



## Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills

August 1, 1941 - August 4, 2025

\*A FUNERAL SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY FOR MRS. GERTRUDE G. MILLS WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025 AT THE GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH. \*PLEASE SEE VISITATION & SERVICE TIMES LISTED BELOW.

NOTE: MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER CAN BE PROVIDED BY REQUEST.

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ATTENTION TO THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO VIEW SERVICES ONLINE YOU HAVE (4) OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM:

1. Go to Galilee Baptist Church's website at: [gbckazoo.org](http://gbckazoo.org)
- Or
2. Go to YouTube and type in The Galilee Baptist Church Lives Stream
- Or
3. Go to Facebook, if you have a Facebook account. after logging in, type in Galilee Baptist Church
- Or-
4. Use the GBC App, Instagram or Twitter

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\*\*\*NOTE: The DVD Memorial Tribute will be available soon

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THE OBITUARY

Gertrude Gold Mills was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, on August 1st, 1941, and passed away peacefully at home on August 4th, 2025. She was 84 years old. She was a proud graduate of Old Central High School, Class of 1959. After graduating, she dedicated 35 years to the Upjohn Company, retiring from Pharmacia Upjohn in 1999.

Gertrude was a woman full of energy, joy, and love. She enjoyed bowling, softball, roller skating, and cooking. She was a devoted member of Galilee Baptist Church, where she sang in the choir, and was also a proud member of the Red Hatters. Known for her beautiful smile and generous spirit, she welcomed everyone with open arms and made them feel like family.

Gertrude met Robert Mills Sr. and they united in marriage. To this union they had eight children: Robert Lee Mills Jr. (Carolyn); William Mills (Tonya); Monica Mills, Maurice Mills (who preceded her in death), Victoria Jones (Lamond); Terence Mills, Cheryl Mills (Desiree Phillips), and Jason Mills. She also leaves behind her special granddaughter and caregiver, Kamesha Brown (Bari Jr.), along with her family who lovingly welcomed Gertrude into their home and cared for her until her passing.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter Reese and Helen Johnson; her ex-husband, Robert Mills Sr.; her son, Maurice Mills; and her siblings Walter Reese Jr., Wendell Johnson, Gwendolyn Johnson, Ola Rae Perkins, and Jimmy Charles.

Along with her eight children, she is also survived by 22 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren, 34 great-great-grandchildren, her special cousin Cynthia Smith, and her dear brother Jimmy Jackson.

Gertrude leaves behind a beautiful legacy and will be truly missed and never forgotten for all the things she taught her family.



# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Rd  
Kalamazoo, MI 49048-1733  
(269) 337-8227

# Previous Events

## Visitation For Family & Friends

AUG 14. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Public Viewing For Family & Friends

AUG 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church  
1216 North Westnedge Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

## A Service in Loving Memory

AUG 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church  
1216 North Westnedge Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007



# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills



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**Harper Funeral Home** - August 12, 2025 at 07:37 PM

CW

*That was really nice she will be missed !!!! Love you guys.....*

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**Charlotte Williams** - August 13, 2025 at 05:32 PM

MA

*Nothing in my life was more Golden than Gertrude Gold Mills. Her and my dad hung out good over the years and even came to Florida a few times. She played a major part in my life and I made sure she knew that prior. Thank you momma Gert I will get me some Archway Oatmeal Cookies and make some hot dog chilli in the cast iron skillet, the same one you did. Love You RIP*

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**Mitchell Bernard Abrams** - August 14, 2025 at 09:07 AM

EW

“ Evelyn Winfield-Thomas lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills



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**Evelyn Winfield-Thomas** - August 31, 2025 at 01:20 PM

PF

“ *PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills*



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**PATTERSON FAMILY** - August 20, 2025 at 04:08 PM

AA

“ *Ashley Alexander lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills*



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**Ashley Alexander** - August 19, 2025 at 09:25 PM

GK

“ *Gordon Kelley lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



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**Gordon Kelley** - August 19, 2025 at 09:16 AM

