



Mrs. Ida Bell Davis

March 10, 1915 - June 3, 2008

Ida Bell Davis, wife of the late Elder William Davis, was welcomed by heaven's gates on June 3, 2008. Ida was born March 10, 1915 in Prairie Point, Mississippi to the parents of Willie and Maggie (White) Winston. William "Mack" Davis found the love of his life and he and Ida wed in 1931. Looking to improve their lives, William and Ida moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan in 1951 where they served the Lord in several ministries. Ida initially joined Mount Zion Baptist Church and was a founding member of Friendship Baptist Church and Galilee Baptist Church. At Galilee Baptist Church she served in many ministries and was the first recording secretary for the church. She was the co-founder of Tower of Faith Church. Serving the church and her family was a common theme in Ida's life. She supported several family members as they migrated from the South to the North by providing housing and hot meals. As a loving mother she raised two God-fearing and accomplished daughters, Willie Mae Pierson and Patricia Ann Plair. She nurtured her grandchildren and helped raise many children in the Kalamazoo community. She also provided quality day care to several children. Ida was known as an excellent cook and could delight the palate of any person who was the beneficiary of her delicious meals. After 64 years of marriage, she was preceded in death by Elder William "Mack" Davis and their six month old daughter, Linda Davis. She also was preceded in death by eight siblings including her sisters: Lula Lee Kellum, Ezella Tate, Sarah Lue Lester, Queen Esther Lewis, her brothers: Otis Winston, Robert Winston, Billy Perkins and Hansel Winston. She leaves to

carry on her legacy several loved ones including her sister, Hattie Cockrell of Ethelsville, Alabama; a brother, Albert (Vera) Winston of Columbus, Mississippi and a sister-in-law; Ernestine Winston of Prairie Point, Mississippi. Her children, Willie Mae (Albert) Pierson, Patricia Ann (Alexander) Plair; a loving niece, Viola (Clifford) Bentley, a special cousin, Mard Nabors; two adopted daughters, Cheryl Nelson and Monique Jones; 9 grandchildren, Cheryl (Ricky) Johnson, Tonya (James) Collins, LeShon (Stephanie) Pierson, Melissa, Alexis, Dana, Alexander II, Amberly and Clarissa Plair and 8 great grandchildren. Ida's favorite saying was, "I am standing on a rock that never gives away and that rock is Jesus." We celebrate and thank God that Ida led many people to "The Rock".

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home Inc.
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Service

JUN 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church
1216 N. Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Ida Bell Davis*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mrs. Ida Bell Davis*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *We would like to extend our heartfelt condolence on the loss of your special loved one. But what a comfort to know that she rest in the arms of the Lord.
May God give you peace and the strength to endure.*

Barbara and Deane##imported-begin##Laurence and Barbara Coy##imported-end##

June 27, 2008 at 01:49 AM



“ *Willie Mae
I stopped by the funeral home Sunday afternoon to express my sympathy to you and your extended family and perhaps see your "hearing grand son.
Unfortunately the weather prevaled as it had at a cancelled 3 o'clock open house up oon B Ave. I wish you all peace at this difficult time.*

Fondly,

Don##imported-begin##Donald Cain##imported-end##

June 13, 2008 at 11:53 AM



“ God bless you and your family in your sorrow. Rejoice in the fact that your mother, grandmother, sister, & friend have peace and comfort in the presence of God. "...Jesus Christ has loved us and given us everlasting comfort and hope..." 11Thessalonians 2:16TLB
We love you
Joe & Barb Bizzell###imported-begin##Joe & Barbara Bizzell###imported-end##

June 09, 2008 at 12:49 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss and send our deepest condolences!
Nick & Pam###imported-begin##Nicholas & Pamela Carter###imported-end##

June 09, 2008 at 09:26 AM



“ Dearest WillieMae we are so sorry for your lost with love Beverly Woodson Green and Family God Bless your Family.###imported-begin##Beverly Woodson Green###imported-end##

June 08, 2008 at 06:41 PM



“ I have known mother Davis for many years. She was a wonderful person who was first lady to Pastor Davis in the church. She also did many great things in the community. She was a lovely and gracious person.###imported-begin##Joan Thompkins###imported-end##

June 08, 2008 at 12:13 PM



“ One of my fondest memories of Mrs Davis was when I took her to the grocery store. She was careful to purchase only the best products for her and Mr. Davis. On the car ride home she proudly proclaimed "we made a good pick today". Well Jesus made a good pick when he chose to end her earthly suffering. I know Mrs. Davis is at peace. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Remenyi (Ann) Williams##imported-end##

June 08, 2008 at 10:10 AM



“ My prayers are with each one of you. Remember, Mrs Davis favorite saying and know that it is time for you to stand on that ROCK.

Theresa##imported-begin##Theresa Johnson##imported-end##

June 07, 2008 at 08:59 PM



“ May you find comfort in the knowledge that a life well lived goes on forever.

Through Christ our comfort over flows
II Cor 1:5 NIV##imported-begin##Robert & Anita
Wilkerson##imported-end##

June 06, 2008 at 11:56 AM



“ Elder Pierson and Family - You have my deepest sympathy in the passing of your mother. May the Lord bless you and keep you in your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Ozell Burton##imported-end##

June 05, 2008 at 04:09 PM