



Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin

January 19, 1926 - February 12, 2020

****NOTE: Visitation & Funeral Service Times & Locations Listed Below****

****PLEASE NOTE---IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, THE FAMILY HAS REQUESTED THAT DONATIONS BE MADE TO THE: DOUGLASS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, 1000 W. Paterson Street-Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007

website link: <https://www.dcakalamazoo.com/donate/>

****PLEASE NOTE "Juanita Goodwin" IN CORRESPONDENCE

Juanita Eunice Goodwin (née Overby) Goodwin, Juanita Eunice - Juanita Eunice Goodwin (née Overby), 94, passed away peacefully at home with family and friends close by.

The daughter of Army Sergeant Garnett Garfield Overby and Juanita Eugenia Wilson Overby, Juanita was born on January 19, 1926, in Nogales, Arizona. In 1943, she and her mother moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan, where she earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Western Michigan University in 1948 and 1957, respectively. A storied athlete, Juanita was a varsity tennis player at WMU, played softball on a state championship team, competed in city league basketball, and trophied in table tennis, badminton and bowling.

Juanita was an avid golfer who won several tournaments and in 1996 was inducted in the Greater Kalamazoo Women's Golf Hall of Fame.

Juanita met her husband, Kalamazoo Police Department Sergeant Robert Allen "Al" Goodwin at the soda bar in the Douglass Community Association, where she was working as a girls' advisor. They married on July 29, 1950, and would go on to raise daughter Eve and son Addison, who survive them both.

In 1957, Juanita began her career with Kalamazoo Public Schools at South Junior High School, where she taught physical education. After working as a counselor with Kalamazoo Central High School and later, assistant principal at South Junior High School, she became the first African American woman in Kalamazoo to lead a secondary school when she was named principal of Hillside Junior High Schooling 1972. She later held principalships at Northeastern Junior High School, South Junior High School and Continuing Education for Young Families. She retired from KPS in 1992 after 35 years of service.

An accomplished cook, Juanita loved to entertain, and basked in the joy and good humor of her family and friends. She also enjoyed fishing, poker, gardening, reading and world travel. She was passionate about community service and would continue to make contributions throughout her 94 years.

Juanita was preceded in death by her loving husband, Police Sergeant Robert Allen "Al" Goodwin; her parents; sisters Garnet and Geraldine; and brother Garnett and sister-in-law Dorcas (Rausch Overby). She is survived by her devoted children: daughter, Eve Goodwin LaDue, son Addison Goodwin; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

A Homegoing Celebration

FEB 21. 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. Juanita Eunice Goodwin



Harper Funeral Home - February 18, 2020 at 11:03 PM

EB

Wow Mrs Goodwin was a phenomenal woman. Didn't know her personally, but know that she always kept a smile that was contagious. I received joy in watching her life. RIHP To such a lovely lady.

Evelyn Babura - February 20, 2020 at 10:39 PM

BN

First met Mrs. Goodwin at South Jr. High School back in the 60's. She was my gym teacher! I've always looked up to her and hardly ever saw her without her beautiful smile! Rest on in Heavenly Peace!!

Bobbie Nabors - February 27, 2020 at 01:17 PM



“ Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM

BB

“ *Bari Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin*



Bari Brown - March 01, 2020 at 10:43 AM

TP

“ *Toney E Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin*



Toney E Patterson - February 22, 2020 at 07:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin.*



February 21, 2020 at 04:50 PM

AR

“ *ArleneBuchanan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin*



ArleneBuchanan - February 21, 2020 at 07:00 AM

EB

“ Evelyn Babura sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin



Evelyn Babura - February 20, 2020 at 10:44 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin.



February 20, 2020 at 08:34 PM

ES

“ Ellen Spencer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin



Ellen Spencer - February 20, 2020 at 07:46 PM

NT

“ Mrs Goodwin was my Assistant Principal at South Junior High. Thank you for showing me how to broaden my mind and my horizons.
Nina (Venita) Tillman Taylor



Nina Taylor - February 20, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin.



February 20, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ Ed And Joan Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin



Ed and Joan Harris - February 20, 2020 at 10:21 AM



“ Buzette Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin



Buzette Jackson - February 20, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ Buzette Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin



Buzette Jackson - February 20, 2020 at 10:19 AM

PT

“ Mrs. Juanita Goodwyn, was my principal at Hillside Junior High School, she was a no nonsense kind of person, always willing to listen to her students. Such a great lady. My condolences to her family and friends.

Patricia Thomas - February 19, 2020 at 01:04 PM

LB

“ Lori Bell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin



Lori Bell - February 19, 2020 at 10:53 AM

WF

“ Mrs Goodwin,
My teacher, my friend a woman before her own time. She was authentic, there will never be anyone else like her. Kalamazoo is better because she was here. ❤️
Rest in heavenly peace.



