



## Ms. Juanita Haywood

September 19, 1960 - December 7, 2013

Juanita Haywood went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, December 7, 2013. She was born September 19, 1960 in Gary, Indiana, the daughter of Walter Townsell and Roberta E. Nixon. She accepted Christ as her personal Savior at a young age. She attended and graduated from Loy Norrix High School in Kalamazoo, MI. Juanita was a longtime employee of Kalamazoo Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (KCMHSAS) and spent long dedicated hours helping those in the community.

Juanita was a genuine person. Her will and spirit were very strong. She enjoyed spending time with her daughter and granddaughter and was the best mother and grandmother in the world. Juanita loved ballroom dancing and creating beautiful programs for people throughout the area. Juanita demonstrated her strong faith by trusting in the Lord throughout her illness. She never gave up. She was known for her willingness to help others, taking care of people before she took care of herself and sharing a word of support to those whom she came into contact with.

She was preceded in death by her parents Walter Townsell and Roberta E. Nixon of Gary Indiana.

Cherishing her memory are her daughter: Jenea N. Haywood (Yafinceio Brian Harris); three brothers, Curtis, Bernard, Cecil (Shaneika) Townsell; one God-grandson, Desoun Leflore and a very special granddaughter, Jaliyah E.R. Harris and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Also, a special cousin, Patricia Vaughn and her Royal Connection friends will all miss her dearly.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Road  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First United Baptist Church  
821 S. Burdick Street  
Kalamazoo, MI

## A Celebration of Her Spirit

DEC 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Juanita Haywood*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Ms. Juanita Haywood*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM

BH

“ *to the family my name is belinda hill but family and close friends know me as brenda i remember Juanita from when we were neighbors over on crosstown pkwy. she had brothers. we were the hill family and there was mr and mrs eddie bates who also lived on that street across from us were Mckinney and Doris Evans. I remember Juanita! good people you could have not met a nicer person.*



**belinda hill** - February 03, 2014 at 01:09 PM

AS

“ *I Would Like To Just Extend My Sympathy To Janea I Just Found Out Last Night And It Really Is Hard To Soak It Juanita Was A Beautiful Person Who Loved To Dance Great Personality I Didnt Know That She Was Sick The Last Time I Seen Her She Was At Dance Class Trying To Help Me Out With The Latest Steps Looking Fine We Never Know When It's Our Time To Go We Just Have To Try To Live Our Life Right According To Gods Word Juanita R.i.p*

**Areatha Ford Stafford** - January 03, 2014 at 05:08 PM

LW

“ *Lisa Wesley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood*



**Lisa Wesley** - December 26, 2013 at 08:51 AM



“ *Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood*



Karest Willis-Brown - December 20, 2013 at 03:45 PM

MM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. We may find that our hearts are weighted down when we lose a loved one. May it help you to know that Ecclesiastes 9:11 says: many events are the results of time and unexpected occurrence overtake them all. So all of us may die, but no matter what, we can cope, if we focus our attention on the God of comfort, who comfort us all. Yes because God love us and know our pain, he will give us the strength to go through any circumstances that may arise and he will also bring back many of our loved one soon, alive and well Please, you and your family, find some comfort from this in your time of need.*

Mary Miller - December 18, 2013 at 06:00 PM

AN

“ *Dear Family, I am deeply sorry for your loss. May it comfort you to know that Almighty God Jehovah promises to "swallow up death forever and wipe the tears from all faces" (Isaiah 25:8). May God's love guide you during this time of sorrow and provide you with peace and strength to endure the days ahead.*



Anne - December 18, 2013 at 04:30 AM

MM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Jeremiah 29:12 says: and you will certainly call and come and pray to me and I will listen to you. This show that God care and invite us to let him help us. So please go to him and taste and see that he is willing and able to strengthen and help you. He will also get rid of sickness and death, so we will no longer pain or worry about losing our loved ones to death because of sickness and we will soon no longer worry about our loved ones dying. Please find comfort from these few words of encouragement in your difficult days ahead, you and your family.*

Mary Miller - December 17, 2013 at 04:23 PM

VH

“ Vera Harris lit a candle in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood



Vera Harris - December 16, 2013 at 05:12 PM

LC

“ Lillie Cotton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood



Lillie Cotton - December 16, 2013 at 10:13 AM

LC

*Sista Juanita I am sooooo going to miss you. God put people in our life for a reason. Some are here for a lifetime, some for a moment and some are just passing through. You were only in my life for a short time but it felt like I have known you all my life. Thanks for the laughter and will miss your smile. Rest in God's arms my friend!*

Lillie Cotton - December 16, 2013 at 10:22 AM

CR

“ I just want to say God is with u. in your family



claudia robinson - December 14, 2013 at 02:11 PM



“ Ramona Seaberry Lumpkin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood



Ramona Seaberry Lumpkin - December 14, 2013 at 09:33 AM

JR

“ *Janie Reed lit a candle in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood*



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**Janie Reed** - December 14, 2013 at 09:07 AM

JR

*To Jenea and family it's going to be OK. Because God so loved the world and His incomparably power to comfort all who believes in Him. We are praying, hoping, and believing with you in the wisdom and guidance of God's amazing LOVE.*

*Love U, Sister Reed*

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**Janie Reed** - December 14, 2013 at 10:16 AM

MB

“ *Whenever I called Juanita to get assistant for clients seeking housing, she was always there to offer help and guidance. She was kind, patient and helpful. My heartfelt condolences to her daughter, granddaughter and family.*

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**Merry Battles** - December 14, 2013 at 08:47 AM

LM

“ *Juanita was a sweet person! Enjoyed talking to her and she was a excellent stepper/dancer! She will be missed.RIP,Juanita.*



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**Lori Miller** - December 13, 2013 at 04:47 PM

