



Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey

December 29, 1931 - January 1, 2018

Olivia (Gardner) Walker-Nealey, affectionately known as “Baby Ray” received her wings to be with the Lord on January 1, 2018. Olivia was born on December 29, 1931 in Okolona, Mississippi, the youngest daughter of Daniel and Edna Gardner. She accepted Christ at an early age and attended Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Olivia later transitioned to Galilee Missionary Baptist Church as a charter member under the leadership of her brother and founder, the late Reverend Mabry Gardner. She was actively and faithfully involved in church. She was a member of the Inspirational Choir, the Hospitality Committee and the Nurses Guild (which she was the Visionary for).

Olivia was a graduate of Kalamazoo Central High. She later attended college and became a Licensed Practical Nurse. She was employed by Fort Custer, VA Hospital, State Hospital, Borgess Hospital, Hurley Hospital and retired from the Family Health Center. Olivia was an all-around people person. She loved to take care of others. She easily made friends and treated them with the love of God always. She would stop and speak to every person in the world if she could. She loved connecting with family and was always excited to attend the Mississippi Family & Friends reunion. Olivia loved to bake and was especially known for her pound cakes, German chocolate cakes, cheesecakes, and sweet potato pies. She loved to bowl and even played basketball for the Douglas Community Center.

She was preceded in death by her Husband; Nash Nealey, Parents; Daniel and Edna Gardner, brothers; Elish Gardner, Rev. Mabry Gardner, Hesidee Gardner and Floyd Gardner, sisters; Alma Lee Ligon and Carsell Gardner.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her son; Mark K. Walker, her daughter Selena D. Walker both of Kalamazoo, One granddaughter; Nikia C. Walker-Hall of Kalamazoo, Mi, 3 grandsons; DeShon M. Walker of Tracy, CA, George L. Walker and Kenneth M. Walker both of Kalamazoo, Mi., 2 great-grandchildren whom she loved dearly; Ashton G.M. Hall and Autumn G.M. Hall both of Kalamazoo, Mi, 2 sisters; Juanita Ford and Jerniece Ledbetter, both of Kalamazoo, one sister-in-law; Tiffany Gardner, two special nieces; Olivia King of Kalamazoo, Mi and Tanya Gardner Dunn of Lansing, Mi, special nephew; Justin Gardner of Dallas, TX, two special daughters-in-love, Audrey Rancifer and Teresa Owens both of Kalamazoo, Mi, God-Children; Hal and Janet Buchanan both of Kalamazoo, Special Friends; Helen Vanlieu, Geraldine Williams, Mary Louise Walker, Clara Stamp, Ollie Wright, Evelyn Coleman, Elder Nathaniel and Margaret Smith and Deacon Stan and Wanda Brown and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Ever-Rest Cemetery

3941 S. Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Visitation

JAN 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

A Service in Loving Memory

JAN 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Earline Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Earline Fields and Family - January 10, 2018 at 04:43 PM



“ *Jo-Evelyn Wilson-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Jo-Evelyn Wilson-Williams - January 10, 2018 at 12:14 PM

AR

“ Olivia was my cousin, I was first brought to Kalamazoo in 1945-1946 from Ms, but I didn't meet Olivia until 1958 when she was first married to Fletcher Walker, I lived across the street from them. Olivia "was a good a Person", and I bear witness to that. "May G-D bless Olivia to enter the paradise, forgive her of all her sins and bless her for all the good that she did"..... Amin. Robert Gaston (Abdul-R Rashid)



Abdul-R Rashid - January 10, 2018 at 12:11 PM

JS

“ JoAnne Smith-Gardner

JoAnne Smith-Gardner - January 10, 2018 at 11:57 AM

MS

“ Margaret Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey



Margaret Smith - January 10, 2018 at 11:41 AM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey



Jack Dunigan - January 10, 2018 at 10:01 AM



“ Mossy Dixison & Family



Mossy Dixison & Family - January 10, 2018 at 01:47 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey.



January 09, 2018 at 11:37 PM



“ 59 files added to the album LifeTributes



Harper Funeral Home - January 09, 2018 at 04:42 PM



“ *Ghirardelli & Fruit Condolences Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey.*



January 09, 2018 at 03:42 PM



“ *Gerri Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Gerri Williams - January 09, 2018 at 02:52 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers to Selena, and Mark, to Nikia, to Juanita and Jerniece and to our entire family in memory of our darling cousin, Olivia.
Peace be with you.*

Margaret Smith - January 09, 2018 at 02:36 PM



“ *Mozella Mosley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Mozella Mosley - January 09, 2018 at 01:50 PM

MW

“ *Minister Flora Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Minister Flora Walker - January 09, 2018 at 01:37 PM