Wendy Fields - February 19, 2020 at 03:38 AM

MV

“ Mignon A Vincent lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin



Mignon A Vincent - February 18, 2020 at 01:37 PM

MC

“ *Juanita was my Principal at three different schools. My admiration and respect for her knew no bounds. Her many talents contributed to the amazing effects she had on others. God Bless you Juanita and thank you for everything you have done for me.*

*Love,
Mary Ann Cronin*

Mary Ann Cronin - February 18, 2020 at 07:16 AM



“ *Karest Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin*



Karest Brown - February 17, 2020 at 07:58 PM

LB

“ *Larry Bell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin*



Larry Bell - February 17, 2020 at 06:12 PM

ET

“ I have such vivid memories of Mrs. Goodwin and Ms. Hebler walking down the halls of South Junior High School (now Maple Middle School) in the early 60's. Maybe '62 or '63. They would walk in step, in the culotte pants with the eyes focused on us all and their whistles around their necks. they were a formidable duo. RIH, Mrs. Goodwin.

Edie Trent - February 17, 2020 at 02:44 PM

JG

Me too, Edie. Mrs. Goodwin used to tell us in gym class to, "use your strength, use all your strength" to get through the bent-arm hang. One day she pulled me aside and said to remember that in life, not just in gym class. I've never forgotten it or that smile of hers that lit up the room.

Julie Lang Gibson - February 18, 2020 at 04:37 PM

VO

“ Vivian Ollie-O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin



Vivian Ollie-O'Neal - February 17, 2020 at 11:07 AM

TF

“ The Daniel Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin



The Daniel Family - February 17, 2020 at 10:53 AM

MR

“ Michele Blakeslee Raglin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin



michele blakeslee raglin - February 17, 2020 at 10:29 AM

EF

“ Earline Fields sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin



Earline Fields - February 17, 2020 at 10:20 AM

MP

“ Mollie Peterson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin



Mollie Peterson - February 17, 2020 at 01:46 AM

CL

“ Cathy Lipsey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin



Cathy Lipsey - February 17, 2020 at 12:43 AM

MY

“ *Michelle Young lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin*



Michelle Young - February 17, 2020 at 12:42 AM

YR

“ *Yvonne Reese lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin*



Yvonne Reese - February 17, 2020 at 12:42 AM

KG

“ *Karen Gray sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin*



Karen Gray - February 16, 2020 at 10:06 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin*



Pauline Gardner - February 16, 2020 at 06:37 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin*



Pauline Gardner - February 16, 2020 at 06:36 PM

CB

“ *Carrie Baker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin*



Carrie Baker - February 16, 2020 at 11:12 AM

KD

“ *Kevin Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin*



Kevin Dunigan - February 16, 2020 at 03:53 AM

GT

“ *Gale & Angela Tabron lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin*



Gale & Angela Tabron - February 16, 2020 at 12:21 AM

GT

“ *Gale and Angela Tabron*

Gale and Angela Tabron - February 16, 2020 at 12:20 AM

AT

“ *Alice Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin*



Alice Taylor - February 15, 2020 at 05:24 PM

SW

“ *Selena Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin*



Selena Walker - February 15, 2020 at 03:37 PM

AC

“ *Amerriel Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin*



Amerriel Cunningham - February 15, 2020 at 02:16 PM

RL

“ *Ramona K Lumpkin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin*



Ramona k Lumpkin - February 15, 2020 at 02:15 PM

KJ

“ *Karen Johnson-Foster lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin*



Karen Johnson-Foster - February 15, 2020 at 01:54 PM

HB

“ *Miss Overby was my basketball and softball coach at Douglas community center on Ransom Street. She also taught ballroom dancing. She chose Janice Dunigan and me to go to a camp near Detroit. She was very kind and thoughtful. She had a beautiful smile.*
I Thank God for Mrs Goodwin being in my life.

Helen (Mills) Brooks - February 15, 2020 at 11:31 AM

FF

“ *Frank And Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin*



Frank and Betty Ford - February 15, 2020 at 11:14 AM

HB

“ *Helen (Mills) Brooks sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin*



Helen (Mills) Brooks - February 15, 2020 at 11:11 AM

JG

“ *Janet Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin*



janet gardner - February 15, 2020 at 11:09 AM

DF

“ *Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin*



Dallas Boards and family - February 15, 2020 at 11:01 AM

AR

“ *ArleneBuchanan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Eunice Goodwin*



ArleneBuchanan - February 15, 2020 at 05:22 AM