



Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross

April 20, 1956 - December 29, 2016

Kandeiss-Toi Ross departed this life Thursday, December 29, 2016. She was born April 20, 1956, the daughter of Richard and Rose Mary Hammonds in Chicago IL.

Kandeiss received her early education in Chicago, IL before moving to Houston, TX where she resided for 10 years. She later relocated to South Haven, Michigan. She became employed at Western Michigan University. In 1990 she relocated to Kalamazoo MI and continued working at Western Michigan University for 27 years.

In 2002 she married Willie James Ross, III. She was also an active member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, and served in the Greeter's Ministry, as well as in the Music Ministry.

Kandeiss enjoyed spending time with her family, traveling, and loved to cook

She is preceded in death by her father, Richard Hammonds and her mother, Rose Mary Manning.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her loving husband, Willie James Ross, III of Kalamazoo, MI; 3 daughters, Kandeiss-Akasha and Karlita A. Marshall both of Kalamazoo; and Patrice B. Marshall of Greensboro, NC; 2 sons, Philip E.

McGrew and Ajamian D. (Keisha) Gardner; grandson, Jaidyn O. Marshall; brothers, LaBron C. (Millie) Hammonds, John Pierre Hammonds; sisters, Debra Mercer and Regina Hammonds. Also a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends to cherish her memory and continue her legacy.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Ever-Rest Cemetery (North)

1717 Drake Road
Kalamazoo, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Visitation

JAN 5. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

A Service in Loving Memory

JAN 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross



Harper Funeral Home - January 02, 2017 at 08:59 PM



“ Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ I worked with Kandeiss in HR for about 3 months as a temp before I was hired in at the university. She was a great lady. Whenever I saw her on campus, even 18 years later, she always recognized me and had a smile for me. She will be truly missed. Love to her family.

Jen Lawson - January 12, 2017 at 04:35 PM

JL

“ *Jen Lawson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Jen Lawson - January 12, 2017 at 04:31 PM

LS

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Kandeiss was a great person & a great friend. She will be missed.*



Larry Scott - January 09, 2017 at 07:04 PM

SA

“ *So sorry to hear about Kandeiss. She will truly be missed by her WMU coworkers.*

Sheila Atherton



Sheila Atherton - January 09, 2017 at 06:07 PM

WF

“ *WMU Friend lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



WMU friend - January 07, 2017 at 07:58 PM

RB

“ Robert Beam lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross



Robert Beam - January 07, 2017 at 03:59 PM

HP

“ Karlita and Jaidyn we are so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. Sending our heartfelt condolences and we pray that God will strengthen and comfort your heart at this difficult time. Love you and family. Pastors Hermon & Hilda Phillips

Hermon & Hilda Phillips - January 07, 2017 at 12:31 AM

TM

“ Tammy Miller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross



Tammy Miller - January 06, 2017 at 10:06 AM

RS

“ Jimmy, I just found out and am so sorry. My thoughts and prayers are with you always.



Roxann Snow - January 05, 2017 at 04:00 PM

DF

“ Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross



Dallas Boards and Family - January 05, 2017 at 03:56 PM

DS

“ Diana Sherburn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross



Diana Sherburn - January 05, 2017 at 02:02 PM

GT

“ I worked with Kandeiss at WMU and I remember her wonderful smile. She was a pleasure to work with and I am sad to hear of her passing. God Bless her family and friends during this difficult time. Gwen Thomas



Gwen Thomas - January 05, 2017 at 01:37 PM

JB

“ Joan Bouman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross



Joan Bouman - January 05, 2017 at 01:02 PM

JL

“ *Jodie Laraway lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Jodie Laraway - January 05, 2017 at 08:38 AM

LW

“ *Laurie White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Laurie White - January 05, 2017 at 07:54 AM

PF

“ *My sincere condolences to the family on the loss of your loved one. True comfort comes by drawing close to God (Psalms 83:18) in prayers so He (God) can draw close to you. (James 4:8).*

pfl - January 05, 2017 at 05:16 AM

CZ

“ *Cindy Zimmerman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Cindy Zimmerman - January 04, 2017 at 07:35 PM

SJ

“ *Shashanta James lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Shashanta James - January 04, 2017 at 03:56 PM

BL

“ *Barbara Liggett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Barbara Liggett - January 04, 2017 at 02:33 PM

BL

Kandeiss was a joy to work with and watch develop over the years at WMU. Gracious, kind, pleasant, always willing to help - these are some of the words to describe her. She will be missed. Peace to her family.

