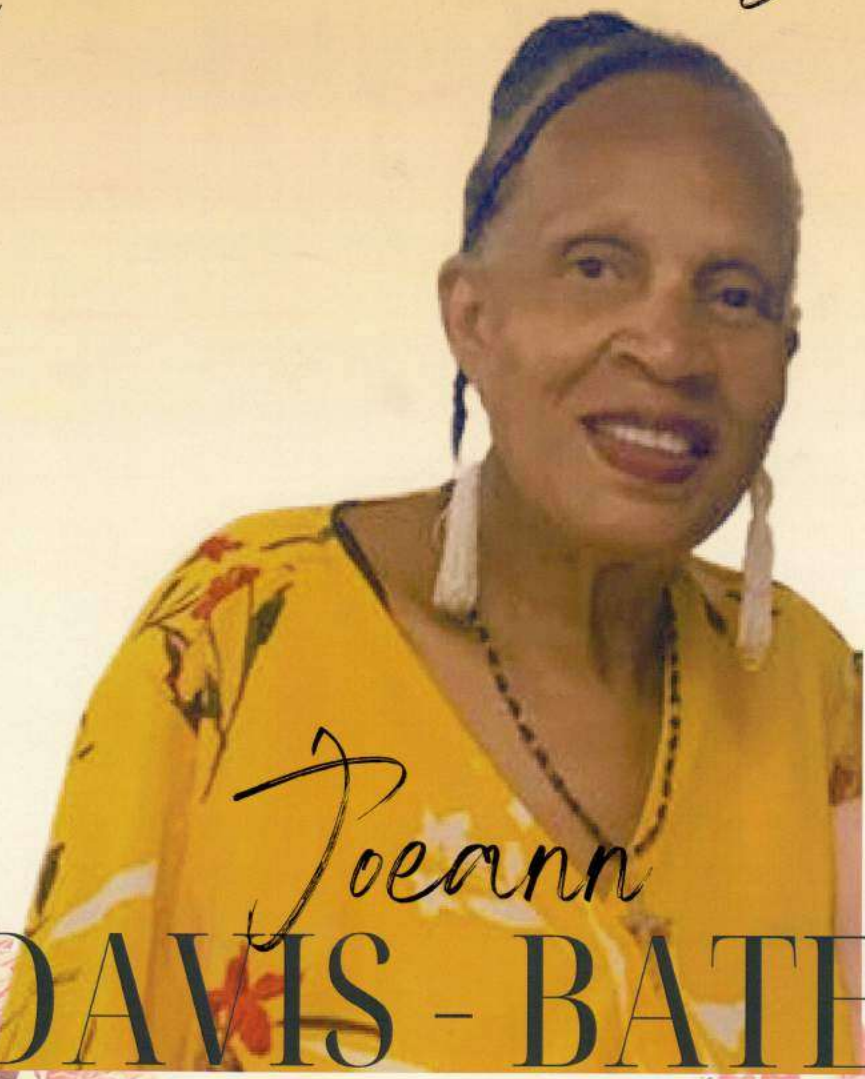


*In Loving Memory of*



*Joann*  
**DAVIS - BATES**

*June 18, 1950 - March 19, 2023*

**SERVICE**  
**SATURDAY APRIL 1, 2023**  
**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM FAMILY HOUR**  
**12:00 PM CELEBRATION OF LIFE**  
**MERRIMAN ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH 2055 MERRIMAN RD.**  
**GARDEN CITY, MI 48135**

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*Order of*  
**SERVICE**

PRIOR TO START OF CEREMONY.....(MUSIC PLAYING (ONE DAY AT A TIME)

VIEWING AND CASKET CLOSES AT 12PM .....(SONG PLAYING MAMA BY BOYS TO MEN)

WELCOME.....	PASTOR WAYNE PARKER
PRAYERS OR OPENING READING.....	SUP. JERMAINE L JOHNSTON
MUSIC SELECTION.....	SAY YES- JOEANN AND JULIA
POEM.....	THE SERENITY PRAYER
THE OBITUARY.....	SUP.JERMAINE L JOHNSTON
SPECIAL REMARKS.....	(BRITTANY,JULIUS JANIQUA, TAKISHA,DEBORAH JIMMIE, CASSANDRA AND MYESHA )
EULOGY OR LIFE TRIBUTE.....	PASTOR WAYNE PARKER
THANK YOU AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	PASTOR WAYNE PARKER

ANNOUNCING REPASS  
CLOSING MUSIC SELECTION  
(IM GOING UP YONDER)

