



Mrs. Savannah Godard

June 9, 1931 - May 11, 2021

Obituary

After more than eighty-nine years, on May 11, 2021, the Lord called our Queen, Mother Savannah Godard home to receive her crown. She was surrounded by her loved ones. She was born June 9, 1931 in Douglas, GA to Elijah (Lige) Sr. and Zannie Shaw. Savannah was the sixth of ten children and the last surviving sibling. She was preceded in death by her parents; Husband, John Henry Godard; Siblings, Otis Shaw (Allene), Alma Davis (David), Amon Shaw (Merdell), Lige Shaw Jr. (Ruth), Virginia Williamson (James), Robert Shaw, Frank Shaw (Lucretia), Lawrence Shaw, Henry Shaw; Daughter, Denise Godard-Green; and Daughter-in-Law, Rita Godard.

Savannah graduated from Coffee County High School, Douglas, GA. and married the love of her life John Henry. Their union and enthusiasm to succeed in life brought them north to Kansas City, MO. (KCMO), in the summer of 1951. They lived happily in the Kansas City area the remainder of their lives together. During their 49 years of marriage, they had nine children, five boys and four girls. While in Kansas City Savannah had a successful career at Western Electric and Hillcrest Country Club where she developed many long-lasting friendships with coworkers.

Savannah accepted Christ at an early age and actively served in ministries in every church she joined. After moving to Kansas City, she and the family

attended Ward Chapel AME Church until joining Emmanuel Baptist Church in 1966. At Emmanuel she served faithfully as a member of the Women's Auxiliary and as a Deaconess. Soon after the death of her husband in August 1999, Savannah became a devoted member of Second Missionary Baptist Church, Grandview, MO., and served faithfully until her passing. She was a member of the Mothers Board, affectionately known as the "Daughters of Destiny Diamonds." In her later years, attending church service became the highlight of her week. She attended service and Sunday School faithfully. Savannah frequently provided transportation to Mothers Roby, Seals, and Black developing a close bond and friendship. Most of all, she loved the Lord, and she loved everyone equally. Savannah had a wonderful way of sharing and expressing God's word and the love she had for Him. Her love for people was unlike anything you have ever experienced. She didn't know a stranger and would make anyone feel welcomed just from her beautiful smile.

Savannah enjoyed traveling with her social group, "The Christian Women Illuminizers" and with her family. Mention, "travel" and she would have her bags packed, days/weeks, ahead of time. She loved to dance, cook, and entertain. She never missed attending the plays written and produced by her beloved son Terry Joe. She truly enjoyed sports, especially the KC Royals/Chiefs and the LA Lakers!! However, her greatest love was for her children and grandchildren, who all considered her their Queen.

Savannah leaves to cherish her memory her sons Johnny Godard, Orlando, FL; Tommy Godard, KCMO; Kenneth Godard, Richmond, IN; Kevin Godard (Velva) Atlanta, GA.; and Terry Godard, KCMO. Daughters Nancy Guthrie (William), Alexandria, VA.; Victoria Renfrow (Clinton), KCMO; Angela Godard-Davis, KCMO. Sister-in-laws Willa Shaw, Billie Shaw, and Estella Shaw all of KCMO. Grandson, Marc Godard, Chicago, IL. who was raised like the 10th, sibling, 20 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild. Special friends Ms. Lillie M. Burney, and Ms. Rose Gayden; a host

of nephews, nieces, cousins and other loving relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 22, 2021, 11:00am Second Missionary Baptist Church. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9am-11am at the church. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website. Due to COVID-19, social distancing and face coverings are required indoors. Temperature checks for all guest(s). Special appeal to ALL attendees in HONOR OF MRS. SAVANNAH SHAW GODARD please wear A Touch of Yellow, Thank you!

To send flowers
to the family or plant a tree
in memory of Mrs. Savannah Godard, please visit our floral store.

