



Mard Ella (Little) Nabors

October 18, 1931 - June 10, 2017

Mard Ella Nabors was born October 18, 1931 to the union of the late Sherrod White and Emma Bell (Clark) White in Prairie Point, MS. Surrounded by family, she went home to be with the Lord, Saturday, June 10, 2017. She was a God-fearing woman that loved the Lord. She received the Lord as her personal Savior at an early age at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Cliftonville, MS. Later in life, after moving to Michigan, she joined The Galilee Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Mabry Gardner. She sang with the Inspirational Choir and was a faithful member until her illness (Dementia) prevented her participation. She was united in marriage to Johnnie B. Little and later to Willie Nabors. She retired from The Upjohn Company in 1991 after working there for many years. She loved hosting family gatherings and cooking. She was known for her macaroni and cheese, sweet potato pies and lemonade. She also loved gardening and was the "#1 Fan" watching her family's sporting events.

Although Mard only had a third grade education, she had a quest for learning, and in the late 90's pursued further education through the Kalamazoo Literacy Council. There she worked with Dr. Yvonne Connors and later with Dr. Judy Kepler and successfully completed six levels. This gave her the confidence to author her life story, "With God on My Side", as told to her granddaughter, Candace Green.

Mard is preceded in death by her father, Sherrod White; mother, Emma Bell (Clark) White; daughter, Nettie B. Martin; 2 sons, Kerry Lorenzo and Andrew Little; her sisters Isabell Stevenson; and Ida Ruth Newman; brothers Wilford, Cleotha, Sherrod Jr., Willie, David, Amos Sr., Rev. Nathaniel White Sr. and her maternal and paternal grandparents.

Mard is survived by daughter, Geneva (Melvin) Jackson; 4 sons, Robert (Jackie) Little, Albert Little, John Little, Orlando (Marvita) Little all of Kalamazoo; son-in-law, Matthew Martin Jr. of Kalamazoo; 2 Daughters-In-Love, Nancy Buchanan and Jill Little; many, many grand, great grand and great, great grandchildren; stepchildren, Lageta Little, Demeetrius Little, Robert Sam (Rhonda) Little of Kalamazoo, MI; 1 brother, and 2 sisters, Robert (Minnie) White, Augusta White, Quince Ella (Willie) Tate; sisters-in-law, Willie

White and Bertha White; a host of nieces and nephews; a special daughter, Brenda Carter; special cousins, Rev. Willie Mae Pierson and Viola Bentley; a special sister, Judy Kepler; a special son, Edmond "Sonny Boy" Evans; special friends, Mrs. Mossy Dickerson, Mrs. Lillie Daniels, Mrs. Lorraine Tucker and Mrs. Thelma Moss.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Family Hour

JUN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

A Service in Loving Memory

JUN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors



Harper Funeral Home - June 15, 2017 at 08:11 PM



“ Mard Ella (Little) Nabors

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mard Ella (Little) Nabors

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Geneva moms my best friend since elementary
I remember her mom always been very nice to me
Sorry for your loss God Bless her

Lucy Cruz Jackson - June 22, 2019 at 05:48 PM



“ Lucy Cruz Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors



Lucy Cruz Jackson - June 22, 2019 at 05:44 PM

MM

“ MERRY S MITCHELL-BATTLES lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors



MERRY S MITCHELL-BATTLES - July 01, 2017 at 10:25 PM

AR

“ Abdul-R Rashid lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors



Abdul-R Rashid - June 17, 2017 at 09:00 PM

AR

“ Abdul-R Rashid lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors



Abdul-R Rashid - June 17, 2017 at 09:00 PM

MF

“ Mattie Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors



Mattie Fields and Family - June 17, 2017 at 02:18 PM



“ My condolences to the Little Family from. ANDRE WILKERSON

DJstatusphere Dre - June 17, 2017 at 07:02 AM

HE

“ Sending our sincere condolences and love;
To The Little Family.
From: Helen, Jordan and Andrea Moore.
Forever in our hearts, aunt Mard!!! R.I.H.



