



Mrs. Gladys B. Jasper-Evans

December 29, 1949 - November 5, 2022

****ATTENTION FAMILY & FRIENDS: FIRST UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH IS HOSTING A MUSICAL LIFE & LEGACY CELEBRATION SERVICE, WITH THE FAMILY OF MRS. GLADYS B. JASPER-EVANS.

****PLEASE NOTE CORRECTION TO IN LIEU OF FLOWERS INFORMATION: ***** IN LIEU OF FLOWERS OR GIFT CARDS, THE FAMILY REQUESTS SENDING MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS INSTEAD. THESE ARE THE TWO OPTIONS:

MR. ARTHUR L. EVANS, III
P.O. BOX 19191
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49019

or

Cash App: \$ArthurLEvans

*****The Family would like to thank you for your expressed sympathy, concerns, prayers, calls, texts, visits, social media posts and gifts of love!

*****PLEASE NOTE: WHEN ENTERING THE CHURCH: MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE STILL REQUIRED. THE CHURCH WILL PROVIDE HAND SANITIZER WHEN ENTERING THE BUILDING.

THE OBITUARY

Mrs. Gladys B. Jasper-Evans was born December 29, 1949, in Marvell, Arkansas, to Ms. Mary Lee Scaife and the late Mr. Elacy Jasper Sr. She was the fourth of 11 children.

Gladys lived in Marvell, Arkansas until the age of 19. She moved to St. Louis, MO, in 1967, with her Uncle Milton and Aunt Ira Lee.

Shortly after relocating, Gladys met the love of her life, Rev. Arthur L. Evans III, on May 5, 1969, they united in holy matrimony. Together they shared four beautiful children. In

February of 1973, Gladys and Arthur decided to put down roots in Kalamazoo, MI with their children.

Gladys was employed for over 20 years as an Assembly Operator at a local automotive supplier of automotive interior systems.

Gladys never met a stranger, and she left a mark on everyone she encountered. She was endowed with many talents: seamstress, upholsterer, interior decorator, comedian, and widely known for her anointed voice to sing the gospel. Gladys has ministered in song with various gospel artists, graced the stage in civic plays, served on the senior dance ministry, and was an often sought out soloist for funerals throughout the community. Gladys was a passionate and faithful member of Second Baptist and attended First United Baptist Church, singing with both choirs, supporting community events in the Kalamazoo area.

Family was very important to Gladys. She loved spending time with her husband, Arthur traveling to different places, shopping at thrift shops or yard and estate sales. They would also enjoy each other's company dining at the Golden Corral in Mishawaka. Gladys loved her children, especially her grandchildren and helped in raising them. She was known to go over and above in giving of her time, etc. because of the caring, giving spirit about her. Gladys was also a master of provision—she was someone who could take a little and make a lot. She was well respected for this gift. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Gladys graduated to heaven on Saturday, November 5, 2022. She was preceded in death by her father, Elacy Jasper Sr., step-father, (Ulysses Scaife) and two brothers Ben Jasper and his wife, Patricia who also preceded her in death, along with brother, Elacy "Jimmy" Jasper Jr. and sister-in-law Jacqueline Scaife.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her loving husband of 53 years, Arthur L. Evans III; her mother Mary Lee Scaife; four loving children, Minister Stephanie Prevo (Dexter), Avery Evans, and Arthur Evans Jr. (Candace Allan) of Kalamazoo, MI; and Nicole Williams (Willie) of Hope Mills, NC; eight siblings, Alma O'Neal (the late Arizona O'Neal Sr.), Valerie Alexander, Sheila Crawford, Senthia Sims (Kevin), Shirley Baker (Anthony), Vernon Jasper (Vanita), James Scaife (Yvonne), and Monique "Pistol" Scaife; mother-in-law, Alberta Wilson, sister-in-laws, Pamela Jones (Eddie), Towanda Wilson and Lisa Wilson all of St. Louis, MO; and sister-in-law, Ann Jasper; brother-in-law, George Wilson (Darcel) of Boston, MA; 13 grandchildren, Jarriel Prevo, Chardae Prevo, Niquay Evans, Shakia Evans, Brittany Robinson, Ar'marrion Evans, Taelore Evans, Calisa Evans, Catrell Woods, Kamyia Evans, Deon Burnett, Darrion Pulliam, and Courtney Williams, eight great-

grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

A Musical Life & Legacy Celebration

NOV 12. 3:00 PM (ET)

