



## Geneva Morris

May 26, 1915 - September 7, 2018

### Obituary

Geneva Sampson Morris, age 103, departed this life September 7, 2018 in Prairie Village, Kansas, a short distance from her Kansas City, Missouri home. She was the fourth child of 7 children born to Jess D. Sampson and Ella Savannah Green Sampson. Two sons of the couple died in their infancy. Geneva was preceded in death by her parents, 3 sisters and her husband.

Geneva was born in Clow, Arkansas May 26, 1915 and came to Kansas City, Missouri with her parents in 1923. Upon arrival here, the family united with the Centennial Methodist Episcopal Church where her paternal grandmother was a member. She attended Wendell Phillips Elementary School and graduated from Lincoln High School, with honors, in 1933 as a member of the National Honor Society.

On August 15, 1941, Geneva was united in marriage to William Roberson and to this union two sons, Richard Earl and Donald Eugene, were born. This marriage was dissolved in 1969. On November 26, 1973 she married Bothwell W. Morris, Jr. There were no children born to this union.

Upon leaving high school, she worked as a self-employed Dressmaker and, as word of her dressmaking skills circulated, her work spread to the homes of many of Kansas City's prominent families.

In 1957 Geneva began employment with the US Government's Social Security Administration. She began as a GS-2 File Clerk and retired 22 years later as a GS-10 Claims Authorizer. Her advancement included many promotions and several awards including the Commissioner's Citation, the highest award that the Social Security Administration bestows on its employees.

Beginning in the 1930's, Geneva became very active in the life of Centennial as a member of various fellowships, Usher Board, clubs, committees, choirs and Co-Chairperson of The Committee on Archives and History. She subsequently became Centennial's Church Historian and remained so until her passing. Geneva's greatest joys were the successes and accomplishments of her children and grandchildren, as well as the joys of preparing exhibits for special occasions and church observances, not to mention the preparation of the Chancel Choir's Annual Messiah Souvenir Booklet.

Geneva is survived by: a sister, Marie Moore; two sons, Richard and Donald Roberson; grandchildren: Correy Roberson, Kelly Roberson, William Roberson and Deidre Smith; a host of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral Service for Geneva Sampson Morris will be held Friday, September 14, 11:00 a.m. at the Watkins Heritage Chapel, 4000 Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd.

Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Heritage Chapel.

Interment, Forest Hill Cemetery.

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in memory of Geneva Morris, please visit our floral store.

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WM

“ Aunt Jenny (Geneva\*) will always be remebered by me as a very special , talented lady with good sense of humor, witty, having a good and kind considerate heart, love, and passion for others in her life whether it was her Sons, grandsons and daughters, nieces, and nephews and other relatives of the Morris family sharing the optimistic values life had to offer but also very candid and realistic person who symbolized not only great courageous strength through and abroad the trials and tribulations of life but also a high level of intelligence. In my opinion I will always look to her , even in spirit now as the Lord (God,) watches over and takes care of her in Heaven, as the cornerstone of much wisdom, experienced with much in depth varied knowledge of everything the world had to offer us a society ,good and bad, teaching indirectly how God is not only influential in our lives but the importance of the respect we should have for the almighty ,intellectual, Special divine influence that he is in our lives and to help us deal with the daily challenges and other aspects of life overall. Thank you very much Aunt Jenny for helping me to open up and realize that life is more than just television, video games, and selfish indulgence; but love, care, concern, and the appreciation for famiy and friends and the special ,natural gifts they have for us as individuals. I love you Aunt Geneva, God Bless and may you rest in peace , and thank you again ,in reiteration , for helping to me to understand some of this as I will continue to try and learn. Love your nephew, William P.Morris\*

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**William P. Morris** - September 17, 2018 at 02:09 PM

MJ

“ To the family: We send to you our sincere prayers and concerns are with you during this trying time. We were out of the country during the passing and services held in Mrs. Morris' honor. May God bless and keep you in His care. Sincerely, we are. The Davis' Herman, Cicilyn, Tamara and Kia.