Helen - June 17, 2017 at 12:30 AM

RF

“ Renaford Owens Jr. & Family lit a candle in memory of
Mard Ella (Little) Nabors



Renaford Owens Jr. & Family - June 16, 2017 at 08:02 PM

RF

“ Condolences to the Little family. May the Lord give you comfort and strength
during this time of bereavement. Your family is in our prayers.

Renaford Owens Jr. & Family - June 16, 2017 at 07:28 PM

JT

“ Jessica Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little)
Nabors



Jessica Taylor - June 16, 2017 at 06:47 PM

BB

“ Bennie Bell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mard Ella (Little)
Nabors



Bennie Bell - June 16, 2017 at 05:42 PM

JW

“ *Jean White lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors*



Jean White - June 16, 2017 at 05:07 PM



“ *We are sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. May God continue to bless you in your time of sorrow. Rest in Heaven Mother Nabors.*

Reva Goodwin and Family

Imma Goodwin - June 16, 2017 at 04:24 PM

LB

“ *Larry Bell lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors*



Larry Bell - June 16, 2017 at 02:54 PM

CB

“ *Carrie Baker lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors*



Carrie Baker - June 16, 2017 at 01:23 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors*



Pauline Gardner - June 16, 2017 at 09:15 AM

WM

“ Our condolences.



Wendy Miller - June 15, 2017 at 11:50 PM

ES

“ Ellen & Calvin Spencer lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors




Ellen & Calvin Spencer - June 15, 2017 at 09:23 PM

RF

“ Royetta Fry-Walker lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors



Royetta Fry-Walker - June 15, 2017 at 05:04 PM

 Birletta Bean-Hardeman

“ Birletta Bean-Hardeman lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors



Birletta Bean-Hardeman - June 15, 2017 at 01:19 PM

PB

“ Patricia Buchanan-Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors



Patricia Buchanan-Thomas - June 15, 2017 at 10:52 AM

BF

“ Betty & Frank Ford lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors



Betty & Frank Ford - June 15, 2017 at 09:05 AM

JN

A woman with a strong magnitude to keep family and friends very close. Jackie Nevitt

Jackie Nevitt - June 15, 2017 at 09:32 AM

AR

I found out tonight [6/16/17] that Ms Mard had passed, and I was sorry to hear it. Beside knowing all her children, One of her older brothers [Wilford] married my Aunt, so she was like family to me. May G-D bless Ms Mard to enter the paradise ,forgive her of her sins and bless her for all the good that she did.....Amin

Abdul-R Rashid - June 17, 2017 at 08:59 PM

GF

“ SORRY TO HEAR OF THE PASSING OF MS. MARD ELLA, YOU ALL ARE IN OUR PRAYERS..



GEORGIA WILLIAMS & FAMILY - June 15, 2017 at 06:19 AM

T.

“ My sincere condolences to everyone that this kind and gentle lady's heart touched, for she touched mine with her grace and her peace. She will forever be in my heart.



T.Lee - June 15, 2017 at 05:08 AM

CC

“ Carrie Cubbison lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors



Carrie Cubbison - June 14, 2017 at 08:57 PM

WJ

“ William & Laverne Jones lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors



William & Laverne Jones - June 14, 2017 at 08:44 PM

CF

“ CHARLESTON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors



CHARLESTON FAMILY - June 14, 2017 at 08:33 PM

AS

“ Alma Snell lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors



Alma Snell - June 14, 2017 at 08:18 PM

KD

“ Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors



Kevin Dunigan - June 14, 2017 at 05:10 PM

UB

“ Urban Alliance Board purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors.



Urban Alliance Board - June 14, 2017 at 02:54 PM

VO

“ My condolences to the Little Family (my family). She was everybody's GRANDMA LITTLE and will be greatly missed.