IR

“ *To The Mills Family:*

*Our prayers and condolences are with you always.*

*Love you!*

*Frank, Ida and Jaudon Robinson*



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**Ida Robinson** - August 17, 2025 at 09:19 PM

PC

“ *Patricia Civils lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



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**Patricia Civils** - August 16, 2025 at 08:34 PM

EF

“ *Earline Fields and family lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



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**Earline Fields and family** - August 15, 2025 at 07:34 PM

EF

“ *My Condolences to the Mills family God bless you all*



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**Earline Fields and family** - August 15, 2025 at 07:32 PM

GH

“ *Guenetta Harris-Gordon lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



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**Guenetta Harris-Gordon** - August 15, 2025 at 08:06 AM

M(

“ Margaret J Smith (Margie) sent a virtual gift in memory of Gertrude Mills



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**Margaret J Smith (Margie)** - August 15, 2025 at 07:36 AM

ES

“ Elizabeth A. Stamps sent a virtual gift in memory of Gertrude Mills



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**Elizabeth A. Stamps** - August 15, 2025 at 07:35 AM

RL

“ Ramona Lumpkin lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills



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**Ramona Lumpkin** - August 15, 2025 at 06:29 AM

DJ

“ Sending my heart felt condolence to you all at this difficult time. Your mom's kindness and bright smile will always be remembered and will live on in the lives of everyone she touched. Love you all! 🙏 Rest peacefully Mrs. Mills ❤️



*DeeCee Jennings*

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**DeeCee Jennings** - August 14, 2025 at 11:43 PM

DJ

“ *DeeCee Jennings lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



DeeCee Jennings - August 14, 2025 at 11:26 PM

M(

“ *Margaret J Smith (Margie) lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



Margaret J Smith (Margie) - August 14, 2025 at 10:07 PM

JG

“ *Our sincere condolences to the family of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills.*



JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr.- Atlanta GA - August 14, 2025 at 10:04 PM

SB

“ *Sharon Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



Sharon Buchanan - August 14, 2025 at 09:39 PM

CO

“ *Condolences to the family. Cordell & Brenda Gardner*

**Cordell/Brenda** - August 14, 2025 at 04:31 PM

VB

“ *Viola Bentley lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



**Viola Bentley** - August 14, 2025 at 01:30 PM

TF

“ *The Willie (Howard) Gordon Family lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



**The Willie (Howard) Gordon Family** - August 14, 2025 at 12:15 PM

LB

“ *My sincere Condolences 🙏 to the family of Gertrude Mills. When ever you asked Mrs. Gertrude hw RU doing? Her Response Blessed By Da Best!! A Beautiful Soul, a wonderful waman!!! She will truly be Missed by all that knew her,,*



**Larry Bell** - August 14, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills.*



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August 14, 2025 at 08:21 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills.

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August 14, 2025 at 08:21 AM



“ *Prayers to the Mills family in your time of bereavement. May God comfort and strengthen you in the days to come* 🙏🕊️📖  
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**Stephania Brown** - August 14, 2025 at 07:30 AM



“ *Overton family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills.*



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**Overton family** - August 14, 2025 at 12:01 AM

CB

“ *Claudia Barbee lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



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**Claudia Barbee** - August 13, 2025 at 10:07 PM

LT

“ *Latina Tucker lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



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**Latina Tucker** - August 13, 2025 at 09:57 PM

HB

“ *Gertude was a lovely nice sister in law.  
With a beautiful smile.  
She always called me Aunt Helen.  
When she was in the hospital. Vicky put her  
on the phone to speak to me. She said hi  
Aunt Helen. She loved her children, grandchildren and her special  
cousin Cindy.  
Family remember what she taught you.  
Follow her footsteps. By attending a Bible teaching church and  
accepting Jesus as your Lord and Savior.  
Love your Aunt Helen*



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**Helen (Mills) Brooks** - August 13, 2025 at 09:12 PM

LS

“ *Lola Streeter lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



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**Lola Streeter** - August 13, 2025 at 05:00 PM

JL

“ *Jackie Little sent a virtual gift in memory of Gertrude Mills*



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**Jackie Little** - August 13, 2025 at 03:10 PM

