



## Mrs. Kallie Dee Haley

March 7, 1923 - January 2, 2010

Mrs. Kallie (Hughes)Haley, affectionately known as “Mama Haley” by her many “adopted” children, departed this life on Saturday, January 2, 2010, at Bronson Hospital, with family by her side. She was born March 7, 1923 in Okolona, Mississippi to the late Willie Lee and Clopton Hughes. Kallie professed her love for Christ early in life at Mt. Mariah Baptist Church in Mississippi. She moved to Kalamazoo with her family at an early age and became a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church where she served faithfully in the Women’s Missionary Ministry and the Jail Ministry. She was united in marriage to the late Robert L. Haley, Sr. on June 5, 1942; to this union seven children were born. Kallie retired from the Gilmore Department Store in 1984 (she was a cook in the Ice Cream Parlor). Kallie was preceded in death by her four siblings Earlene Nowling, Samuel Hughes, Annie Kate Hughes, and Newessie Gardner. Kallie’s spirit lives on in her seven children, Barbara Haley, Patricia Brown (James Cook), Mary Kaye (Carl) Roberts, Lonnie (Kathryn) Haley, Robert Jr. (Faye) Haley, Larry Wendell (Patricia) Haley, Annette (David) Buchanan, 14 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandson, plus numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Also surviving are special friends Mrs. Francis Scott, Mrs. Minnie Thrash, and Mrs. Sadie Manuel. Kallie dropped out of school after the ninth grade to help at home; this had such an impact that she was determined none of her children would leave school before completing at least high school. She was successful in this endeavor and every child completed high school, some went on to finish

college and/or technical school. She taught her children pride, independence and self-sufficiency. She often said to the children, “times may get hard, but nobody can ever take your education; you will have what you need to make a way.” Kallie loved everyone. She was a role model of generosity, hard work and determination. She opened her home and heart to anyone who would come. Kallie spent many hours gardening and cooking; she grew the most plentiful crop of collard greens and the biggest peonies in the neighborhood. Her greatest joy was the gathering of friends and family at the Haley Family “Soul Food Sunday.” Her grandchildren say their best New Year’s Eve Celebrations were spent making popcorn, eating Malnight’s cookies and watching Dick Clark’s “Rockin’ New Year’s Eve Party” with Granny and Gramps. One of her favorite pastimes was shopping with her daughters and good friend (the late) Boydie Ollie. She loved hats and owned dozens in different styles. She frequently participated in the Ecumenical Senior Center’s annual fashion show fundraiser “Golden and Glamorous.” Her love of fashion was passed on to her granddaughters.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home Inc.  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Service

JAN 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mt Zion Baptist Church  
120 Roberson Street  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Kallie Dee Haley



Harper Funeral Home - January 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Haley - aka Mom!..I was looking for information from Kazoo and thought about you. I remember the days of you and I working at Gilmore's. Many a fine time of pure laughter and tears. I still think of you and have the imprint of kindness you left on my heart. Love ya 'mom' - Mark Class of '73 living in VA.

Mark - June 30, 2025 at 03:45 PM



“ Mrs. Kallie Dee Haley

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mrs. Kallie Dee Haley

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ So sorry I didn't know sooner, but my prayers go out for the family.##imported-begin##Murel Wallace##imported-end##

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January 15, 2010 at 02:49 PM



“ GOD BE WITH YOU,ALWAYS.##imported-begin##BOBBY DAY##imported-end##

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January 07, 2010 at 05:11 PM



“ barb ... pat, god be wth your entire family##imported-begin##BOBBY DAY##imported-end##

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January 07, 2010 at 05:03 PM



“ Kallie was one of the first people I met when I started working at Gilmore's in 1970. She was a great lady that always had a smile for everyone. She will be missed but always remembered.##imported-begin##Tom Flynn##imported-end##

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January 07, 2010 at 01:10 PM



“ To The Family of Mother Haley and my dear Friend Kaye.