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AG

“ A Memorial Tree was planted for Mrs. Savannah Godard
We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Lawrence A. Jones
& Sons Funeral Chapels
Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

A Memorial Tree was planted for Mrs. Savannah Godard - May 25, 2023 at 01:21 PM

LW

“ Monet's garden table basket was purchased for the family of Mrs.
Savannah Godard by Leona & James Walton. Send Flowers

Leona & James Walton - May 25, 2023 at 01:21 PM

EM

“ Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Savannah
Godard by Earle D Mundell. Send FlowersDear Will and Nancy our
hearts and prayers are with you during this time please accept this
plant as token of our love and friendship. Earle and the ASBC
Village FamilyEarle D Mundell

Earle D Mundell - May 25, 2023 at 01:21 PM

JL

“ Garden path was purchased for the family of Mrs. Savannah
Godard by James and Avis Lynch. Send FlowersPlease accept our
heartfelt condolences during this time. May GOD Bless you all and
may Mother Godard rest in peace.James and Avis Lynch and
FamilyJames and Avis Lynch

James and Avis Lynch - May 25, 2023 at 01:21 PM

CT

“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Mrs. Savannah Godard by Chuck and Sylvia Thomas. Plant a Tree Nancy and Will, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We're also praying each day will get a little easier for you. In the meantime, we're sending you lots of love and hugs. Chuck and Sylvia Thomas

Chuck and Sylvia Thomas - May 25, 2023 at 01:21 PM

WP

“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Mrs. Savannah Godard by Willie and Consondra Davis & Ted and Denise Polk. Plant a Tree

Willie and Consondra Davis & Ted and Denise Polk - May 25, 2023 at 01:21 PM

TW

“ Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Savannah Godard by Tom Kimes, KC Water. Send Flowers

Tom Kimes, KC Water - May 25, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ Mrs. Savannah Godard

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NB

“ Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Savannah Godard by Nikki Boxly. Send Flowers Words fail to express my deep sorrow for your loss, Angie praying for you and your family. Nikki Boxly

Nikki Boxly - May 25, 2023 at 01:21 PM

DM

“ Sentimental thoughts was purchased for the family of Mrs. Savannah Godard by Donnie & Ethel Mangum. Send Flowers Nancy & Will: As you celebrate the wonderful life of your amazing Mom, we're sending you & your family many prayers. We love you and we are always here for you. Donnie & Ethel Mangum Donnie & Ethel Mangum

Donnie & Ethel Mangum - May 25, 2023 at 01:21 PM

RW

“ Table memorial with trinity of candles was purchased for the family of Mrs. Savannah Godard by Ruby Wilcox. Send Flowers With Love, To My Special Aunt and Family! From Ruby Wilcox & Family 122 Candlelight lane Willacoochee, Ga 31650 Ruby Wilcox

Ruby Wilcox - May 25, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ Sentimental thoughts was purchased for the family of Mrs. Savannah Godard. Send Flowers May your sweet soul rest in Heaven Grandma. With love always, Tamika, Jordan and Theresa

May 25, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ Beautiful in blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Savannah Godard. Send Flowers Our deepest condolences to the entire family. We will keep you and your family in our prayers. Much love to you, Matt and Jae

May 25, 2023 at 01:21 PM

LS

“ *Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Savannah Godard by Lacy Shaw. Send Flowers With loving memories and caring thoughts of Aunt Savannah. May Peace, Prayers and Blessings be your comfort during this time. Nephew Lacy(Mae)Shaw & family Kim, Zabrina & Yolanda. Lacy Shaw

Lacy Shaw - May 25, 2023 at 01:21 PM

LV

“ *Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Savannah Godard by Lorenzo & Sharon Buford, Virginia. Send Flowers Our Deepest Sympathy. May God comfort your hearts. Lorenzo & Sharon Buford, Virginia

Lorenzo & Sharon Buford, Virginia - May 25, 2023 at 01:21 PM

LA

“ *Dignity in white* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Savannah Godard by Love, the Ashleys. Send Flowers For Savannah, one of our family matriarchs. Love, the Ashleys

Love, the Ashleys - May 25, 2023 at 01:21 PM

VT

“ *Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Savannah Godard by VICKIE and Greg Thrasher. Send Flowers Our condolences to the family in this most difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. VICKIE and Greg Thrasher

