



## Ms. Areatha Williams

October 9, 1940 - April 1, 2016

Areatha Williams ended life on this side of glory peacefully at the age of 75 on April 1, 2016.

She was born October 9, 1940 in Pontotoc, Mississippi. She was raised as the oldest daughter of the late Odie and Mary Dancer. She was one of nine children, four brothers and four sisters. One sister preceded her in death.

Areatha insured her seat alongside the heavenly Father by accepting Christ as her Lord and Savior while attending Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Troy, Mississippi at the age of 12. She attended Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Troy until she moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan in 1960. Upon arriving in Kalamazoo, she immediately became a member at Mt. Zion Baptist Church (MI), where she remained a member until she departed from this world.

Areatha loved to give without thought, extending a hand to anyone in need. If asked among her family members they would all say that she was the most caring member of her family. Areatha shared a special kind of kindness to her family and close friends that was a true testament of her Christian values. Areatha graduated from Fannie Carter High School in Okolona, Mississippi at the age of 18. She later became a student at Okolona Community College becoming the first child in her family to attend college. She was an active member of The Order of the Eastern Star, Deborah 24 International Masons.

Areatha was preceded in death by her sister, Sarah Snell.

She leaves to mourn her passing three brothers, Odie (Michelle) Dancer Jr. of Kalamazoo, MI; Clarence Dancer of Seattle, WA; Craig (Valerie) Dancer of Adams, TN and Michael (Felice) Dancer of Helotes, TX; three sisters, Luella (Otis) Perry of Kalamazoo, MI; Bonnie (Willie) Boyd of Jacksonville, AR and Brenda (Terry) Romig of Conocross, GA. She will be missed by a host of nephews, nieces and cousins. Special thanks to nephew, Tykese Perry for filling in when no one else could. She is gone out of our sight to a beautiful mansion, where we hope to join her someday.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Ever-Rest Memorial Park

4037 South Westnedge Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 8. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Visitation

APR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Second Baptist Church  
609 N. Rose Street  
Kalamazoo, MI

## A Service in Loving Memory

APR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Second Baptist Church  
609 N. Rose Street  
Kalamazoo, MI



# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Areatha Williams



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**Harper Funeral Home** - April 07, 2016 at 09:22 PM



“ Ms. Areatha Williams

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October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Ms. Areatha Williams

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October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Alice Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ms. Areatha Williams



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**Alice Taylor** - April 10, 2016 at 08:05 PM

TC

“ Theresa Charleston lit a candle in memory of Ms. Areatha Williams



Theresa Charleston - April 09, 2016 at 11:44 AM

TC

You will be missed! It was a pleasure to serve with you with Debra Chapter #24

Theresa Charleston - April 09, 2016 at 11:50 AM

EF

“ Earline Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Areatha Williams



Earline Fields and Family - April 09, 2016 at 10:31 AM

PG

“ Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Areatha Williams



Pauline Gardner - April 07, 2016 at 08:53 AM

JB

“ *Jerry And Terry Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Areatha Williams*



**Jerry and Terry Buchanan** - April 06, 2016 at 08:03 PM

DF

“ *Doris Abbott And Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Areatha Williams*



**Doris Abbott and family** - April 06, 2016 at 04:37 PM



“ *Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Areatha Williams*



**Karest Willis-Brown** - April 06, 2016 at 03:56 PM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Areatha Williams*



**Jo Ann Embrey** - April 04, 2016 at 12:03 PM