Barbara Liggett - January 04, 2017 at 02:36 PM

JA

“ *Kandeiss was such a wonderful person to work with. I will truly miss her. RIP my sister.*



Joyce Ann Alexander - January 04, 2017 at 02:14 PM

AD

“ *Angela Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Angela Daniels - January 04, 2017 at 12:16 PM

GH

“ *I am sorry to hear of Kandeiss passing. She was always smiling and very nice to me whenever I needed help in HR during the 20 years I was with the University. She is in my prayers. Sincerely, Guy Q. Harrison Deltona, FL (formerly I.T. Technician at WMU)*

Guy Q. Harrison - January 04, 2017 at 12:12 PM

CT

“ *Corky O'Rourke Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Corky O'Rourke Thomas - January 04, 2017 at 11:49 AM

M(

“ *Maleeka Love (WMU) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Maleeka Love (WMU) - January 04, 2017 at 10:57 AM

GK

“ *Gail L-Anderson Kurtz lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Gail L-Anderson Kurtz - January 04, 2017 at 10:43 AM

ET

“ *Evelyn Winfield-Thomas And Derick Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Evelyn Winfield-Thomas and Derick Thomas - January 04, 2017 at 10:09 AM

SF

“ *RIP Kandeiss.*

Sheryl Foster-Todd - January 04, 2017 at 10:07 AM

UB

“ *Umar Abdul-Mutakallim & Tanya Bellamy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross.*



Umar Abdul-Mutakallim & Tanya Bellamy - January 04, 2017 at 10:03 AM

AW

“ *Arnita Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Arnita Williams - January 04, 2017 at 09:58 AM

KH

“ *Kim Hunt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Kim Hunt - January 04, 2017 at 09:44 AM

BL

“ *Barb Loney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Barb Loney - January 04, 2017 at 09:26 AM

MH

“ *Michelle Hruska lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Michelle Hruska - January 04, 2017 at 09:09 AM

CV

“ *Connie Volenski lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Connie Volenski - January 04, 2017 at 09:08 AM

MM

“ *I always looked forward to planning University events with Kandeiss - she was so organized that we were able to quickly finalize details for her event, and then spend the rest of the hour chatting about our lives and family outside of work. I know her family feels incredibly fortunate to have had her as the matriarch of their family (but for much too short a time) - I also know that Kandeiss would say SHE was the lucky one to share her love and life with each and every one of you.*

Megan McCoy - January 04, 2017 at 08:52 AM

AM

“ *Angela Madden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Angela Madden - January 04, 2017 at 08:35 AM

KW

“ It was apparent to anyone who knew Kandeiss that she loved the Lord and served him well. May peace, comfort and memories surround her husband and children.

Most sincerely - Karen Wendell

Karen Wendell - January 03, 2017 at 08:01 PM

EM

“ Eddie And Robin McPherson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross



Eddie and Robin McPherson - January 03, 2017 at 06:05 PM

PG

“ Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross



Pauline Gardner - January 03, 2017 at 03:53 PM

AO

“ Angie O'Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross



Angie O'Bryant - January 03, 2017 at 02:06 PM

KC

“ *Krista Cekola lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Krista Cekola - January 03, 2017 at 02:04 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross.*



January 03, 2017 at 02:01 PM

KH

“ *Khanh Hoang lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Khanh Hoang - January 03, 2017 at 01:25 PM

KH

My heartfelt condolences for your family's loss. May the love of God will comfort you and give you strength and peace at this time of sadness.

Khanh Hoang - January 03, 2017 at 01:36 PM

CD

Our heartfelt condolences to family in the loss of your sweet, and loving Kandeiss. May God bring you peace and comfort.

Charles & Ann Dunigan - January 04, 2017 at 06:41 PM

RL

“ Dear Marshall/Ross Family
My prayers are with you all. Please be encouraged. I have a memory of your mother/wife. I have known Kandeiss for a very long time. When I was first hired at WMU she was my orientation person. After orientation, I told her that I use to play with two little girls, one was named Helena and the other one was Kandeiss, who would get VERY angry if you called her Candy. She started asking me questions, i.e. where are you from, where did your grandmother live, stuff like that. I told her where my grandmother lived and she said with a smile, "I'm the little girl you played with." After we hugged and laughed I prepared to go back to my office and I said (cause I knew that even after all these years she would have a fit)" Bye Candy"
Your mother ALWAYS gave me words of encouragement, was my biggest supporter for the Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society. I along with others will miss your mother so very much.
"Bye Candy"
RoseElla P. Lyke

RoseElla P. Lyke - January 03, 2017 at 01:08 PM

PM

“ Pam McCartney lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross



Pam McCartney - January 03, 2017 at 12:46 PM

AC

“ ARVCO CONTAINER CORP. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross



ARVCO CONTAINER CORP. - January 03, 2017 at 12:35 PM

PT

“ Pauli Trembley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross



Pauli Trembley - January 03, 2017 at 12:34 PM

SR

“ Sue Rodia lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross



Sue Rodia - January 03, 2017 at 11:44 AM

SJ

“ WMU coworker of mine. Very sad to hear this. My heart goes out to your family and I'll be praying for everyone at this time. Sincerely and Respectfully yours, Stephanie J.



