



## Joann Roberts Montgomery

November 3, 1945 - April 2, 2018

Joann Roberts Montgomery passed away Monday April 2, 2018 surrounded by her son, James Kevin Wilks and her youngest sister, Denita J. Dean. She was 72. Joann was born on November 3, 1945 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. She was the oldest daughter of the late Ida Mae Roberts Dean. Joann grew up in Meridian, Mississippi and Youngstown, Ohio. She attended both Wechsler Jr. High School and St. Joseph's Catholic School in Meridian, Mississippi and high school in Youngstown, Ohio. She worked as a nurse's aide at St. Joseph's Hospital.

In 1963 she married Bobby Wilks who adopted her sons, Vince DeNiro Wilks and James Kevin Wilks.

Joann has resided in Kalamazoo since 1975 and completed her high school education at Nazareth College in 1976. Shortly after arriving in Kalamazoo, Joann was employed at the Upjohn Company in Portage, Michigan where she continued until her retirement from Pfizer in 2005. She joined the Mt Zion Baptist Church where she remained a member until her passing. She was a faithful member of the Majestic Choir and served on the usher board for many years.

Joann was predeceased by beloved members of her family; her mother Ida Mae Roberts Dean; her sister Alma Lee Dean; brothers Allen Dean and

James Allen Dean, Jr.

She will be greatly missed by surviving family members including her sons Vince DeNiro Wilks and James Kevin Wilks (Lori); three granddaughters Francis Ann Cross, Mia Charmell Wilks and Arylon Elizabeth Wilks, one grandson Odies Murray and two great-granddaughters Candice and Jameelah Cross. She leaves four sisters Mary L. Robinson of New Orleans, LA, Patricia A. Griffin and Connie L. Dean of Meridian, MS, and Denita J. Dean of Stone Mountain, GA; two brothers Terry L. Dean of Stone Mountain, GA and Dr. Jerome Wilson of Rockville, MD, and five nephews, eight nieces; and many other relatives, friends and special family friend, Bobby Edwards. Nancy Buchanan and Gloria Clopton were among her early colleagues at The Upjohn Company who embraced her with friendship throughout the years.

# Cemetery Details

## Mountain Home Cemetery

1402 West Main Street  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

## A Service in Loving Memory

APR 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

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120 Roberson Street  
kalamazoo, MI 49007-3557

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joann Roberts Montgomery* ”

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Joann Roberts Montgomery* ”

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Carrie Baker lit a candle in memory of Joann Roberts Montgomery* ”



**Carrie Baker** - April 26, 2018 at 10:32 AM



“ *Nanette Hickman sent a virtual gift in memory of Joann Roberts Montgomery* ”



**Nanette Hickman** - April 16, 2018 at 03:39 AM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Joann Roberts Montgomery*



Pauline Gardner - April 12, 2018 at 07:46 AM

EF

“ *Earline Fields sent a virtual gift in memory of Joann Roberts Montgomery*



Earline Fields - April 07, 2018 at 01:04 PM

RB

“ *Rhonda Baker-Smith lit a candle in memory of Joann Roberts Montgomery*



Rhonda Baker-Smith - April 06, 2018 at 11:59 PM

TL

“ *Teresa Lark lit a candle in memory of Joann Roberts Montgomery*



Teresa Lark - April 06, 2018 at 09:05 PM

BG

“ *Cordell & Brenda Gardner send our condolences out to the family of Joanne Montgomery.*

**Brenda Gardner** - April 06, 2018 at 07:41 PM

HD

“ *Eddie and Helen Driver light a Candle in the memory of Mrs. Joanne Montgomery. Sending thoughts and prayers to the family.*



**Helen Driver** - April 06, 2018 at 01:39 PM

SH

“ *Kevin. So sorry to hear about your Mom passing, but you were there for her since her stroke and I know that meant the world to her. Prayers and thoughts, Bill and Sally Halsey*

**Sally Halsey** - April 06, 2018 at 01:01 PM

HD

“ *Eddie and Helen Driver light a candle for Joann Montgomery. RIH dear friend.*



**Helen Driver** - April 06, 2018 at 10:53 AM

MR

“ *Kevin- My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Remember to take in all the love that comes your way, no matter how it comes. It will help you in your healing journey.*

**Mary E Rademacher** - April 06, 2018 at 09:48 AM

PS

“ *Pastor Gregory Jennings Sr. lit a candle in memory of Joann Roberts Montgomery*



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**Pastor Gregory Jennings Sr.** - April 06, 2018 at 09:39 AM

WF

“ *Our deepest condolences to Kevin, Vince and the entire family. We'll miss Jo.*

*Mattie Fields and family*

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**Wendy Fields** - April 06, 2018 at 06:16 AM

BF

“ *Betty & Frank Ford lit a candle in memory of Joann Roberts Montgomery*



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**Betty & Frank Ford** - April 05, 2018 at 08:43 PM

VB

“ *Viola Bentley lit a candle in memory of Joann Roberts Montgomery*



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**Viola Bentley** - April 05, 2018 at 07:15 PM

DB

“ *Dallas Boards lit a candle in memory of Joann Roberts Montgomery*



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**Dallas Boards** - April 05, 2018 at 07:05 PM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Joann Roberts Montgomery*



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**Jo Ann Embrey** - April 05, 2018 at 05:36 PM

GS

“ *Praying For The Family Claudia Smith & Family*

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**Gaila Smith** - April 05, 2018 at 05:21 PM

VO

“ *Vivian Ollie-O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Joann Roberts Montgomery*



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**Vivian Ollie-O'Neal** - April 05, 2018 at 01:50 PM

NB

“ *Our condolences to the family of Joann Montgomery.*

*Ms Nancy Buchanan and Family*



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**Nancy Buchanan** - April 05, 2018 at 12:45 PM

TF

“ *The Daniel Family lit a candle in memory of Joann Roberts Montgomery*



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**The Daniel Family** - April 05, 2018 at 10:25 AM

HB

“ *Helen Brooks lit a candle in memory of Joann Roberts Montgomery*



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**Helen Brooks** - April 05, 2018 at 10:11 AM

MM

“ *Mozella Mosley lit a candle in memory of Joann Roberts Montgomery*



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**Mozella Mosley** - April 05, 2018 at 09:40 AM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Joann Roberts Montgomery*



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**Jo Ann Embrey** - April 05, 2018 at 08:46 AM

JB

“ *Jeanette Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Joann Roberts Montgomery*



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**Jeanette Buchanan** - April 05, 2018 at 08:36 AM

AT

“ *Angela Tabron lit a candle in memory of Joann Roberts Montgomery*



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**Angela Tabron** - April 05, 2018 at 08:36 AM

RW

“ *R. J. & Anita Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Joann Roberts Montgomery*



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**R. J. & Anita Wilkerson** - April 05, 2018 at 05:06 AM