*I am so sorry for the loss of Mother Haley; I loved her so much and it was a blessing to have shared time with her at church; we were Sunday School buddies. She blessed me with her special Tea Cakes and a beautiful Fan that I will forever cherish along with her beautiful smile.*

*May God bring all of you peace and comfort during this time of sorrow.*

*Lucinda##imported-begin##Lucinda M. Stinson##imported-end##*

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January 06, 2010 at 10:37 PM



“ I worked with Kallie in the ice cream parlor at Gilmores. Kallie was a great cook and a hard worker. I have very fond memories of Kallie and I am thankful that I had the pleasure of working with Kallie. She will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Deb Pinkster Newhouse##imported-end##

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January 06, 2010 at 10:18 PM



“ Your mother will be missed in the neighborhood. She was a good person. 52##imported-begin##Marsha & Jim Hoenle##imported-end##

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January 06, 2010 at 08:34 PM



“ I will miss Kallie's grinning face over the chain link fence between our yards. What great conversations we had about gardening, kids and life. She was a wise, wise women who loved us all unconditionally. The neighborhood will not be the same without her.##imported-begin##Barb Jacobsma##imported-end##

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January 06, 2010 at 08:00 PM



“ Dear Bob and family,

*I was sorry to see that your Mom passed away. I know how close you were to her. I enjoyed hearing you tell stories about her over the years we worked together. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Sincerely,*

*Ed and Glenda Fouch##imported-begin##Glenda Fouch##imported-end##*

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January 06, 2010 at 07:27 PM



“ Our heart felt condolences go out to the family at this difficult time. May God Bless each one of you.##imported-begin##Cordell and Brenda Gardner##imported-end##

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January 06, 2010 at 06:00 PM



“ *To the family and a special note to the Roberts' family  
Ed talked very highly of his Grandmother and can see that she will  
be missed. Upon reading about her life - she must have touched  
many people during her life on earth.  
She will do the same for her heavenly family as well.  
From the Sara Lee Family###imported-begin##Marilyn  
Benkert###imported-end##*

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January 06, 2010 at 03:41 PM



“ To the entire family:  
Cousin Kallie was such a beautiful lady-both inside and out! We treasure the special memories of her that we will always hold dear. We admire the deep love & dedication she exemplified to her children and to the exceptional care she gave her mother during her illness.

We were blessed to "hang out" with Cousin Kallie when she accompanied us to a quartet singing (Tim Woodson & the Heirs of Harmony) in Battle Creek.

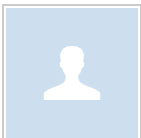
Cousin Kallie called us frequently at the radio station to request special songs and dedications for her children, family, her in-laws and even their families!

I (Robyn) was especially touched to read in her obituary how she had to leave school in the 9th Grade to help out with family, and the indelible mark that left on her to value education and to encourage her children to get an education--and all of you did! What a blessing.

Please know that you have been in our thoughts and prayers throughout her illness and we will continue to petition God for your peace of mind and comfort during this difficult time. We love you.##imported-begin##Howard & Robyn Robinson##imported-end##

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January 06, 2010 at 10:50 AM



“ Dear Family, we have lost a loving, caring, beautiful lady. May all our precious memories live on. Aunt Kallie I will miss you, but will always remember you. Thanks for the loving visits you shared with me and my kids, when we came in town to visit you. Love you.##imported-begin##Elmira Hughes##imported-end##

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January 06, 2010 at 07:41 AM



“ *Kallie was a beautiful person. We worked together at Gilmore's a number of years and from there developed a lasting friendship. She will be remembered for her warm smile and the love she so readily shared.* **##imported-begin##Isabell Martin##imported-end##**

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January 05, 2010 at 02:22 PM



“ *To the Haley Family ~ Sorry for the loss of your mother ~ May the memories of Mrs. Haley's love bring you comfort and peace of heart now and through the days ahead....* **##imported-begin##Angela Tabron##imported-end##**

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January 05, 2010 at 12:15 PM