BR

“ *Brenda lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



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**Brenda** - August 13, 2025 at 10:15 AM

GS

“ *My prayers and condolences are with the family of, Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills she was one singing sister, I love hearing her voice. My God comfort you in your time of grieving.*



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**Gwendolyn Smith** - August 13, 2025 at 08:42 AM

DM

“ *Diane McPherson-Carver lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



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**Diane McPherson-Carver** - August 13, 2025 at 05:18 AM

AT

“ *Angela Buchanan Tabron lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



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**Angela Buchanan Tabron** - August 13, 2025 at 12:10 AM

QW

“ *Quona Walker lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



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**Quona Walker** - August 13, 2025 at 12:06 AM

EG

“ *Edith. Gardner lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



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**Edith. Gardner** - August 12, 2025 at 10:27 PM

NH

“ nanette Hickman sent a virtual gift in memory of Gertrude Mills



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**nanette Hickman** - August 12, 2025 at 10:17 PM

DR

“ Dr. Jerri Robinson lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills



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**Dr. Jerri Robinson** - August 12, 2025 at 09:32 PM

LM

“ My condolences to the family. My mother-in-law was a lovely woman. We loved each other and she showed me how to be a great mother-in-law, as well. Take your rest...Libby.

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**Libby Mills** - August 12, 2025 at 08:17 PM

GS

“ Annette6143@gmail.com



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**Gayle Singer** - August 12, 2025 at 06:31 PM

GS

“ *Gayle Singer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills*



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**Gayle Singer** - August 12, 2025 at 06:28 PM

CB

“ *Carmesha Bell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills*



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**Carmesha Bell** - August 12, 2025 at 05:54 PM

CA

“ *Charlene Abercrombie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills*



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**Charlene Abercrombie** - August 12, 2025 at 05:03 PM

EG

“ *Edith. Gardner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills*



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**Edith. Gardner** - August 12, 2025 at 04:27 PM

EG

“ *Edith. Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills*



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**Edith. Gardner** - August 12, 2025 at 04:26 PM

BJ

“ *Bunny R Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills*



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**Bunny R Johnson** - August 12, 2025 at 03:44 PM

TF

“ *The Prude Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills*



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**The Prude Family** - August 12, 2025 at 01:52 PM

AM

“ *Sending you all hugs & my most sincere Condolences to the entire family during this most difficult time. I remember Ms. Mills growing up in Galilee Baptist Church. The Angels are welcoming her with opened arms. Rest on Beautiful Lady!* 🙏🇺🇸🙏❤️



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**Avanette Morris** - August 12, 2025 at 01:15 PM

AF

“ *Areatha Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills*



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**Areatha Ford** - August 12, 2025 at 01:03 PM

FF

“ *Frank & Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills*



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**Frank & Betty Ford** - August 12, 2025 at 11:52 AM

GW

“ *Georgia Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills*



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**Georgia Williams** - August 12, 2025 at 11:06 AM

BG

“ *Betty Galloway lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills*



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**Betty Galloway** - August 12, 2025 at 10:47 AM

GM

“ George Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills



George Moore - August 12, 2025 at 09:22 AM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills



Jack Dunigan - August 12, 2025 at 09:14 AM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills



Jack Dunigan - August 12, 2025 at 09:14 AM

AT

“ Alice Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills



Alice Taylor - August 12, 2025 at 06:12 AM

MW

“ *Malinda J. Whitley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills*



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**Malinda J. Whitley** - August 12, 2025 at 12:26 AM

PT

“ *Patricia Thomas and Family*



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**Patricia Thomas** - August 11, 2025 at 11:46 PM

GS

“ *I can always think of the way she walked and the way she smiled. She was always so friendly and spoke to everyone. We even Bowl together at one time and I can remember giving her a ride from work from time to time. We didn't keep in touch much over the years but occasionally wouldn't run across each other. There was always a smile and a hug. May her Legacy bring Comfort to her family.*

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**Gersteen Sherrod** - August 11, 2025 at 11:35 PM

MJ

“ *My condolences to the family of Gertrude Mills.*



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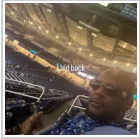
**Mary Johnson** - August 11, 2025 at 11:20 PM