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**Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Davis, Jr.** - September 16, 2018 at 02:14 PM

JS

“ The Morris and Roberson family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Jamila Crawford and Taylor Scott** - September 15, 2018 at 01:58 PM

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**William Morris** - September 14, 2018 at 07:55 PM

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“ An A GARDEN PATH was ordered on September 14, 2018

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**Expression of Sympathy** - September 14, 2018 at 07:46 PM

NM

“ Aunt Geneva - a lovely woman with a beautiful heart. She loved her family and had such a grace about her. I have countless memories of just sitting with her and sharing laughs when she would tell me stories of times with the family. Her faith was strong, and I know our Heavenly Father is keeping her safe. I love you Aunt Geneva; you will always hold a special place in my heart. You will be missed always.

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**Nicole Morris-Blazek** - September 14, 2018 at 09:38 AM

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“ A SPATHIPHYLLUM was sent on September 13, 2018 Our thoughts and prayers go to the Morris/Roberson family!!! God bless you and keep you!! Tyrone & Vonzelle Armstrong, Jacky Ross, Verniece Roos

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**Expression of Sympathy** - September 13, 2018 at 03:22 PM

LJ

“ Aunt Geneva, We will forever miss your wisdom,, grace and delightful sense of humor. We grieve at the loss of your physical presence, but at the same times we celebrate your life and your many accomplishments. Your unwavering faith in God, devotion to Centennial and genuine love of family will be remembered always. Thank you for so generously opening both your heart and your home to us all. To the ROBERSONES: May God continue to bless you and lift you up during this difficult time. Our love and prayers are with you. Patrice Franks, Elizabeth Johnson, Rodney Johnson and family and Erin Johnson.

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**Liz Johnson** - September 13, 2018 at 09:19 AM

PM

“ In 1973, I was in the Air Force getting ready to go to Japan. My Uncle B. told me he wanted me to meet Aunt Geneva. He seemed to be beaming with joy when telling me about her. He took me over to her home on 27th street in Kansas City, Mo. She was very warm and charming and I could immediately understand why Uncle B. was in love with her. From that first meeting I always felt good about their relationship and was so happy he found a special lady to be his wife. In 1981 when I went to Turkey, Aunt Geneva sent me care packages consisting of a German chocolate cake; chocolate chip cookies (individually wrapped); and even a recipe on how to make salmon croquettes. She also included a jazz tape by Tom Scott that she recorded. My two roommates just knew Aunt Geneva was my mother. (smile) She always kept us in the loop on matters dealing with the family. She was the one person that I could talk to on the phone for an hour. Dickie and Donnie thank you so much for sharing your special mother with my family. God Bless you. Paul & Marchita Morris

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**Paul Morris** - September 12, 2018 at 11:50 AM

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“ A TROPICAL DISH GARDEN WITH FRESH FLOWERS was sent on September 11, 2018 You will always be in our thoughts and in our hearts. Thank you for being an integral part of our lives. We love you! Paul, Marchita, Nicole, William, Brianna and Brandon

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**Expression of Sympathy** - September 11, 2018 at 12:32 PM

AW

“*Mother Morris I will truly miss you. You and I have had some great times together. I will remember you mostly by your smile, your beauty (inside of out), your organizational skills, your perfection and most of all your love. I don't know why you chose me to have great conversations with on the phone, send cards to & send me sweet gifts, but all I know is that because of the love you showed me, my love was shown back to you until the very end. God truly blessed one of His best to call to His Heavenly home. This is what you mean to me as "my" Mother Morris. M = magnificent O = outstanding T = tender H = honorable E = extraordinary R = remarkable To the Family - saying goodbye can be tough when you love someone unconditionally, especially with the love you carry for your mother/grandmother & great-grandmother. My prayers will continue to be with all of you. "Goodbye is not forever, Goodbye is not the end. It simply mean I'll miss you MOM until we meet again." So I close with, May the winds of heaven blow softly...And whisper in your ear, how much we (family and friends) all love and miss you and wish that you were here. One hundred and three years old (103) - You Are God's Masterpiece. Eph. 2:10 In Loving Memory, Angie Washington*

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**Angie Washington** - September 11, 2018 at 11:37 AM