



Mrs. Irma Jean Saunders

November 10, 1935 - February 2, 2012

Irma Jean Saunders was called home on Thursday, February 2, 2012. She was born in Kalamazoo, MI, to her parents, George and Charlotte (Gardner) Dunigan, on November 10, 1935. She was a lifelong, faithful member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and served on the Usher Board ministry for several years. Irma graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School, Kalamazoo, MI in 1954. She earned her Licensed Practical Nurse certification while employed with the State of Michigan. Irma transitioned to Borgess Medical Center where she ended her career in health care when she retired in 1998 after over 40 years of service. She was united in marriage to George David Saunders in 1956. From this union, two children were raised in love, Alesia and David. Irma was an avid fisherman and enjoyed basketball, baseball, softball and bowling. Anyone who knew Irma, knew she was a loving and giving person. She was always willing to lend a helping hand to family and friends. Irma always had a smile on her face and was pleasant to anyone she encountered. She loved to spend time with her family, especially her sisters and grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Charlotte Dunigan; her husband, George; five sisters, LEMONIA Greer, Henrietta Dunigan, Louise Gardner, Eileen Gladys Charleston and Joyce Elaine Reeves; and a special niece, Nancy Gardner. She leaves to cherish her memory: her daughter, Alesia (James) Saunders of Rochester Hills, MI; her son, David (Reuquiyah) Saunders of Kalamazoo, MI; two grandsons, David and Donovan Saunders of Kalamazoo, MI; one granddaughter, Telisha Saunders of Kalamazoo, MI;

three sisters, Maudine Coleman, Georgia Julian, and Janice Ezell all of Kalamazoo, MI; one brother, Rev. George (Barbara) Dunigan of Flint, MI; Special Nieces, Mary Charleston and Beverly Coleman; godson, Warren Todd Ezell ("Squirrel"); goddaughter, Ashley Coleman; special friends, Helen Brooks and Kate Evans; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

Gull Road
Kalamazoo, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home, Inc.
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 342-1000
info@harperfuneral.com
<https://www.harperfuneral.com>

Visitation

FEB 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
120 Roberson Street
kalamazoo, MI 49007-3557

Service

FEB 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Irma Jean Saunders*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mrs. Irma Jean Saunders*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Rubynell Walker-Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Irma Jean Saunders*



Rubynell Walker-Barbee - February 10, 2012 at 10:32 PM



“ *Alonda Hamilton (Gardner) And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Irma Jean Saunders*



Alonda Hamilton (Gardner) and family - February 08, 2012 at 07:34 AM

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“ *Sherry Robinson (Smith) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Irma Jean Saunders*



Sherry Robinson (Smith) - February 07, 2012 at 02:42 PM

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“ *Paulette Timmerman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Irma Jean Saunders*



Paulette Timmerman - February 05, 2012 at 09:48 PM