# THE JOURNEY OF JOEANN



A DAUGHTER, SISTER, MOTHER, WIFE, GRAND/GREAT  
GRANDMOTHER , AUNT, FREIND, & SERVANT OF THE LORD

*Joeann Davis-Bates* WAS BORN JUNE 18, 1950 IN DERMOTT, ARKANSAS TO PASTOR ALBERT BUTLER DAVIS & LADELL DAVIS WHO BOTH PRECEDED HER IN DEATH. MOM LIFE WAS DEDICATED TO GOD AT AN EARLY AGE. MOM LOVES SERVING GOD. FOR OVER 50 YEARS SHE SERVED AS THE YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER, CAMP COUNSELOR AND SANG IN THE CHURCH CHOIR IN KENOSHA, WISCONSIN AND DETROIT, MICHIGAN. MOM WAS EDUCATED THROUGH THE KENOSHA SCHOOL SYSTEM. SHE ENJOYED PLAYING HIGHSCHOOL BASKETBALL AND OTHER AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. SHE MET AND MARRIED DONNIE RICHARD BATES IN 1969. SHE LEAVES BEHIND TWO CHILDREN WHOM SHE LOVED AND ADORED KENYATTA AND MYESHA. SHE LOVED CARING FOR OTHERS AND CHOSE TO WORK AS A PRIVATE HEALTH CARE AID FOR OVER 50 YEARS AND PRIVATE CHILD CARE PROVIDER FOR OVER 15 YEARS.

MOM ENJOYED SPENDING QUALITY TIME WITH HER FAMILY AT THE RIVER WALK, GREENFIELD VILLAGE, BELLE ISLE, FESTIVAL'S AT HART PLAZA, FAMILY TRIP TO FLORIDA HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE, THE PINK HOTEL AND SHE WENT ON MANY CRUISES WITH HER SISTERS AND HER BABY GIRL (MISSY) NO DESTINATION WAS TO FAR TO MAKE SURE THEY GATHERED TO MAKE MEMORIES THAT WOULD LAST FOREVER. THE MIDDLE CHILD OF 9 SIBLINGS, FOR 42 YEARS SHE CELEBRATED SISTER WEEKENDS IN APRIL. CAREFUL AND INTENTIONAL PLANNING WENT INTO ASSURING EVERY MOMENT SPENT WITH FAMILY WAS FUN AND FULL OF LOVE. MEETING REV DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR IN MILWAUKEE, ROSA PARKS AT BELLE ILSE AND JESSE JACKSON AND MRS. STREETER IN THE KENOSHA NAACP WAS A HIGHLIGHT OF HER LIFE.

MOTHER JOEANN AS MANY CALLED HER, SERVED AS A FAITHFUL CHURCH MEMBER AND DONATED TIME AND LOVE TO EACH CHURCH SHE VISITED. HER DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO THE LORD WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BY MANY. MOM GAINED HER WINGS PEACEFULLY SURROUNDED BY FAMILY IN WESTLAND, MICHIGAN MARCH 19, 2023 AND LEAVES TO TREASURE HER MEMORY 3 SISTERS MARY JUNIOR (WAYNE) ERMA WILSON AND GEORGIA SMITH (JIMMIE). 1 BROTHER LARENZO DAVIS. 2 CHILDREN MYESHA (EDDIE) WILLIAMS, KENYATTA (EVELYN) DAVIS, 12 GRANDCHILDREN, BRITTANY (JAMEL), JULIUS, JOEANN, EDDIE JR. (JANIQUA), ELIJAH, EMMANUEL, MYESHA, EDMOND, KENYATTA JR., IRENE, MALACHI AND KHUR. 16 GREAT GRANDS: JAMEL JR. SERENITY, ALAYAH, ISAIAH, KING, LOVE, ZION, IYONIA, JULIA, EDDIE JR., GABRIELLE, AUDORA, ADDILYN, EMACIE, GERMANY AND SEREEN, GOD DAUGHTER, SIMONE MORRIS AND A HOST OF NIECES, NEPHEWS, EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

PETS WERE AN INTRICATE PART OF THE FAMILY AND SHE CALLED THEM GRANDPUPS. CANE AND BELLA AS THEY LOVED HER PRESENCE.

JOEANN RESTS NOW FROM THIS LIFE'S WORK WITH HER PARENTS AND SIBLINGS  
LEOLIA MORRIS, ESMA GRIFFIN, EDDIE DAVIS AND WILLIE DAVIS.