LG

“ *Larry Gray And Karen Gray sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills*



**Larry Gray and Karen Gray** - August 11, 2025 at 11:04 PM



“ *Jessie Carver lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills*



**Jessie Carver** - August 11, 2025 at 10:49 PM

SA

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Mills family for the transition of their mother. May you all find peace in knowing that she rest in the arms of Jesus and it is well with her soul. We are praying for you. Love Larence and Sherry Anderson, and the Ozier family.*



**Sherry and Larence Anderson** - August 11, 2025 at 10:05 PM

DB

“ *Darwin Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills*



**Darwin Barbee** - August 11, 2025 at 09:27 PM

TF

“ Thompson Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills



Thompson Family - August 11, 2025 at 08:02 PM

GS

“ Gayle Singer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills



Gayle Singer - August 11, 2025 at 08:01 PM

BL

“ My sincere condolences to the Mills family.



Barbara Lewis - August 11, 2025 at 07:17 PM

BJ

“ Bari B Brown Jr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills



Bari B Brown Jr - August 11, 2025 at 06:23 PM

RJ

“ My prayers are with the family of Sis. Gertrude Mills. 'Earth has no sorrow, that Heaven cannot heal.' You have my deepest sympathy and sincere condolences.



Rev. Mark Justice - August 11, 2025 at 06:04 PM

SE

“ You will be greatly missed, sweetheart. Rest on Ms Gertrude. Prayers going up to your family 💕🙏



Sherry Coffey ezell - August 11, 2025 at 05:57 PM

EG

“ Edith. Gardner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills



Edith. Gardner - August 11, 2025 at 05:43 PM

TM

“ Toni (Hegler) Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills



Toni (Hegler) Moore - August 11, 2025 at 05:25 PM

CS

“ Our condolences tmin the passing of Aunt Gertrude.



Cheryl and Sean - August 11, 2025 at 04:36 PM

DW

“ With Deepest Sympathy on the passing of your beloved Mother, there’s no words to ease your pain during this difficult time, just whole the beautiful memories close to your heart. Mrs. Mills was a beautiful lady inside and out she always had a smile when she greeted you. The Mills family is in our thoughts and prayers. To be absent from the body is to be present with The Lord 🙏🕊️❤️



David & Laverne Walker - August 11, 2025 at 03:40 PM

CG

“ Cea Green lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills



Cea Green - August 11, 2025 at 03:19 PM

TA

“ Sending my sincere condolences and prayers to the Mills family and friends on their loss of their Matriarch of the family. Asking God to comfort them and to give them peace and understanding during this difficult time and thereafter. Love you all.



*Tameka Renee H.*

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**Tameka** - August 11, 2025 at 02:25 PM

MH

*Such warm hearted soul, always was the same sweet soul, never changed her soft spoken sharing with you 🙏❤️🌹🌹🌹 May God crown you My dear sister in Christ the golden crown that you were seeking for 🙏 truly appreciate, Minister Henry Harty 🌹❤️🙏*

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**Minister Henry Harty** - August 11, 2025 at 03:50 PM

SW

“ *Sonia Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



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**Sonia Wilkerson** - August 11, 2025 at 02:20 PM

GK

“ *Gordon Kelley lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



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**Gordon Kelley** - August 11, 2025 at 01:56 PM

HS

“ *Hilda Snell lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



Hilda Snell - August 11, 2025 at 01:55 PM

JH

“ *Jerry Harris lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



Jerry Harris - August 11, 2025 at 01:40 PM

TF

“ *Sending my deepest condolences and prayers to the entire Mills family. Mrs. Mills was a beautiful and classy woman. She will be truly remembered and missed. May God comfort each of you during this not so easy time and may she rest well with our Heavenly Father! 🙏*



Tisa Franklin & Family - August 11, 2025 at 12:39 PM

SL

“ *Shirley Lee lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



Shirley Lee - August 11, 2025 at 12:23 PM

RC

“ Rest in Heaven Aunt Gertrude. Praying for my Mills family. Love you guys.