VICKIE and Greg Thrasher - May 25, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Mrs. Savannah Godard. Plant a Tree With our Deepest Sympathy and Condolences From Daisy, Mallise, Betty and Leon Vickers. MAY God continues to guide you all through this difficult time . GOD BLESS

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“ Sentimental thoughts was purchased for the family of Mrs. Savannah Godard by Love Sheri, Cedrick, Justin, and Kailyn.. Send Flowers

Love Sheri, Cedrick, Justin, and Kailyn. - May 25, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ Basket garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Savannah Godard by Kenneth and Gladys Shaw Jordan, Krista, Tyler and Tatyana. Send Flowers

Kenneth and Gladys Shaw Jordan, Krista, Tyler and Tatyana - May 25, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ Beautiful in blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Savannah Godard by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard J. Graham. Send Flowers

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard J. Graham - May 25, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ Sentimental thoughts was purchased for the family of Mrs. Savannah Godard. Send Flowers Our thoughts & prayers are with the family. Cousin Savannah meant the world to us & our dear late Mother (Mrs. Thelma R. Vickers). Guy/Shawanda Vickers, Patsy Vickers & Cynthia/Wesley Wilson

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CM

“ *Monet's garden table basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Savannah Godard by Cecilia Macato. Send Flowers Terry and family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I pray to God to give you help for your pain in your heart. To keep you strong. God bless you all. Sending love to you all. Cecilia Macato*

Cecilia Macato - May 25, 2023 at 01:21 PM

AS

“ *A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Mrs. Savannah Godard by Angela I. Smith. Plant a Tree*

Angela I. Smith - May 25, 2023 at 01:21 PM

PS

“ *My name is Darrell Alder and I grew up with Mrs. Godard's son, Terry who is one of my best friends. I have wonderful memories of Mrs. Godard because she was always so polite and welcoming when I would go over to their home. She and her late husband Mr. Godard would chat with me, asking me questions about myself, and were always so positive and encouraging. I remember one time when I had some car polish called Nu Finish and Terry and I washed her black Ford and put that Nu Finish on it and she was overjoyed and so happy at how it made her car shine and that was one of the best feelings for me, to see her smile and be so appreciative of what we had done. :-) I know she is in Paradise with the Lord, resting in Him as she has earned her Heavenly reward. Rest well, Mrs. Godard. Darrell Alder*

Pastor Darrell C. Alder, Sr. - May 28, 2021 at 11:10 AM

MF

“ *May God continue to put his loving arms around each and everyone of you.*

Mr & Mrs Cleo Ross & Family - May 23, 2021 at 08:45 PM

SF

“ *To the Godard family... Our sincere condolences go out to you all..... from the Davis family from 37th Brooklyn*

Sarah Davis and Family - May 20, 2021 at 11:30 AM

TE

“ *Rest in eternity with God!Love, Teresa and Ray Bolton/ Cain*

Teresa - May 19, 2021 at 12:54 PM

RG

“ *I will miss you my forever friend...*

Rozelia Gayden - May 18, 2021 at 08:27 PM

DW

“ *To the Goddard family. Your mother was a God fearing women. So sweet and loved by many. I will truly miss walking up the street to see her. My condolences go out to you. Will keep you in my prayers.*

Donna Webb - May 14, 2021 at 07:01 PM

TG

“ *Grandma, you were such a wonderful woman who loved the the Lord. You will be missed but I know that you are in His good hands. May you Rest In Peace and know how so very much you are loved. You always made me smile when I was around you and loved Jordan and I so much..we love you too always. ❤️ Mika*

Tamika Godard - May 14, 2021 at 10:16 AM

RT

“ *Blessings,I only got to meet Sister Godard through her most brilliant son, my friend Kevin. The way he would speak highly of her, and do it so often, helped me to get a glimpse of who this wonderful woman was. Based on this, I know the family will truly miss this awesome gift of God. I extend my sincerest condolences to the entire family. Rev. Dr. Mark W. Thompson, Redemptive Life Christian Fellowship, Georgia*

Rev. Mark W. Thompson - May 14, 2021 at 08:17 AM