# Love TRIBUTES



MOMMY,

I WILL CHERISH ALL THAT WE HAVE DONE TOGETHER. WE HAVE BEEN ON MANY TRIPS. HAD SO MUCH FUN. DANCING, EATING AND LAUGHING AND JUST HAVING A BALL.

YOU HAVE BEEN THE BEST MOM ANYONE COULD ASK FOR. KEN AND I ARE SO BLESSED TO HAVE HAD YOU ALL OF OUR LIVES. I WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE YOU PROUD. I WILL MISS YOU MY BEST

FRIEND/MOM.

I LOVE YOU MOMMY,  
*your favorite girl*



MOM,

A TRUE MOTHER FROM START TO FINISH. YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR CHILDREN GIVE YOU STRENGTH TO TALK WHEN YOU HAVE NO VOICE. GIVE YOU THE STRENGTH TO FLY WITH NO WINGS. YOU THINK ABOUT YOUR CHILDREN WHEN YOU SHOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT YOU WELL BEING. YOUR LOVE GIVES US PURPOSE TO BE STRONG AND CARRY OUR FAMILY THE WAY YOU CARRIED US. YOU HAVE BLESSED SO MANY AND HELPED SO MANY OF US. YOU NEVER GAVE UP ON ME YOUR SON WHEN THE WORLD WAS AGAINST ME YOU WERE RIGHT THERE PREPARED TO GO TO BATTLE WITH YOUR CHILD.

YOU MAKE SURE I HAVE MONEY EVERY MONTH MY WHOLE TIME BEING GONE. I HAVE LOST ALOT OF SO CALLED FRIENDS BUT MOM IS STILL THERE SMILING GIVING ME ADVICE, ENCOURAGING ME TO TRUST IN GOD. I HAVE TOO LEARNED HOW TO LOVE FROM YOUR GENEROUS HEART AND SOUL' YOU TAUGHT MY LIL SISTER HOW TO TAKE CARE OF FAMILY AND NOW SHE WILL LIVE ON WITH THE SAME LOVE YOU TAUGHT US. YOU HAVE SO MANY GIRLS NAMED AFTER YOU, THAT TELL YOU HOW YOU ARE LOOKED AT FROM OUR WHOLE FAMILY. THANK YOU FOR GROWING US UP IN CHURCH. GOD HAS GIVEN ME A WHOLE DIFFERENT VIEW ON LIFE AND LOVE. YOU FLY HIGH MOM HEAD TO THE LIGHT AND DON'T BE NERVOUS YOU WILL BE LOVED BY OUR LOVE ONES ON THE OTHER SIDE. WE TOO WILL JOIN YOU ONE

DAY!

I WILL MAKE YOU PROUD WHEN YOU LOOK DOWN AND SEE YOUR CHILD WILL BUILD A LIFE WITH OUR LOVE ONES. I LOVE YOU FOR EVER! YOU ARE MY ANGEL' KEEP GOD FIRST, AND WE WILL CELEBRATE YOUR HOME COMING FOR THE REST OF OUR DAYS' NO MORE TEARS OF SORROW THERE WILL BE TEARS OF JOY.

LOVE ALWAYS YOUR CHILD  
KENYATTA, IN YOUR WORDS POO.

*#1 Son*



HEY GRANDMA GIRL!  
 GRANDMA, WE HAD  
 "FUN FUN FUN"

AS YOU WOULD SAY! LET'S GO FOR A  
 GOOD TIME, NOT A BIG TIME. YOU  
 TAUGHT US ABOUT UNCONDITIONAL  
 LOVE, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, YOU  
 TAUGHT US ABOUT YOUR MAKER; GOD AND HIS SON JESUS  
 CHRIST. I  
 REMEMBER AS KIDS, YOU WOULD  
 ALWAYS MAKE US COME HOLD  
 HANDS AND PRAY, YOUNGEST TO  
 OLDEST. WE WOULD BE SO IRRITATED  
 AT FIRST, BUT AS TIME WENT ON, IT

BECAME NATURAL TO US. YOU WOULD SAY, "I DON'T CARE IF ALL  
 YOU SAY IS THANK YOU JESUS". WELL GRANDMA, EVEN IN THIS  
 MOMENT, WE'RE

SAYING THANK YOU JESUS  
 BECAUSE HE DID NOT LET YOU  
 SUFFER!

GRANDMA GIRL, YOUR FAITH WAS  
 UNSHAKABLE! MY LAST WORDS TO YOU WERE, 'I WILL HAVE  
 UNSHAKABLE FAITH JUST LIKE YOU, GIRL! YOU'RE AN AMAZING  
 WOMAN OF GOD!"