Stephanie Jones - January 03, 2017 at 11:36 AM

PD

“ *To the Family -
Kandeiss was a wonderful person. I am going to miss her vibrant smile and personality. WMU is going to miss her. You have my deepest sympathy and heartfelt love. Pearl*

Pearl DeVries - January 03, 2017 at 11:18 AM

TD

“ *She must have been a great mother to Karlita, because Karlita is a wonderful woman. As Karlita's supervisor I can attest to how caring and dedicated she is to her clients who are disabled as well as to her kids. What a great family. Tim Van Dyk*

Tim Van Dyk - January 03, 2017 at 11:01 AM

JE

“ *JoAnn Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



JoAnn Embrey - January 03, 2017 at 10:45 AM

JE

“ *Jennifer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Jennifer - January 03, 2017 at 10:39 AM

BR

“ Barbara, Jon Pierre, Tuffy, and Regina purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross.



Barbara, Jon Pierre, Tuffy, and Regina - January 03, 2017 at 10:09 AM

WF

“ WMU Human Resources Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross.



WMU Human Resources Family - January 03, 2017 at 09:35 AM

CD

“ Clara Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross



Clara Davis - January 03, 2017 at 09:15 AM

MB

“ Just hearing of the loss of this sweet person. I worked with Kandeiss for many years. I feel privileged that I had the opportunity to know this fine woman. Condolences to the family.
Melissa Bosak



Melissa Bosak - January 03, 2017 at 09:07 AM

TK

“ Tracey Kauppila lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross



Tracey Kauppila - January 03, 2017 at 08:24 AM

MT

“ Mrs. Angela Buchanan Tabron lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross



Mrs. Angela Buchanan Tabron - January 02, 2017 at 09:21 PM

KR

“ KATHERINE ROSS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross



KATHERINE ROSS - January 02, 2017 at 08:18 PM

CB

“ CREOLA C BUCHANAN lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross



CREOLA C BUCHANAN - January 02, 2017 at 08:16 PM

CS

“ *Celeste Shelton-Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Celeste Shelton-Harris - January 01, 2017 at 08:35 PM

KD

“ *Karie Dailey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Karie Dailey - January 01, 2017 at 07:12 PM

SB

“ *Sorry for your loss the Bradshaw family*

Sally Bradshaw - December 31, 2016 at 07:10 PM

LJ

“ *Laverne Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Laverne Jones - December 31, 2016 at 03:38 PM

LJ

“ *Lucile Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Lucile Johnson - December 31, 2016 at 03:11 PM

AS

“ *Alma Snell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Alma Snell - December 31, 2016 at 09:15 AM

KG

“ *Karen (Sheppard) Gray lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Karen (Sheppard) Gray - December 31, 2016 at 08:22 AM

KE

“ *Kay Eldred lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Kay Eldred - December 31, 2016 at 12:49 AM

PF

“ *PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



PATTERSON FAMILY - December 30, 2016 at 09:14 PM

HF

“ *Helen Brooks & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Helen Brooks & Family - December 30, 2016 at 08:39 PM

LC

“ *Lillie Cotton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



Lillie Cotton - December 30, 2016 at 08:12 PM

CH

“ *To the Ross family so sorry for your loss may God bless the family during this time All strength comes from the Lord It is so refreshing to know that we can rest in the strength and comfort that God will provide when facing troubles of many kinds. Kandeiss was such a sweet and loving person will always be in our hearts.*



Carmen Hughes - December 30, 2016 at 06:31 PM

SH

“ *Samuel /carmen Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kandeiss-Toi Ross*



samuel /carmen hughes - December 30, 2016 at 06:07 PM

DS

My thoughts and prayers are with the Ross family. Kandeiss was one of the most welcoming people when I first came to WMU in 1995. Although my path took me away from HR, Kandeiss and I could always catch up in short order when seeing each other on campus - with our families being the topic of conversation.

Deb Stoyanoff

Deb Stoyanoff - January 04, 2017 at 08:36 AM