Vivian Ollie-O'Neal - June 14, 2017 at 01:52 PM

AB

“ Annette Bass lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors



Annette Bass - June 14, 2017 at 01:33 PM

SB

“ Scott B. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors.



Scott B. - June 14, 2017 at 12:36 PM

MW

“ Minister Flora Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors



Minister Flora Walker - June 14, 2017 at 11:25 AM

RW

“ RJ & Anita Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors



RJ & Anita Wilkerson - June 14, 2017 at 08:25 AM

BP

“ *Praying for the Little/Nabors family.*

Barbara Phillips - June 13, 2017 at 07:47 PM

BP

“ *Barbara Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors*



Barbara Phillips - June 13, 2017 at 07:44 PM

BB

“ *Benita J. Barnes lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors*



Benita J. Barnes - June 13, 2017 at 06:42 PM

EH

“ *Geneva and all family members and loved ones. I'm sending heartfelt condolence in the lost of your Mom. May your heart find peace and comfort in the Lord.*



Evelyn Henry - June 13, 2017 at 04:35 PM

VB

“ *Vicky Burns lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors*



vicky burns - June 13, 2017 at 04:18 PM

TW

“ *Tammie Winfield lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors*



Tammie Winfield - June 13, 2017 at 03:20 PM

CG

“ *Our prayers go out to the family*

Cordell Brenda Gardner - June 13, 2017 at 02:54 PM

CO

“ *Our Prayers go out to the family.*

Cordell/Brenda - June 13, 2017 at 02:42 PM

DF

“ *Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors*



Dallas Boards and family - June 13, 2017 at 02:18 PM

GS

“ *Gwendolyn Smith lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors*



Gwendolyn Smith - June 13, 2017 at 12:29 PM

DS

“ *My heart and prayers go out to you all, may God hold you in His arms while you celebrate her life.*

Diane Smith and Family



Diane Smith - June 13, 2017 at 12:12 PM

NB

“ Nancy Buchanan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mard Ella
(Little) Nabors




Nancy Buchanan - June 13, 2017 at 12:10 PM

PF

“ PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella
(Little) Nabors



PATTERSON FAMILY - June 13, 2017 at 11:57 AM

 Birletta
Bean-
Hardeman

“ Birletta Bean-Hardeman lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella
(Little) Nabors



Birletta Bean-Hardeman - June 13, 2017 at 11:32 AM

PS

“ PERCY & CINDY SMITH lit a candle in memory of Mard
Ella (Little) Nabors



PERCY & CINDY SMITH - June 13, 2017 at 08:34 AM

SM

“ So sorry for your loss.
Love, Sakarr & Gina White & Family
Aaron & Jackie White & Family
Keia White & Family

Stephanie Moore - June 13, 2017 at 08:05 AM

CA

“ Charles And Lorraine Abbott sent a virtual gift in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors



Charles and Lorraine Abbott - June 13, 2017 at 08:00 AM

LC

“ Lillie B Cotton lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors



Lillie B Cotton - June 13, 2017 at 07:45 AM

RH

“ Roxanne Harris lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors



Roxanne Harris - June 13, 2017 at 06:58 AM

PD

“ So sorry to hear of Granny Mard passing, she was such a sweet lady. Praying for the family.
Patricia Davis

Pat Davis - June 13, 2017 at 06:25 AM

GW

“ Georgia Williams lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors



Georgia Williams - June 12, 2017 at 08:46 PM

HB

“ *Helen (Mills) Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors*



Helen (Mills) Brooks - June 12, 2017 at 05:20 PM

EF

“ *Earline Fields sent a virtual gift in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors*



Earline Fields - June 12, 2017 at 04:51 PM

TP

“ *Geneva and family, my prayers are with you all during your time of bereavement. You have my heartfelt sympathy.*



Theresa L. Powell - June 12, 2017 at 03:46 PM

AR

“ *ArleneBuchanan lit a candle in memory of Mard Ella (Little) Nabors*



ArleneBuchanan - June 12, 2017 at 03:40 PM