DO

“ *Donald and Rebecca Frazier and family, Portland OR purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey.*



Donald and Rebecca Frazier and family, Portland OR - January 09, 2018 at 12:54 PM

TM

“ *Thelma Moss lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Thelma Moss - January 09, 2018 at 11:01 AM

MR

“ *Modean Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Modean Reeves - January 09, 2018 at 10:58 AM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Pauline Gardner - January 09, 2018 at 10:00 AM

GD

“ *Are time together will always be remembered and you will always have place in my heart.*

Grace Dixon - January 09, 2018 at 09:55 AM

GD

“ *Grace Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Grace Dixon - January 09, 2018 at 09:51 AM

AS

“ *Athalia Simpson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Athalia Simpson - January 09, 2018 at 09:49 AM

ED

“ To Selena, Nikia and family: We also send our heartfelt condolences to you during this difficult time. Our memories of Mother Olivia will always be treasured in our heart. She was a true example of kindness, gentleness, faithfulness and love to our family and we know she will be dearly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Be encouraged and know that we love you very much.
Emily, Erica and Adrienne Dawson



Emily Dawson - January 09, 2018 at 09:36 AM

JS

“ You will be forever missed Granny Olivia! My condolences to the family.



Jytisha Streeter - January 09, 2018 at 07:41 AM

WS

“ Wigin and Hilda Snell



Wigin and Hilda Snell - January 09, 2018 at 06:06 AM

KB

“ I called you Grandma, I have so many memories of you I don't know where to start so I wont even try. Just know that I love you which I know that you did because I always made sure that I told you each time I seen you.. You were one of the sweetest persons that I have ever known. Now don't get to Heaven and think you have to speak to everybody and every Angel on the first day, you'll have all of Eternity for that LOL... Well it's not bye ... but see you later

*Love You Granma!!
Kizzy*

Kizzy Bradford - January 09, 2018 at 12:08 AM

ES

“ Elizabeth Stamps lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey



Elizabeth Stamps - January 08, 2018 at 10:17 PM

MS

“ Margie Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey



Margie Smith - January 08, 2018 at 10:15 PM

TP

“ *With Heartfelt sympathy and love.*



Theresa L. Powell - January 08, 2018 at 08:40 PM

EW

“ *Eldora Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Eldora Williams - January 08, 2018 at 06:37 PM

AT

“ *Alice Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Alice Taylor - January 08, 2018 at 06:31 PM

CW

“ *Carolyn Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Carolyn Walker - January 08, 2018 at 05:47 PM

CW

Mark and Selena you have my deepest sympathy, your mom was a beautiful person. I worked with her for awhile and she was always so nice to everyone. She also could make a mean cheese cake. She will be greatly missed!!! Proverbs 31 was fitting for her.

Carolyn Walker - January 08, 2018 at 05:51 PM

JE

“ *Jacqueline Ezell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Jacqueline Ezell - January 08, 2018 at 05:42 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey.*



January 08, 2018 at 02:40 PM

NW

“ *Grandma, you will FOREVER be in my heart. Thank you for all that you have taught me. Thank you for always being so selfless and thank you for never compromising the love of God. You were an amazing example of a woman and I always cherish your memories. I love you!!!!*

Nikia Walker-Hall - January 08, 2018 at 10:20 AM

RM

“ *Robin McPherson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Robin McPherson - January 08, 2018 at 03:31 AM

JS

“ *Josephine Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Josephine Smith - January 07, 2018 at 08:37 PM

GM

“ *Gertrude Mills lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



gertrude mills - January 07, 2018 at 04:51 PM

CS

“ *Cynthia Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



cynthia smith - January 07, 2018 at 04:48 PM

DF

“ Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey



Dallas Boards and family - January 07, 2018 at 03:38 PM

FF

“ Flora Jones & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey



Flora Jones & Family - January 07, 2018 at 01:02 PM

CF

“ Cea Green & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey



Cea Green & Family - January 07, 2018 at 01:00 PM

PB

“ Paul & Margaret Best lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey



Paul & Margaret Best - January 07, 2018 at 11:50 AM

KB

“ *Karest Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Karest Brown - January 07, 2018 at 10:47 AM

KD

“ *Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Kevin Dunigan - January 07, 2018 at 08:44 AM

RF

“ *Royetta Fry-Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Royetta Fry-Walker - January 06, 2018 at 05:47 PM

DF

“ *Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Dallas Boards and family - January 06, 2018 at 04:58 PM

BB

“ Bonnie Dancer Boyd and family



Bonnie Boyd - January 06, 2018 at 02:20 PM

AM

“ I send my Condolences to Selena Walker and Family, the loss of your Mother, I know is very hard may God be with you all to comfort you in this time of need. My Prayers are with you also. God Bless you!

audrey Mcgrew-Rancifer - January 06, 2018 at 12:51 PM

JJ

“ JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey



JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr. - January 06, 2018 at 09:50 AM

AM

“ Audrey Rancifer Mcgrew lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey



Audrey Rancifer Mcgrew - January 06, 2018 at 09:49 AM

JJ

“ Aunt Olivia was a kind and gentle spirit that will be truly missed. Family, be comforted in knowing that she is with the Lord.



JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr. - January 06, 2018 at 09:37 AM

DB

“ Dallas Blocker And Jeffra Bell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey



Dallas Blocker and Jeffra Bell - January 06, 2018 at 08:47 AM

RB

“ My condolences to Selena and Mark. My heart goes out to you both. You are in my prayers.

Rhonda Baker-Smith - January 06, 2018 at 06:28 AM

JJ

“ Aunt Olivia was a kind and gentle spirit that will truly be missed. Family, take comfort in Knowing that she is now with the Lord.



JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr.

JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr. - January 05, 2018 at 07:26 PM

FR

“ *Frank&BettyFord lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Frank&BettyFord - January 05, 2018 at 03:40 PM

EF

“ *Edith Gardner And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Edith Gardner And Family - January 05, 2018 at 01:37 PM

SM

“ *Stephanie Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



stephanie moore - January 05, 2018 at 10:33 AM

FF

“ *Frank And Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Frank and Betty Ford - January 05, 2018 at 10:27 AM

FF

“ *Frank And Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Frank and Betty Ford - January 05, 2018 at 10:15 AM

LC

“ *Lillie Cotton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Lillie Cotton - January 05, 2018 at 07:03 AM

DJ

“ *Sending my Condolences to the entire family! Our beautiful loving cuzzin will truly be missed by all who knew & loved her.....she was such a pleasure to know!*

Dianna Jackson - January 04, 2018 at 11:36 PM

DJ

“ *Dianna Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Dianna Jackson - January 04, 2018 at 11:28 PM

JS

“ Joy Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey



Joy Smith - January 04, 2018 at 06:48 PM

AB

“ Sending my heartfelt condolence, may God comfort you in your time of loss. Praying for your family. Annette Bass



Annette Bass - January 04, 2018 at 05:01 PM

GF

“ Gwendolyn Smith And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey



Gwendolyn Smith and Family - January 04, 2018 at 03:18 PM

GS

“ Gwendolyn Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey



Gwendolyn Smith - January 04, 2018 at 03:17 PM

TD

“ Teresa Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey



Teresa Daniels - January 04, 2018 at 02:47 PM

TF

“ Tina Avery And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey



Tina Avery and Family - January 04, 2018 at 11:50 AM

WJ

“ William & Laverne Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey



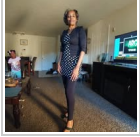
William & Laverne Jones - January 04, 2018 at 11:33 AM

VO

“ Mother Ledbetter, my heart felt sympathy to you in the loss of your Sister.



Vivian Ollie-O'Neal - January 04, 2018 at 10:05 AM



“ *My prayers goes out to the family mother Olivia was a very special lady she will surely be missed.*

Sally Bradshaw - January 04, 2018 at 09:58 AM

AS

“ *Alma Snell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Alma Snell - January 04, 2018 at 09:49 AM

AR

“ *ArleneBuchanan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



ArleneBuchanan - January 04, 2018 at 09:26 AM

HB

“ *HAL & JANET BUCHANAN lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



HAL & JANET BUCHANAN - January 04, 2018 at 09:24 AM

FL

“ I am sorry for the loss of one great woman. She is missed by all that know her. It was a pleasure being around her. I always loved her glowing smile.

Fred Lawrence - January 04, 2018 at 07:42 AM

FL

“ Fred Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey



Fred Lawrence - January 04, 2018 at 07:38 AM

PF

“ Patterson Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey



Patterson Family - January 03, 2018 at 10:06 PM

KF

“ Aunt Olivia we love you and we will miss you. You were always sweet and kind. Anytime we asked you to bake us one of your delicious German Chocolate cakes, you always took the time to make it. We know that you are heaven with that beautiful smile you've always had. We will see you again.



Kevin and Patricia Ford - January 03, 2018 at 10:04 PM

HB

“ *Helen (Mills) Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Helen (Mills) Brooks - January 03, 2018 at 08:01 PM

BB

“ *Birletta Bean-Hardeman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Birletta Bean-Hardeman - January 03, 2018 at 07:19 PM

TC

“ *Tracy Carter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Tracy Carter - January 03, 2018 at 07:05 PM



“ *Lucile Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olivia W. Nealey*



Lucile Johnson - January 03, 2018 at 06:22 PM