

Claretha Gillespie

April 29, 1942 - July 24, 2018

Claretha Gillespie, 76, passed away Tuesday, July 24, 2018. She was born April 29, 1942 in Williamston, North Carolina and is the daughter of the late Mary and Sam Coffield. She was preceded in death by her brother Jerry Coffield.

Claretha leaves to cherish her memories and celebrate her life by her husband, Elmer Gillespie; three daughters, Keitha Thompson, Donna Gillespie Olujani (Kaaria) and Angie Gillespie; four grandchildren Erik Davis (Andrea), Doniqua Joyner, Essence Joyner and Ronquille Joyner; two great grandchildren Deion and Layla; two sisters, Annie Garrett (Bernard) and Vivian Whitfield (Max); and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other family members and friends.

Claretha was a member of Bethel Christian Church where she served faithfully over the years until her health declined. Her hobbies were sewing and gardening. We were blessed to learn many valuable lessons from Claretha during her 76 years. The family wishes to thank all of those who cared for her during her last days.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:00pm Saturday July 28, 2018 at Bethel Christian Church in Jonesborough, TN. The family will receive friends from 1:30pm until 2:00pm at the church prior to the service. Interment will follow at

Lane Memorial Cemetery in Limestone, TN.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 28. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bethel Christian Church
701 Depot St
Jonesborough, TN 37659

Service

JUL 28. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Bethel Christian Church
701 Depot St
Jonesborough, TN 37659

Tribute Wall



“ *Claretha Gillespie*

January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *Tiffany Ryans sent a virtual gift in memory of Claretha Gillespie*



Tiffany Ryans - August 02, 2018 at 03:23 PM



“ *Elaine Brady lit a candle in memory of Claretha Gillespie*



Elaine Brady - July 30, 2018 at 01:52 PM



“ *Robert Hall lit a candle in memory of Claretha Gillespie*



Robert Hall - July 29, 2018 at 05:34 AM

CR

“ Cecil And Clara Faye Hart Rutledge lit a candle in memory of Claretha Gillespie



Cecil and Clara Faye Hart Rutledge - July 28, 2018 at 11:06 AM

CR

Words cannot express how saddened my heart is over the passing of Claretha. She was the epitome of grace and walked in the path of righteousness. She was a model of the virtuous woman written about by King Solomon in the Old Testament book of Proverbs. She was wonderful friend to me ,firstly, a positive influence as my oldest son's godmother, secondly, and an asset to our family as my cousin, Elmer's wife, thirdly. However, because of the life she led, we can rest assured that Heaven is brighter because of her presence there. So it is a lesson that we know too well because as mortals, this is a journey each of us must take. Let us reflect on precious memories of her smile, laughter, wisdom, and love as we strive to live a life that will enable us to one day stand beside her before the Throne of God and celebrate in eternal praise and bliss with all who have entered into His Gates. Family, you are in my prayers.

Clara Faye Hart Rutledge - July 28, 2018 at 11:23 AM

TG

“ MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND WAS SADDEN BY THE NEWS OF YOUR LOVE ONE TRANSITION
THEODORE GILLESPIE
NASHVILLE TN

THEODORE GILLESPIE - July 27, 2018 at 11:17 PM

TM

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of Mrs. Gillespie's passing. She always made my mother, brother & me feel loved and cared for since the first time we met when my mother was Angie's Girl Scout troop leader. I'm praying for God's Peace & Strength to surround you.

Tina Miller - July 27, 2018 at 09:43 PM

WJ

“ Wilma Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Claretha Gillespie



Wilma Jenkins - July 27, 2018 at 09:31 PM

MM

“ Mimi Means purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Claretha Gillespie.



Mimi Means - July 27, 2018 at 03:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Claretha Gillespie.