LOVE,  
 YOUR SUGA BANG BANG  
 I LOVE YOU, GRANDMA GIRL



BEAUTIFUL

BEAUTIFUL AS YOU ARE  
 BEAUTIFUL WHEN YOU SMILE, LAUGH AND SAD.  
 BEAUTIFUL  
 GONE FROM US WAY TO SOON.  
 GONE FROM US, THAT SMILING FACE.  
 YOUR CHEERFUL PLEASANT WAYS.  
 THE HEART THAT WON SO MANY FRIENDS.  
 A LIFE MADE BEAUTIFULLY BY KINDLY DEEDS.  
 A HELPING HAND FOR OTHERS NEEDS.  
 TO A BEAUTIFUL LIFE, SHE DIED AS SHE LIVED  
 EVERYONE'S FRIEND.  
 - LIL EDDIE



A LETTER FROM MY HEART TO MY NANNA

WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT YOU AND I'M NOT HERE TO  
 SEE YOU AGAIN  
 IF THE SUN SHOULD RISE AND FIND MY EYES. I'LL FELL UR LOVE  
 IN THE WIND

I WISH SO MUCH WE WOULDN'T CRY,  
 THE WAY WE DID THAT DAY,  
 WHILE THINKING OF THE MANY THINGS, WE DIDN'T GET TO SAY.

I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVE ME, AS MUCH AS I LOVE YOU,  
 AND EACH TIME I THINK OF YOU I KNOW YOU'LL MISS ME TOO.

WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT U I DON'T THINK WE'RE  
 FAR APART,  
 FOR EVERY TIME I THINK OF YOU UR RIGHT THERE IN MY HEART

LOVE YOUR FIRST BORN GRANDSON-JUJU

GRANDMA'S IN THE SUN, THE WIND, THE RAIN,  
SHE'S IN THE AIR WE BREATHE  
WITH EVERY BREATH WE TAKE.  
SHE SINGS A SONG OF HOPE, CHEER AND FAITH  
THERE'S NO MORE PAIN, NO MORE FEAR.  
WE'LL SEE HER IN THE CLOUDS ABOVE,  
HEAR HER WHISPER WORDS OF LOVE,

A WIFE, A MOTHER, A GRANDMA TOO,  
THIS IS THE LEGACY WE HAVE FROM YOU  
YOU TAUGHT US LOVE AND HOW TO FIGHT  
YOU GAVE US STRENGTH, YOU GAVE US MIGHT.  
A STRONGER PERSON WOULD BE HARD TO FIND,  
AND IN YOUR HEART YOU WERE ALWAYS KIND.  
YOU FOUGHT FOR US ALL IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER  
NOT JUST AS A GRANDMA NOT JUST AS A MOTHER.  
FOR ALL OF US YOU GAVE YOUR BEST  
AND NOW THE TIME HAS COME FOR YOU TO REST.  
YOU'VE EARNED YOUR SLEEP,

THOUGH HER SMILE IS GONE FOREVER  
AND HER HAND I CANNOT TOUCH  
I STILL HAVE SO MANY MEMORIES  
OF THE ONE I LOVED SO MUCH.  
HER MEMORY IS NOW MY KEEPSAKE  
WHICH I'LL NEVER PART WITH.  
GOD HAS HER IN HER KEEPING  
I HAVE HER IN MY HEART.

I LOVE U GRANDMA  
SADLY MISSED, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN.  
YOUR LOVE IN OUR HEARTS WE'LL ETERNALLY KEEP.

FROM LIL MISSY



MOM, I ENJOY HANGING WITH YOU ALL THE TIME YOU ALWAYS TOLD ME ABOUT LOVING FAMILY AND I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER OUR CHAMPAGNE AND CAVIAR DREAMS, I'LL NEVER FORGET THE DAY YOU SAID BOY I'M TIRED OF DRIVING YOU AROUND YOU NEED TO GET YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE AND TOOK ME TO GET MY LICENSE

*SHERRI MOM SAID SHE TRIED TO MAKE IT TO LUNCH.*

LOVE, YOUR SON EDWARD















# *the* RECESSION



## *Pallbearers*

- JULIUS DAVIS,
- EDDIE BROWN JR
- EMMANUEL BROWN,
- EDMOND BROWN,
- ELIJAH BROWN,
- KENYATTA DAVIS JR.
- JAMEL HALE JR

## *Flower Bearers*

FAMILY & FRIENDS

## *Final Arrangements*

THE FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR  
ALL YOUR PRAYERS, SUPPORT AND LOVE DURING  
THIS TIME.

THE REPASS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICES

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