



Ms. Darlene Colter

November 16, 1954 - June 11, 2015

Darlene Colter departed this life on June 11, 2015 in Battle Creek, MI. She was born November 16, 1954 to Archie Lee Colter and Wylene “Betty” Howell Penn in Gary, IN. She graduated from high school in 1973 and attended Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Darlene worked at Park Place Living Center in Kalamazoo for 25 years.

Darlene had a friendly, illuminating personality which made it easy for people to gravitate towards her. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She liked to collect different sized, decorative woven baskets, which adorned several rooms in her home. Darlene will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her father, Archie Lee Colter; her son, Walter Warren Rivera; 2 brothers, Claude B. Douglas and Eric Jerome Colter and one sister, Dorothy Renee Colter. She leaves in loving memory 2 sons, Frederick Duvon (Michelle) Howell of Portage, MI and Kevin Jay (Latisha) Howell of Detroit, MI. She also leaves to cherish her loving memory, her mother, Wylene “Betty” (Willie) Penn of Hinesville, GA; brothers, Samuel Howell and Curtis (Ginger) Howell, both of Kalamazoo, MI; Donald (Linda) Garland of Benton Harbor, MI; Kenneth Garland of Masa, AZ; Alan Garland of Phoenix Arizona and Robert (Leslie) Colter of Douglasville, GA; 2 sisters, Marietta “Wendy” Irving of Kalamazoo, MI; and Anita Gail Wilson of

Stockbridge, GA; 13 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **20**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

A Service in Loving Memory

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Darlene Colter



Harper Funeral Home - June 19, 2015 at 06:00 PM



“ Ms. Darlene Colter

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Ms. Darlene Colter

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Melinda Thomas - lit a candle in memory of Darlene



melinda thomas - June 27, 2015 at 10:04 AM



“ *Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Darlene Colter*



Karest Willis-Brown - June 20, 2015 at 10:52 PM

LB

“ *Dolly you'll be missed so much...*



Lizzy Bradford - June 19, 2015 at 10:35 PM

MA

“ *Margo Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Darlene Colter*



Margo Anderson - June 18, 2015 at 09:22 PM

AB

“ *Arlene Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Darlene Colter*



arlene Buchanan - June 18, 2015 at 07:15 AM

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“ *Rita Stigler (niece) lit a candle in memory of Ms. Darlene Colter*



rita stigler (niece) - June 18, 2015 at 03:22 AM

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“ *my aunt was the sweetest, calm, caring, and loving person her laugh i will never forget ...my aunt and i all our whole life probably both weigh 100 pound soaking wet ,together...lol!*

rita stigler (niece) - June 18, 2015 at 03:06 AM