



## Ms. Viola "Sapphira" Lynn Robinson

June 20, 1955 - October 3, 2012

Viola (Sapphira) Lynn Robinson passed away October 3, 2012. She was born in Brookhaven, MS on June 20, 1955 to proud parents Lucky Hugh Robinson and Josie Mary Thompson. Mr. and Mrs Robinson relocated their family to Chicago, IL.

She attended Point Baptist DuSable High School during the early 1970's. She grew up a fine, determined young woman with drive to do all she could within her purpose for living on God's earth.

Viola felt strongly about education. She obtained her GED at Circle A High School and attended Kennedy King Community College for general studies. She met Yeshwua Ben Israel and moved to Kalamazoo, MI.

Sapphira birthed three beautiful and determined children. She also earned a Business Certificate and Associates in Early Childhood Development. She graduated from both Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Western Michigan University with a Bachelor Degree in Fine Arts.

Sapphira served our youth and community as an early childhood development professional for 28 years. She was recognized in the Who's Who Among America's Teachers book of 2004-2005. Being nominated for Poet Choice Awards for several pieces of her lyrical art, poems, traveling to Florida

interacting with other poets from across the country.

Sapphira was a dedicated, sincere, exceptional teacher of very young students. She loved teaching. She taught and represented good morale, respect and independence at their tender early ages. Some students remember her through today for her kindness and what they learned from her.

Standing to reserve and protect rights of teachers she served with the union of county employees for several terms. Traveling several states to gain wisdom and direction for the next generation of youth she nurtured.

Viola Lynn (Sapphira) Robinson leaves to cherish her memories: Yeshwua Ben Israel; their children: Mrs. Sariah (Robert) Lofton; Mrs. Zipporah (Kris) Tennyson and Eliezer Ben Israel; 7 grandchildren: Kamarria Hampton, Aquile Jordan, Jaidyn Israel, Robert Lofton Jr., Kullin Tennyson, Riah Lofton, E'Moni Israel; brothers: Ray Charles, Lawrence, Joe Cal, Roscoe Sr. Archie, Lucky Jr. and Emil Robinson; a sister Mrs. Carolyn Joyce King; also family: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reed; Mr. and Mrs. Gwen Jordan; Mr. and Mr. Marvin Woods and James Rodgers; 4 aunts and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews. Also loving sisters of another mother, Sherry Hoyt and Sheila Bowman.

# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Viola "Sapphira" Lynn Robinson



Harper Funeral Home - October 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Ms. Viola "Sapphira" Lynn Robinson

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Ms. Viola "Sapphira" Lynn Robinson

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Sapphira was a wonderful & inspiring friend, neighbor & coworker at Head Start. We will miss you Sapphira! My prayers go out to her family!! will not forget you!

Kim Audette - October 13, 2012 at 02:07 PM

CH

“ *Christoper Howard lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola "Sapphira" Lynn Robinson*



Christoper Howard - October 12, 2012 at 10:19 PM

MP

“ *Marcia (Flora) Perez lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola "Sapphira" Lynn Robinson*



Marcia (Flora) Perez - October 12, 2012 at 10:10 PM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola "Sapphira" Lynn Robinson*



October 10, 2012 at 09:52 AM



“ *Gloria Robertson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola "Sapphira" Lynn Robinson*



Gloria Robertson - October 10, 2012 at 09:00 AM

ES

“ Ethel Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola "Sapphira" Lynn Robinson



Ethel Smith - October 09, 2012 at 11:36 PM

ES

Miss Sapphira was a wonderful loving woman..she was my daughters headstart teacher at North Glade years ago..she left lasting impressions on the children as well as the parents she came in contact with..she was a great inspiration to all..this magnificent lady will be deeply missed..i am glad to have known her.

Ethel Smith - October 09, 2012 at 11:40 PM



Thank you for sharing.

Rob N Lofton - September 14, 2016 at 05:34 PM

TW

“ Teresa Watkins-Stokes lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola "Sapphira" Lynn Robinson



Teresa Watkins-Stokes - October 09, 2012 at 07:46 PM

GS

“ Garrie Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola "Sapphira" Lynn Robinson



Garrie Smith - October 09, 2012 at 01:45 PM

JG

“ *Janet Gardner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola "Sapphira" Lynn Robinson*



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**Janet Gardner** - October 09, 2012 at 12:36 PM



“ *Harry Doretha Buckner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola "Sapphira" Lynn Robinson*



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**Harry Doretha Buckner** - October 09, 2012 at 10:51 AM

MF

“ *Mr & Mrs Terence & Maxine Brown & Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola "Sapphira" Lynn Robinson*



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**Mr & Mrs Terence & Maxine Brown & Family** - October 09, 2012 at 10:03 AM

MF

“ *Marvella L. Vincent And Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola "Sapphira" Lynn Robinson*



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**Marvella L. Vincent and family** - October 09, 2012 at 07:47 AM

AW

“ Alisa Ann Watkins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola "Sapphira" Lynn Robinson



Alisa ann Watkins - October 09, 2012 at 07:45 AM

ML

“ Mr. And Mrs Robert Lofton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola "Sapphira" Lynn Robinson



Mr. and Mrs Robert Lofton - October 09, 2012 at 02:20 AM

DD

“ To the family and friends of Ms Viola my sincerest sympathy on the loss of your love one. May the God of tender mercies and comfort give you the strength to endure in your time of bereavement Psalm 34:18. Continue to cherish the wonderful memories she left as they become more precious in the days to come.

D. Daniel - October 08, 2012 at 05:26 PM



“ Vera Younger lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola "Sapphira" Lynn Robinson



Vera Younger - October 08, 2012 at 04:40 PM

FE

“ FMC-Kalamazoo East lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola "Sapphira" Lynn Robinson



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**FMC-Kalamazoo East** - October 08, 2012 at 03:31 PM

SL

“ Sherry Lepird lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola "Sapphira" Lynn Robinson



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**Sherry Lepird** - October 07, 2012 at 06:52 PM

MW

“ To the Family: Our hearts are touched at the loss of one so dear. may your memories comfort you and keep your loved one near. Numbers 6:24

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**M. Welch** - October 07, 2012 at 06:47 PM

DH

“ Sapphira will be missed by anyone who knew her, my thoughts and prayers are with her family ----- Dotti Howard

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**Dorothy Howard** - October 07, 2012 at 05:09 PM

JB

“ Jennifer Bolt lit a candle in memory of Ms.  
Viola "Sapphira" Lynn Robinson



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**Jennifer Bolt** - October 07, 2012 at 01:04 PM

EF

“ Earline Fields lit a candle in memory of Ms.  
Viola "Sapphira" Lynn Robinson



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**Earline Fields** - October 07, 2012 at 12:33 PM