Raon Coleman - August 11, 2025 at 12:09 PM

EC

“ MY CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY 🙏💜  
😊



Elizabeth Coleman - August 11, 2025 at 10:51 AM

CS

“ Cynthia Smith lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills



Cynthia Smith - August 11, 2025 at 09:34 AM

DF

“ Darlene Zackery and family sent a virtual gift in memory of Gertrude Mills



Darlene Zackery and family - August 11, 2025 at 09:20 AM

HF

“ *Heady Family lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



Heady Family - August 11, 2025 at 08:08 AM

RW

“ *RJ & Anita Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



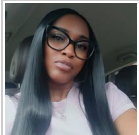
RJ & Anita Wilkerson - August 11, 2025 at 07:48 AM

DF

“ *Daniel Family-Lillie, Patricia, Teresa, Calvin, Juanita, Mariah and Malika. God is our strength in times of sorrow and our shelter during life's storms. May God's Love Comfort You Now and Always. Sincere Sympathy*



Daniel Family - August 11, 2025 at 07:32 AM



“ *Rest in Paradise Beautiful. You will be missed*



LaShell Lee - August 11, 2025 at 07:19 AM

JS

“ *Sending prayers and my deepest condolences to the entire family. Grandma Gert will forever be loved and missed.* 🌹❤️  
🙏



**Jytisha Streeter** - August 11, 2025 at 06:50 AM

DF

“ *My sincere condolences to the family praying*  
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**Dallas Boards and family** - August 11, 2025 at 06:30 AM

MV

“ *Mignon Vincent lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



**Mignon Vincent** - August 11, 2025 at 03:45 AM

RO

“ *Rafiq Siddiqui-Rickie Ozier lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



**Rafiq Siddiqui-Rickie Ozier** - August 11, 2025 at 03:32 AM

SS

“ Shawn Sanders purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills.



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**Shawn Sanders** - August 10, 2025 at 11:15 PM

SS

“ Shawn Sanders planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Gertrude G. Mills.

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**Shawn Sanders** - August 10, 2025 at 11:15 PM

JE

“ JoAnn Embrey lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills



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**JoAnn Embrey** - August 10, 2025 at 11:11 PM

CF

“ Charleston Family lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills



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**Charleston Family** - August 10, 2025 at 10:43 PM

HT

“ *My Condolences and prayers are with the family and friends*



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**Hazel Tellis** - August 10, 2025 at 10:26 PM

RF

“ *Prayers To The Family, You Will Be Deeply Missed*

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**Robin Jones & Family** - August 10, 2025 at 10:19 PM

LB

“ *Rest in paradise Grandma Mills you will be missed but never forgotten love ❤️ always Toya*



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**LaToya Brown** - August 10, 2025 at 09:55 PM

DS

“ *Denise sheppard lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



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**Denise sheppard** - August 10, 2025 at 09:54 PM

BR

“ *Brenda sent a virtual gift in memory of Gertrude Mills*



**Brenda** - August 10, 2025 at 09:52 PM

BB

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Mills family! Your Mom, grandmother, great grandmother Ms. Mills was a remarkable and loving woman. God bless you all.*



**Beverly Boyd** - August 10, 2025 at 09:39 PM

AB

“ *Angela Brown lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



**Angela Brown** - August 10, 2025 at 08:49 PM

TF

“ *Tyrone Tarver & family lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills*



**Tyrone Tarver & family** - August 10, 2025 at 08:48 PM

JD

“ Rest peacefully Aunt Gertrude ❤️



Joann Dixon - August 10, 2025 at 08:34 PM

RS

“ Randy & Ethel (Jones) Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Gertrude Mills



Randy & Ethel (Jones) Smith - August 10, 2025 at 08:33 PM

SW

“ selena walker lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Mills



selena walker - August 10, 2025 at 08:09 PM

YH

“ R.I.P Gertrude you will truly be missed. Yvonne



Yvonne Heltzel - August 10, 2025 at 07:27 PM

DB

*You did a great job on this Earth for our Lord Gert,now he is taking you home with him God Bless You.DB*

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**Donald E. Bell** - August 14, 2025 at 02:13 PM