First United Baptist Church
821 S Burdick St
Kalamazoo, MI 49001
(269) 381-3996

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Gladys B. Jasper-Evans



Harper Funeral Home - November 11, 2022 at 01:30 PM

SC

My lovely and talented sister, you are now free of all worry and pain of this world. You have been set free by The Most High, you fought a good fight. Love and miss you. RIP my big Sister 😭

Sheila Crawford - November 11, 2022 at 04:33 PM

PJ

Oh dear God she will be missed a lot and I know my brother is going to miss her so much that was his heart his soul his love I know that he have been by her side for many many years and she will be missed Gladys we all love you rest in peace I will miss you so much even though we haven't seen each other or talk much but you was our sister we didn't call you sister-in-law we called you sister even though you was married to my brother you was our sister we love you. I don't know what else to say don't know what to do right now I am in tears cuz we have had some good times love you sis rest in peace 🌹🌹

Pamela M Wilson Jones - November 11, 2022 at 09:05 PM



“ Mrs. Gladys B. Jasper-Evans

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mrs. Gladys B. Jasper-Evans

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM

SP

“ Stephanie Prevo sent a virtual gift in memory of Gladys Jasper-Evans



Stephanie Prevo - January 24, 2023 at 09:27 PM

SP

“ Stephanie Prevo lit a candle in memory of Gladys Jasper-Evans



Stephanie Prevo - January 24, 2023 at 09:26 PM

DA

“ Duane Alford lit a candle in memory of Gladys Jasper-Evans



Duane Alford - November 18, 2022 at 12:22 PM

LF

“ I worked with Gladys at Valley Plastics. A bunch of those gals were like my work moms. Gladys always knew how to keep us laughing. Rest In Peace. Condolences to the family.



Laura Flegel - November 17, 2022 at 01:50 PM

GS

“ Gwendolyn Smith lit a candle in memory of Gladys Jasper-Evans



Gwendolyn Smith - November 14, 2022 at 03:38 PM

KA

“ I'm going to miss you Mrs. Evans



Kimyatta Armstrong - November 14, 2022 at 02:30 PM



“ I am going to miss you Gladys...My heart truly hurts for the family and especially Rev Evans and her children whom she loved dearly. I call Gladys my earthly ReFuge...I could show up at her house on Frank Street, North Edwards and Princeton anytime and we would laugh, talk it out for hours, sometimes she would say Sherry gone on back home to Larence, it'll be alright...then I would tell her to put her lil mean dog up first,,And we laugh while trying to get out the door. We didn't always see eye to eye...yet we would call each other whats up. Gladys was a fashion designer for herself and her home. She would buy a piece of material (curtain, sheet or whatever) and turn it into a suit, hat, purse and matching shoes all in one night or use the same material make pillows for her home and matching seat covers for her dining room chairs with matching curtains. So resourceful! Gladys was my Alto and Tenor buddy...Kalamazoo's own Doctor Watts, I pray I'll see you again some day...save my seat my sister Gladys.



Sherry Anderson - November 13, 2022 at 11:39 AM

PG

“ Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Gladys Jasper-Evans



Pauline Gardner - November 12, 2022 at 07:17 PM

EH

“ Esther Harden lit a candle in memory of Gladys Jasper-Evans



Esther Harden - November 12, 2022 at 04:09 PM

SW

“ Sending prayers to the family trusting God to continue to comfort you. Death cannot rob you of your memories so embrace them and let them bring peace in your morning.

