



## Velma (Mitchell) Collins

January 19, 1956 - November 7, 2016

Velma (Mitchell) Collins was born on January 19, 1956 in Kalamazoo MI and went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on November 7, 2016 at Providence Health Hospital, Novi MI following a lengthy illness.

Velma was a wonderful person who could always light a room with her personality. She was a leader in her dialysis support group (which she formed). She felt it was an important thing to surround herself with other people dealing with kidney failure issues and on dialysis. Velma was a friend to many, her family were amazed at how many people she knew. She loved her family and friends. She will truly be missed.

She is preceded in death by her other father, Anderson Gund of Mississippi; Sister, Carolyn Sue Harris and one grandchild, Quadriyah Thompson.

Velma leaves to cherish her memory, her children Shiela Mitchell of Kalamazoo and Joshua James Mitchell of Elkhart IN; her Mother, Nellie Jean Gund of Mississippi; her parents, Adolph and Kathryn Mitchell of Kalamazoo; 7 brothers, Alan Mitchell (Karen) of Kalamazoo; Anderson Gund III (Brenda) of Mississippi; Cornelius Gund of Alabama; A.J. Gund of Georgia; Arthur Gund and Jessie Gund both of Mississippi and Adolph Mitchell, Jr. of Kalamazoo; 4 Sisters, Valerie Mitchell, Debra Harris-Fields (Larry) all of Kalamazoo; Brenda Mansfield of Detroit and Linda Hill of Nevada; her

grandchildren, Geralnina Rhymes, Shakyel Wright, Kyyel Wright, Leroy Wright and Hailey Mitchell; great-grandchildren, Gabriela Wilson, Kali Wilson and Deon McKinley III. She was loved by a host of aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends; a best friend Micheryl Peake and a special friend James Jones.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## A Service in Loving Memory

NOV 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Velma (Mitchell) Collins*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Velma (Mitchell) Collins*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Rustin Mirghavami lit a candle in memory of  
Velma (Mitchell) Collins*



**Rustin Mirghavami** - March 11, 2021 at 01:57 PM



“ *Earline Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Velma (Mitchell) Collins*



**Earline Fields and Family** - November 20, 2016 at 05:27 PM

MR

“ *My condolences to the family* ”



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**Maxine (McMillon) Roberts** - November 19, 2016 at 10:35 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes* ”



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**Harper Funeral Home** - November 12, 2016 at 10:29 AM

RH

“ *Roxanne Harris lit a candle in memory of  
Velma (Mitchell) Collins* ”



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**Roxanne Harris** - November 12, 2016 at 10:19 AM

CV

“ *Clara Vincent lit a candle in memory of Velma  
(Mitchell) Collins* ”



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**Clara Vincent** - November 12, 2016 at 09:31 AM

MR

“ You will be truly missed by all who knew and loved you, may God continues to strengthen your family in your time off sorrow.



Mary Jo Robertson - November 11, 2016 at 09:34 PM

CW

“ Carolyn Walker lit a candle in memory of Velma (Mitchell) Collins



Carolyn Walker - November 11, 2016 at 07:51 PM

JF

“ Joyce McDowell And Family lit a candle in memory of Velma (Mitchell) Collins



Joyce McDowell and Family - November 11, 2016 at 05:38 PM

DF

“ Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Velma (Mitchell) Collins



Dallas Boards and Family - November 11, 2016 at 05:07 PM

MA

“ *Margo Anderson lit a candle in memory of Velma (Mitchell) Collins*



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**Margo Anderson** - November 11, 2016 at 01:59 PM

AB

“ *The Kalamazoo Area Renal Support Group will always live on in your name! It was my honor to know you Velma, you were a very special and amazing woman whose presence will be missed greatly.*



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**Anthony Brown** - November 11, 2016 at 08:52 AM

CH

“ *Carmen Hughes lit a candle in memory of Velma (Mitchell) Collins*



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**carmen hughes** - November 10, 2016 at 08:09 PM

KD

“ *Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Velma (Mitchell) Collins*



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**Kevin Dunigan** - November 10, 2016 at 11:27 AM

TL

“ *The Matlock's of Lansing purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Velma (Mitchell) Collins.*



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**The Matlock's of Lansing** - November 10, 2016 at 10:41 AM

VS

“ *Valerie Pruitt Stegall lit a candle in memory of Velma (Mitchell) Collins*



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**Valerie Pruitt Stegall** - November 10, 2016 at 09:50 AM

ES

“ *Ethel Smith lit a candle in memory of Velma (Mitchell) Collins*



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**ethel smith** - November 10, 2016 at 03:57 AM

CS

“ *CINDY PHILLIPS SMITH lit a candle in memory of Velma (Mitchell) Collins*



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**CINDY PHILLIPS SMITH** - November 09, 2016 at 11:06 AM

LT

“ *Leta Thurman lit a candle in memory of Velma (Mitchell) Collins*



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**leta thurman** - November 09, 2016 at 09:54 AM

LT

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*<http://www.harperfuneral.com/obituaries/Velma-Collins-3/#/>*

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**leta thurman** - November 09, 2016 at 09:53 AM

MC

“ *Myron Cobbs lit a candle in memory of Velma (Mitchell) Collins*



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**Myron Cobbs** - November 09, 2016 at 07:53 AM

HB

“ *Helen (Barbee) Brooks lit a candle in memory of Velma (Mitchell) Collins*



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**Helen (Barbee) Brooks** - November 08, 2016 at 03:52 PM

SC

“ *Sherry Coffey-Ezell lit a candle in memory of  
Velma (Mitchell) Collins*



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**Sherry Coffey-Ezell** - November 08, 2016 at 02:11 PM