



## Mrs. R. Mae "Madear" Dean

June 29, 1924 - November 23, 2010

Mrs. R. Mae Dean, 86, was called home to rest by the angels of God, Tuesday, November 23, 2010, at Heritage Community Care Center surrounded by family and friends. Mrs. R. Mae Dean was born June 29, 1924 as Anna White, in Scotts, Mississippi, the daughter of George and Adeline White. She confessed her faith of Christ at an early age and was baptized at Friendship Baptist Church in Greenville, Mississippi under the leadership of Rev. G. W. Drake. Her parents preceded her in death; also her husband Mr. Isaac Dean; a special friend and a father to all of her children, Mr. James Collins Sr.; two grandchildren: Terry and Wilona Campbell; son-in-law, Terry McPherson and siblings: Jerry Coleman, Sampson and Frank White; Henrietta Bradley, Willie Mae Chapman, Martha Thunderbird, Mary Williams and Elnora Woodson. Madear moved her family to Kalamazoo in 1970. She joined Friendship Baptist Church and later joined Galilee Baptist Church. Earlier in her life, she loved to go fishing and later in life she loved to play bingo. She leaves to cherish her memory six children: Terry Dean, Willie Edward Dean, Gail McPherson, Lenore (Willie) Campbell, James (Tonya) Collins III and Charmie Collins all of Kalamazoo, MI; 16 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Kate Armstead; two brothers, George and M.C. White all of Kalamazoo, MI; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **30**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Service

DEC **1**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. R. Mae "Madear" Dean



Harper Funeral Home - November 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. R. Mae "Madear" Dean

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mrs. R. Mae "Madear" Dean

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



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elijah - December 02, 2022 at 09:58 AM



“ To the Dean family,  
We are extending our heartfelt condolences to your family. The memories of R. Mae and your family living in Greenville will always be etched in our minds.

Cousins: Sandra, Bobby, Shug, Tracy, Joy, Man, (Shenia - deceased)##imported-begin##Sandra Jones Boyd##imported-end##

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December 04, 2010 at 10:16 PM



“ To the Dean family, I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and you all have my heartfelt condolences. May the Lord comfort you during your time of bereavement. Love, Carolyn##imported-begin##Carolyn Allgood Campbell##imported-end##

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December 02, 2010 at 10:11 PM



“ Lenora and Family...Condolences go out to you and your family. Our prayers are with you....We are praying that God will mend and take your sorrow as he did for us. Besides we know that is only one of His promises. Please dont hesitate to call me if you need anything or just want to talk.

Love Larence and Sherry Anderson (Ozier)##imported-begin##Sherry (Ozier) Anderson##imported-end##

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December 01, 2010 at 11:19 AM



“ To the Dean, May it help you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

*With Sympathy*

*The Tubbs family Mrs. Tubbs, Jerry, Modean and families.##imported-begin##Modean Reeves##imported-end##*

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November 30, 2010 at 10:43 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God keep you all during your time of bereavement.##imported-begin##LaKetria "KeeKee" Cornelious##imported-end##

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November 30, 2010 at 02:31 PM



“ My condolences are extended to the Armstead, Campbell, Dean, and White families. The matriarch will be greatly missed. Rest In Love Ms. R. Mae.##imported-begin##Katrina M. Goodall & Family##imported-end##

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November 29, 2010 at 06:50 PM



“ I'D LIKE THE MOMORY OF ME TO BE A HAPPY ONE I'DLIKE TO LEAVE AN AFTER GLOW OF SMILES WHEN LIFE IS DONE I'D LIKE TO LEAVE AN ECHO WHISPERING SOFTLY DOWN THE WAYS OF HAPPY TIMES ABD LAUGHING TIMES AND BRIGHT AND SUNNY DAYS I'D LIKE THE TEARS OF THOSE WHO GRIEVE TO DAY BEFORE THE SUN OF HAPPY MEMORIES THAT I LEAVE WHEN MY LIFE IS DONE LOVE U ALL##imported-begin##Karyn Hoskins##imported-end##

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November 28, 2010 at 01:20 PM



“ Giving my condolence out to the Dean family.##imported-begin##Jermaine Clark##imported-end##

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November 28, 2010 at 11:55 AM



“ We are sending our condolences to the Dean Family.

Love

The Mitchell's##imported-begin##Mr. and Mrs Donald C. Mitchell##imported-end##

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November 28, 2010 at 11:40 AM