



Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford

November 11, 1938 - July 31, 2013

Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford, 74, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, passed away on Wednesday, July 31, 2013. She was born on November 11, 1938 in Aberdeen, Mississippi, the daughter of Calvin and Luvenia Clopton. She accepted Christ in Aberdeen, Mississippi at a young age and always made the Lord a big part of her life. Prior to her illness, she had been a lifelong resident of Kalamazoo, Michigan since she was 18 years old.

She cared and loved everybody and would help anyone she can. She will be greatly missed in all the lives she touched.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sons Michael Clopton and Danny Stafford and her six brothers, Frank Clark, Willie Earl Clopton, Jimmy Clopton, Robert Clopton, James Clopton and Calvin Clopton Jr. and sister, Delma McCullough.

She is survived by her ex-husband Leonard Stafford, seven children Gloria (Arthur) Poplar of Atlanta, Georgia.; Ida (Randy) Stafford, Leonard (Aretha) Stafford, Laurie (Joe) McPherson, Marlen Stafford, Earl Howard, and Charquese Clopton, all of Kalamazoo, Michigan; five sisters, Aliene Walker, Marie Minines, Lois Justice, all of Kalamazoo, Michigan; Dessie Gates of Gary, Indiana, Lavern Gettis of Aberdeen, Mississippi and one brother, Leon Clopton of Kalamazoo, Michigan, along with many loving grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Ever-Rest Cemetery

3941 S. Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 5:00 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

AUG 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

AUG 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford



Harper Funeral Home - July 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ To the Best Friend I've ever had Ida Stafford..... Your mom....Mae,was like everybody's mom. I remember the first time i came to your house and she scared me. lol but after just a few minutes she was treating and talking to me like i was family and she ALWAYS made me feel at home. We had lots of talks, just me and her. She told me like it was and what I needed to do. She was the Mom i wanted :)) she was just coool like dat! I love her dearly and miss her much. The way she excepted me and Nuter (later TJ and PooPoo) was amazing. Nuter always called her his granny. Tuter you are Mae's clone. You have always been there for me and my kids NO MATTER WHAT...You stayed a friend/sister from day one.I want you to know that I love you dearly and will do whatever for you.With that said.....The apples dont fall far from the tree!! And knowing you like I do.....Aint no shoes to big for you to fill...so do what you do and stay on Gods team....Lil Mae!:) Love Always Debra, Mario, Terry Jr. and Shaniqua..



Debra Moore - September 06, 2013 at 01:30 AM

TC

“ In loving memory of "Mae" the neighborhood mother. I will cherish the memories of growing up with you family; you were a genuine friend to many and will be missed dearly. Love you "mae holly"

Tracy Charleston-Blakes - August 09, 2013 at 01:55 PM

JW

“ To My Family To My Friend : Words can not express how I feel. I will never forget Johnnie Jean. We had great times together, some of the best days of my life were spent on Princeton. Gone But Never Forgotten. I Love You All. To God Be The Glory. Rest In Peace My Beautiful Friend. Until We Meet Again. Jo-Evelyn Wilson-Williams
Columbia, South Carolina



Jo-Evelyn Wilson-Williams - August 09, 2013 at 01:10 PM

LD

“ Lil Dave lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford



Lil Dave - August 09, 2013 at 10:54 AM

SN

“ Snootie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford



Snootie - August 09, 2013 at 10:53 AM

LT

“ LAWRENCE & CATHERINE TAYLOR lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford



LAWRENCE & CATHERINE TAYLOR - August 09, 2013 at 09:21 AM

JC

“ *Jonni Cummins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford*



Jonni Cummins - August 09, 2013 at 04:56 AM

NF

“ *Natasha Jackson (Cruz Family) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford*



Natasha Jackson (Cruz Family) - August 08, 2013 at 09:56 PM

NF

My sincere condolences to the Stafford Family.

Natasha Jackson (Cruz Family) - August 08, 2013 at 09:58 PM

LJ

“ *Johnnie will be very much miss she is the sweetest women and kind women, she loved everyone and took care of a lot of children which are adults now and we will never forget her. I love you Johnnie God Bless you. Love Lucy Cruz Jackson*

Lucy Cruz Jackson - August 08, 2013 at 08:45 PM

LJ

“ *Lucy Cruz Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford*



Lucy Cruz Jackson - August 08, 2013 at 08:39 PM

LJ

Hello to the family which I grew up with, sorry I can't be there I wish I could but as you know I live in Texas to far away but you all are in my prayers. Johnnie is with lord and he will take good care of her. God Bless you . Lucy Cruz Jackson

Lucy Cruz Jackson - August 08, 2013 at 08:58 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford*



Pauline Gardner - August 08, 2013 at 05:31 PM

BP

“ *Barbara Philips lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford*



Barbara Philips - August 08, 2013 at 01:15 PM

SW

“ *My heart aches for you and your family during this time. Your mother was such an amazing person and she will truly be missed. My condolences. Sheila Cruz Woodson & Family*



Sheila Cruz Woodson - August 08, 2013 at 12:27 PM

TC

“ *Tracy Charleston-Blakes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford*



