:45 PM

TM

“ *The Manning’s purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Areatha (Ford) Stafford.*



The Manning’s - February 17 at 02:24 PM

TM

“ *The Manning’s planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Areatha (Ford) Stafford.*

The Manning’s - February 17 at 02:24 PM

PF

“ *PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Areatha Stafford*



PATTERSON FAMILY - February 17 at 12:51 PM

TW

“ *Tracy Word lit a candle in memory of Areatha Stafford*



Tracy Word - February 16 at 05:19 PM

EG

“ *Edith Gardner lit a candle in memory of Areatha Stafford*



Edith Gardner - February 16 at 04:02 PM

SB

“ *Sharon Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Areatha Stafford*



Sharon Buchanan - February 16 at 08:26 AM

SF

“ *Streeter Family lit a candle in memory of Areatha Stafford*



Streeter Family - February 15 at 09:17 PM

FF

“ *Flora Jones & Family lit a candle in memory of Areatha Stafford*



Flora Jones & Family - February 15 at 06:09 PM

CF

“ Charles & Cea Green Family lit a candle in memory of Areatha Stafford



Charles & Cea Green Family - February 15 at 06:08 PM

DB

“ Donald & Ruby Barbee lit a candle in memory of Areatha Stafford



Donald & Ruby Barbee - February 15 at 03:34 PM

CM

“ There are no words that can explain how much you are loved and will be missed.



CHARISE R MCPHERSON - February 15 at 02:42 PM

TG

“ Saddened by your loss Sending my Heartfelt condolences and prayers to the family, Ree was a joyful spirit I can hear her laughter in my ears saying cheer up I'm good Girl I made it Home. Love you Ree, 💕

Tikita Garland - February 15 at 11:09 AM

TG

“ Tikita Garland lit a candle in memory of Areatha Stafford



Tikita Garland - February 15 at 10:56 AM

SW

“ selena walker lit a candle in memory of Areatha Stafford



selena walker - February 15 at 08:08 AM

TH

“ Sending love and condolences to the Family. Rere will truly be missed. I've known her my whole life and she was always a pleasure to be around. Rest safe in God's Arms. Love Tanya Hollin



Tanya Hollin - February 15 at 01:41 AM

EJ

“ Ethel Jones-Smith lit a candle in memory of Areatha Stafford



Ethel Jones-Smith - February 14 at 11:21 PM