



Geraldine Sutherlin

January 19, 1935 - February 23, 2018

Obituary

Geraldine Sutherlin was born January 19, 1935, in Kansas City, Missouri to McKinnley James and Ruth Murray.

Geraldine transitioned from this life on the morning of February 23, 2018.

She was preceded in death by both parents, McKinnley and Ruth, her twin brother George, brothers, Cecil and Sylvester, and her sisters, Dorothy and Cleopatrice.

Geraldine was married to Charles L. Sutherlin, Sr. on June 10, 1956, and to their union, four children were born: Valerice R. Sutherlin-Bates, Charles L. Sutherlin, Jr., Aaron T. Sutherlin, Sr., and Brian D. Sutherlin, Sr. The marriage was dissolved in August 1990.

Geraldine was reared on the west side of Kansas City where she attended Douglas Elementary School. She graduated from R.T. Coles/ Lincoln High School where she was a Majorette and a member of the Cheerleader's squad. She worked and retired from Betty Rose Coat Factory. Later she went on to work for H.R. Williams Mill Supply for the next twenty years and retired. She was a member of St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church under the leadership of Reverend Raymond Handy. Geraldine was affectionately known

by those who knew her well as, "Gerry" and "Granny". Geraldine was very outgoing, kind, caring and a witty individual who was loved and respected by all

Geraldine Sutherlin is survived by her children: Valerice R. Sutherlin-Bates of Kansas City, Missouri, Charles Sutherlin, Jr. (Jenny Hicks) of Kansas City Missouri, Aaron Sutherlin, Sr. (Shalonda Triblett), of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Brian Sutherlin, Sr. (Anna Iannelli) of Atlanta, Georgia; two brothers, Melvin James of Detroit, Michigan and Rene James of Detroit Michigan; one sister, Patricia Davis of Rock Island, Illinois; a special granddaughter, LaToya Wright (Larry Wright); eight grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Funeral Service for Geraldine Sutherlin will be held Friday, March 2, 11:00 a.m. at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 1700 E. Linwood Blvd.

Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Church.

Interment, Park Lawn Cemetery.

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in memory of Geraldine Sutherlin, please visit our floral store.

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“ To the Sutherlin family, my heart felt sympathy goes out to each of you. Meeting her over 40 years ago was indeed a blessing in my life. She had such a sweet and kind spirit. She always made me feel welcome when visiting her home. Later in life she would always greet me at St. John's AME with a warm hug of encouragement. She will be missed by all that she touched. My God comfort the family during this time.

John A. Taliaferro - March 08, 2018 at 10:09 AM

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“ To my Dear Friend: I love you, I will really miss you and I will never forget you. To The Family: God Bless You and you have my Deepest Sympathy.

Polly Smith - March 01, 2018 at 10:02 PM

MB

“ I am so sorry to hear about the death of Geraldine. Catherine and I send our deepest condolences to her family. She made me a better person. We loved her very much.

Michael Brodie - March 01, 2018 at 06:05 PM

JA

“ I lived next door to Ms. Sutherlin for only a short while, but she and her son were the best neighbors I've ever had. We will miss waving to her before our church services. She was a very sweet person . God Bless and comfort her family.

Julia A.Hood-Williams - March 01, 2018 at 11:45 AM