



Ms. Irene Bell Palmer

November 25, 1935 - April 3, 2010

Ms. Irene Bell Palmer departed this life Saturday, April 3, 2010. She was born Irene Washington, November 25, 1935 in Pascola, Missouri to Roosevelt and Mattie Coffee Washington. Irene was married in 1954 to Cleophus Bell and to this union, had two children. In the sixties, Irene continued her education by attending the Skill Center at Lincoln School. In 1968, she married Henry Palmer. Irene started working at the Upjohn Company in the seventies, retiring from there after nearly 20 years of service. Irene was a born again Christian and looked forward to the day when she would be with the Lord. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Earline Murry and Mary E. Nicholson; one brother, and Lloyed Washington. Irene is survived by two sisters: Teda (Willie) Briggs of Niles, MI; and Rose Lee (Peter) Harvey of South Bend, IN; one brother, Ibriham (Roosevelt Washington) Yamini of Chicago, IL; one daughter, Rose Mary Johnson; one son, Roger Brady Bell; four nephews and four nieces: Craig Briggs, Gwen Briggs, Ronald Briggs, Nina Coley, Omar Yahmini, and Bashir Yahmini; seven grandchildren: Jermaine Bell, Chekesha Bell, Larry Bell, Kyna Johnson, Briana Bell, Erika Johnson, and Jeremy Johnson; and 10 grandchildren. Also, many other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Service

APR 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Irene Bell Palmer



Harper Funeral Home - April 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Ms. Irene Bell Palmer

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Ms. Irene Bell Palmer

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Dear Tina and Rosalee:

We were sorry to hear the new of your loss. Please know that though we are not there with you today that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. May God Bless and sustain you.

Paul and Rosella##imported-begin##Paul Scott##imported-end##

April 09, 2010 at 10:47 AM



“ My dearest Irene, Words can not began to express the roll you played in my life, caring for everyone in our family, just as we were your own. My thoughts go back to being a small child and having Roger and Rosemary grow up like being my brother and sister...I know the pain your feeling right now. You both have my love and understanding...Anything, anyplace, anywhere, I will be a call away. Your mom was a wonderful gift from God.##imported-begin##Michael Shotwell##imported-end##

April 08, 2010 at 03:06 PM



“ I'm thankful for the time that I had to share with you. I loved the talks that we used to have when Roger and I would come to your house. You raised a very caring and loving son, whom I love with all my heart. I know he always had your best interest in his heart. You will truly be missed.##imported-begin##Pam Perkins##imported-end##

April 07, 2010 at 09:33 PM



“ Mom, you did a wonderful job raising us with all the necessary tools for bringing up two children basically on your own, finding a way to better yourself to get a good job that would allow you to make enough money to to put food on the table and keep a roof over our heads. We didn't understand then, we were young, but we understand now. Thank you Mom, I'll miss you.

Roger##imported-begin##Roger Brady Bell##imported-end##

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