Sharon Walker - November 12, 2022 at 03:15 PM

CP

“ Cerita Plair lit a candle in memory of Gladys Jasper-Evans



Cerita Plair - November 12, 2022 at 11:30 AM

BB

“ Words cannot Express the pain I felt in my heart when I heard of my dear friend transitioning to be with the Lord. Even though we were not in touch every day, she has always held a place in my heart. Continued prayers for you all and just know God only takes his Angel's. 🙏🙏

Beverly Boyd - November 12, 2022 at 07:45 AM

BB

“ Beverly Boyd lit a candle in memory of Gladys Jasper-Evans



Beverly Boyd - November 12, 2022 at 07:40 AM

CB

“ Candy Brown lit a candle in memory of Gladys Jasper-Evans



Candy Brown - November 11, 2022 at 11:10 PM

Anita
Maggard-
Stewart

“ My beautiful friend for 36 years. Your personality is larger than life and your laughter, singing and personality is just unforgettable you! Rest on my friend. Love you and you will be missed. It's not good bye but see you later 🌸🌸🌸🌸🕊️🕊️

Anita Maggard-Stewart - November 11, 2022 at 07:24 PM

DG

“ Minister Stephanie Prevo, our prayers for comfort are with you and the family as you adjust to the transitioning of your Mother to her heavenly home. “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”
John 14:3 NKJV
Bro. Clarence and Rev. Doreen Gardner



Doreen Gardner - November 11, 2022 at 06:35 PM

RB

“ Much Love Gladiator 💕💕



Raquel Banks-Brown - November 11, 2022 at 05:52 PM

RB

“ Gladys was truly a great friend of mine & she will truly, truly be missed ❤️ 100 ❤️ 100

Raquel Banks-Brown - November 11, 2022 at 05:47 PM

EG

“ Edith Gardner lit a candle in memory of Gladys Jasper-Evans



Edith Gardner - November 11, 2022 at 04:17 PM

AM

“ Mrs. Gladys was always a respectful and Gentle person. She was always kind to me and she always spoke every time she seen me. I remember when I was going through a hard time in my life and she open up her doors for me to stay and it was very much appreciated. She always gave me good advice and words of wisdom and encouragement. I’m going to miss seeing and hearing her voice. Rest on Mrs. Gladys and Love you. ❤️💋

Antoinette Morris - November 11, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gladys B. Jasper-Evans.



November 11, 2022 at 01:30 PM

JP

“ Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during your time of grief.



James & Barbara Phillips - November 11, 2022 at 10:41 AM

PW

Rip. Praying for your family doing this time of grief.

Polly White - November 11, 2022 at 03:42 PM

VW

May God be with you and bring you comfort and peace through this very difficult time. I always enjoyed hearing Gladys sing beautiful praises to God and she would indeed keep you laughing with her comical remarks. Sending much love to all of you, my cousins and family.

Verdene Walls - November 12, 2022 at 04:27 AM

MF

“ Modean Reeves And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys B. Jasper-Evans



Modean Reeves and family - November 11, 2022 at 10:39 AM

LC

“ Lillie Cotton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys B. Jasper-Evans



Lillie Cotton - November 11, 2022 at 10:30 AM

LJ

“ Lucy Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys B. Jasper-Evans



Lucy Jackson - November 11, 2022 at 08:54 AM

AW

“ Such a beautiful soul I have known her over 30 years she welcomed me into to her house as one of her own and when ever I seen her she would always hug and smile she will be missed 😞



Alisa Watkins - November 10, 2022 at 11:31 PM

AB

“ My deepest condolences goes out to the entire family. She will truly be missed. I remember the first time I met her it was at Mt. Zion. And she always had a hug for me. Beautiful woman who loved Jesus. May God comfort you and your family.

Angela Bliss

Angela Lynn Bliss - November 10, 2022 at 10:45 PM

HB

“ Helen Brooks sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gladys B. Jasper-Evans



Helen Brooks - November 10, 2022 at 06:52 PM

LS

“ *Lola Streeter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys B. Jasper-Evans*



Lola Streeter - November 10, 2022 at 05:19 PM

GK

“ *Gwen Kirk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys B. Jasper-Evans*



Gwen kirk - November 10, 2022 at 05:11 PM