July 27, 2018 at 12:44 PM

HK

“ *Howie & Billie Kemper sent a virtual gift in memory of Claretha Gillespie*



Howie & Billie Kemper - July 27, 2018 at 12:00 PM

HK

“ *Howie & Billie Kemper lit a candle in memory of Claretha Gillespie*



Howie & Billie Kemper - July 27, 2018 at 12:00 PM



“ *Sandra and Mark Scott want to share their condolences with the family and our prayers.*

Mark R Scott - July 27, 2018 at 09:15 AM

MC

“ *To the family of sister Claretha Gillespie our hearts go out to you. Emma and I were touched by sister Claretha's love and spirit. Our time at Bethel was made great by people like Claretha and Sonny. My fondest memory of sister Claretha was she reminded me that praising God came in many different forms. Her's was a quiet, powerful praise. Rest well my sister from your work here. You deserve it. From the Mt. Zion Baptist Church family.*

Rev Melvin and Dr. Emma Conley

melvin and emma conley - July 27, 2018 at 05:39 AM

Brenda
Akins
Charles

“ *Brenda Akins Charles sent a virtual gift in memory of Claretha Gillespie*



Brenda Akins Charles - July 26, 2018 at 10:55 PM

RH

“ *Rose, Dell & Al Hammonds purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Claretha Gillespie.*



Rose, Dell & Al Hammonds - July 26, 2018 at 08:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Claretha Gillespie.*



July 26, 2018 at 10:31 AM

JW

“ *Janice Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of Claretha Gillespie*



Janice wells - July 26, 2018 at 10:25 AM

SW

“ Susan And Steve Wagner sent a virtual gift in memory of Claretha Gillespie



Susan and Steve Wagner - July 26, 2018 at 09:16 AM

HS

“ We are thinking of you with heavy hearts and truly feel the sorrow you bear, God has another angle in heaven May the joys you knew and the times you shared help comfort you at this sad time. In sympathy with you Herbert and Diane Stevenson

Herbert and DIANE Stevenson - July 25, 2018 at 09:39 PM

CF

“ Carla Forney lit a candle in memory of Claretha Gillespie



Carla Forney - July 25, 2018 at 07:21 PM

TA

“ Tammygreene sent a virtual gift in memory of Claretha Gillespie



Tammygreene - July 25, 2018 at 05:46 PM

SS

“ Sandy Sylvers sent a virtual gift in memory of
Claretha Gillespie



Sandy Sylvers - July 25, 2018 at 05:09 PM

VI

“ ViolaPatton sent a virtual gift in memory of
Claretha Gillespie



ViolaPatton - July 25, 2018 at 03:38 PM

CB

“ CHARLES BUFORD lit a candle in memory of
Claretha Gillespie



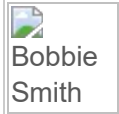
CHARLES BUFORD - July 25, 2018 at 03:32 PM

TG

“ Tammy Greene lit a candle in memory of
Claretha Gillespie



Tammy greene - July 25, 2018 at 01:58 PM



Claretha had a heart of gold. I loved her smile and I will never forget the way she sld " oh

Bobbie Smith - July 27, 2018 at 03:58 PM



Claretha had a heart of gold. I loved her smile and I will never forget the way she said "Oh Bobbie". Know that the family is in my prayers. May God give you strength to endure

Bobbie Smith - July 27, 2018 at 04:02 PM

DR

“ *Debra Robinson lit a candle in memory of Claretha Gillespie*



Debra Robinson - July 25, 2018 at 10:33 AM

MH

“ *Mary Haney lit a candle in memory of Claretha Gillespie*



mary haney - July 25, 2018 at 10:32 AM

LB

“ *LEE & LYDIA BRIDWELL lit a candle in memory of Claretha Gillespie*



LEE & LYDIA BRIDWELL - July 25, 2018 at 08:31 AM



“ *Tonya Hale sent a virtual gift in memory of
Claretha Gillespie*



Tonya Hale - July 25, 2018 at 07:52 AM

Mary
Rollins

“ *Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of
Claretha Gillespie*



Mary Rollins - July 25, 2018 at 06:49 AM



“ *Cheryl Rhea sent a virtual gift in memory of
Claretha Gillespie*



Cheryl Rhea - July 24, 2018 at 09:14 PM



*Family,
Sending deepest condolences and prayers to you all. We love you and
believe God for your comfort and a peace that sustains through this
time of sorrow.
Cousins Cheryl, Taleah, Carah and Family*

Cheryl Rhea - July 24, 2018 at 09:24 PM

CR

“ Cecil E Rutledge II



C Rutledge - July 24, 2018 at 08:18 PM

CR

“ Cecil E Rutledge II



C R Rurledge - July 24, 2018 at 08:15 PM

WJ

“ Wilma Jenkins lit a candle in memory of
Claretha Gillespie



Wilma Jenkins - July 24, 2018 at 07:54 PM