KW

“ *Kim Whitfield lit a candle in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood*



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**Kim Whitfield** - December 13, 2013 at 12:24 AM

JO

“ Jenea my prayers go out to you and your family. I know the pain and the sadness you feel at this time. I just lost my husband November 25, 2013. Just trust in the lord to get you through it as I am doing. Juanita was a beautiful woman inside and out. She will be truly missed.----Joyce Oliver

Joyce Oliver - December 12, 2013 at 11:11 PM

JO

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Joyce Oliver - December 12, 2013 at 11:06 PM

DS

“ Darlene Spencer lit a candle in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood



Darlene Spencer - December 12, 2013 at 09:00 PM

CW

“ Carolyn Walker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood



Carolyn Walker - December 12, 2013 at 06:01 PM

EW

“ Evelyn Winfield-Thomas lit a candle in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood



Evelyn Winfield-Thomas - December 12, 2013 at 05:32 PM

JJ

“ JoeNathan Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood



JoeNathan Jones - December 12, 2013 at 02:14 PM

SW

“ Sharon Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood



Sharon Williams - December 12, 2013 at 01:19 PM

TS

“ Tanya Sherrod lit a candle in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood



Tanya Sherrod - December 12, 2013 at 12:38 PM

TS

“ Wow I still can't believe it's true. We never expect it to happen, and when it does, even if we knew of any health concerns it's still a huge shock.

*Juanita Haywood you will be missed BIG TIME! I recall all the drives we took together for Ballroom events. We seem to always get along so well! When it was just the two of us we got to bond and we both felt the mutual exclusive connections that allowed us to always pick up a conversation as if we never stopped talking. This is felt when you know the friendship is person is genuine. My prayers are with the family! My praises are with GOD that he has called one of his angels home. Keep praying for your Sista Tanya -double spins!! I'll miss you!*

Tanya Sherrod - December 12, 2013 at 11:59 AM

JW

“ *Jetara Whitfield lit a candle in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood*



Jetara Whitfield - December 12, 2013 at 10:52 AM



“ *Hey cousin, I will miss the times we spend together grewing up in Kalamazoo,Michigan and Gary,Indiana and the conversation we had at Grandmother funeral in Detroit, Our conversation about our family reunion and me coming to show you how to step,because you was a member of The Kalamazoo Stepper'sIt really touch my heart.I remember the big family reunion we use to have when big Mama was living.Words can't express how I feel right now. Is that I miss you Love you, And I will see you in Heaven. R.I.P. cousin from your cousin Kevin Lavoyde Thomas.*

Kevin Thomas - December 12, 2013 at 10:46 AM

LB

“ *Lori Bell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood*



lori bell - December 12, 2013 at 09:38 AM

LB

“ *The works I've done sometimes it seem so small, it seems like I've done nothing at all. But when I stand before God's throne and hear Him say well done, then I know the works I've done spoke for me. Sis. Juanita you were a faithful servant and now God has called you home. Your life, service and works will always speak for you. Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though she dies." You will be missed! Much love, Lori Ann Bell (Coach) and the Bell family.*

lori bell - December 12, 2013 at 09:36 AM

HE

“ *The legacy of your sister, mother, grandmother, auntie, and friend will forever continue to be evident in your actions. May you find comfort in knowing that she is at peace and is reunited with her loved ones, and especially her husband.*

*My sincere condolences to the entire family with extra love, support, and prayer to Jenea and her little princess.*

*~ Heather*

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**Heather** - December 12, 2013 at 04:10 AM

HE

“ *Heather lit a candle in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood*



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**Heather** - December 12, 2013 at 04:06 AM

RB

“ *Ruth Prins Borst lit a candle in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood*



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**Ruth Prins Borst** - December 11, 2013 at 11:10 PM

GS

“ *I remember all the smooth moves from dance class and the great laughs. Keep the dancing shoes on and stay as smooth as you are on the floor.*

*Gersteen Sherrod, Kalamazoo*

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**Gersteen Sherrod** - December 11, 2013 at 09:59 PM

WF

“ *You will be truly missed. Your smile, your wonderful sense of humor and your smooth moves on the dance floor.*

*Love ya,  
Your friend and cousin,  
Wendy Fields*

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**wendy fields** - December 11, 2013 at 07:23 PM

WF

“ Wendy Fields sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood



wendy fields - December 11, 2013 at 07:15 PM

TF

“ The Fields Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood



The Fields Family - December 11, 2013 at 06:52 PM

KT

“ Karen Tiggs lit a candle in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood



Karen Tiggs - December 11, 2013 at 05:09 PM

GJ

“ Gwen Jordan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood



Gwen Jordan - December 11, 2013 at 01:34 PM



“ Janea and Family we are so sadden to here about the homegoing of Sister Juanita Haywood...Her quiet spirit truly will be missed not only at The First United Baptist Church, but also at the Community Mental Health Building...her presence there always made me feel like my concerns would be addressed even though she never had to handle them directly. Our God is a good God for I am assured He will comfort you in your time of sorrow. Stand on His Promise Janea...we are praying for you. Love, Larence and Sherry Anderson

Sherry Anderson - December 11, 2013 at 01:19 PM

LA

“ *Larence And Sherry Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood*



Larence and Sherry Anderson - December 11, 2013 at 01:13 PM

KD

“ *Kimberly Danzy lit a candle in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood*



Kimberly Danzy - December 11, 2013 at 12:52 PM

CF

“ *Cathy Franklin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood*



Cathy Franklin - December 11, 2013 at 06:39 AM

JG

“ *Judy George lit a candle in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood*



Judy George - December 11, 2013 at 04:59 AM

LH

“ *Le Hill lit a candle in memory of Ms. Juanita Haywood*



Le Hill - December 10, 2013 at 11:22 PM