Tracy Charleston-Blakes - August 08, 2013 at 10:34 AM

TS

“ *Tracey Spencer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford*



Tracey Spencer - August 08, 2013 at 09:36 AM



“ Aunt Johnnie was always very special to me and my brothers and sisters! I remember mom and dad taking us to our cousins house when we were little to play at "their" playground. I thought it was very special that they had their own playground right in their own side yard and they had just as many kids as we did!! There are so many fun times I remember just getting together. The kids would play from sun up to sun down and the grown ups did their own thing. I especially enjoyed going to church occassionally with Laurie and Babes. To know Aunt Johnnie was to know that she always had open arms for you. I love you and I miss you and I know deep in my heart that you Aunt Johnnie are an Angel from up above looking down upon us and keeping us all in line on "your play ground" once again.~ love, Missy

Melissa Snyder - August 08, 2013 at 08:53 AM

FL

“ Sorry for your loss.

Fred and Esther Lawrence - August 07, 2013 at 10:10 AM

GS

“ Heaven has another angel...prayers, hugs & much love to all of the family. A very special lady that will be greatly missed by so very many. Sincerely, Beverly Stafford & family...Georgia, Larry, Fatman (Dale), Kathy, Porgy (George jr.), Bill, & Melissa

Georgia Stafford - August 07, 2013 at 08:44 AM

AJ

“ Our prayers are with this entire during your time of sadness.Our prayer is that God will comfort each and everyone in this family,by holding you in his arms.

Al & Dianna Jackson - August 06, 2013 at 01:00 PM

AJ

“ Our prayers are with your entire family during your time of sadness. We know that will wrap his arms around each of you and comfort you.

Alvis & Dianna Jacksonjdianna62 - August 06, 2013 at 12:39 PM

AS

“ *Athalia Simpson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford*



Athalia Simpson - August 06, 2013 at 11:36 AM

DS

“ *Denise & Sean Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford*



Denise & Sean Scott - August 06, 2013 at 09:48 AM

GF

“ *Gigi Coleman And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford*



Gigi Coleman and Family - August 06, 2013 at 09:30 AM

AS

“ *Alma M. Snell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford*



Alma M. Snell - August 05, 2013 at 08:54 PM

GF

“ *Gail Grady-Pollard & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford*



Gail Grady-Pollard & Family - August 05, 2013 at 07:45 PM

SL

“ Shirley Ann Lee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford



Shirley Ann Lee - August 05, 2013 at 07:15 PM

TH

“ May God bless and keep the Stafford family during this most difficult time. Always remember. GOD hears your cry.He would not put on you more than u can bare. LOVE the Hollin family.

thollin - August 05, 2013 at 05:22 PM

TH

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thollin - August 05, 2013 at 05:22 PM

CS

“ Forever in our hearts! Love you Mae from Chamice & Azshia



Chamice Steele - August 05, 2013 at 12:18 PM

TF

“ The Bowden Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford



The Bowden Family - August 05, 2013 at 11:10 AM

MA

“ MY aunt Jonnie was a wonderful person. She had heart big as the world. She would always freed you a good meal give you a place to stay. She would even babysit. I should know she did all that and more. You will be missed by all. Love Marsha Emory my partner Willie and my kid Thomasina her husband Fudd and Linda

marsha - August 05, 2013 at 10:19 AM

TF

“ Terecita Potts And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford



Terecita Potts and Family - August 05, 2013 at 08:17 AM

MS

“ Michael & Lillie Shotwell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford



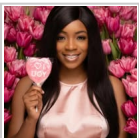
Michael & Lillie Shotwell - August 04, 2013 at 09:47 PM

PA

“ Pamela Ampey-Lyles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford



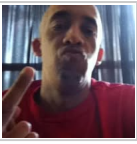
Pamela Ampey-Lyles - August 04, 2013 at 09:30 PM



“ Mary Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford



Mary Dixon - August 04, 2013 at 06:29 PM



“ *Michael Gant sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford*



Michael Gant - August 04, 2013 at 02:31 PM

MV

“ *Mignon Vincent lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford*



Mignon Vincent - August 04, 2013 at 01:21 PM



“ *Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford*



Karest Willis-Brown - August 04, 2013 at 10:46 AM

DJ

“ *Demetra Jackson Jennings lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford*



Demetra Jackson Jennings - August 04, 2013 at 09:40 AM

DJ

To the Stafford family,

Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow.

Demetra Jackson Jennings

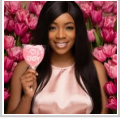
Demetra Jackson Jennings - August 04, 2013 at 09:42 AM

AF

“ Arlene Buchanan & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie "Mae" E. Stafford



Arlene Buchanan & Family - August 03, 2013 at 05:08 PM



Um going to miss you so much, i know you don't want us to cry but we can't help our self's cause just to not hear ur voice & to visit u gone miss it so much. You have help many around here & feed over 100's I love u Dear Mom Mae! Mary Dixon

Mary Dixon - August 04, 2013 at 06:28 PM