



## Ms. Venora V. Mays

July 13, 1965 - November 15, 2023

Venora Valacennia Mays was born on July 13, 1965 in Sedalia, Missouri MO, at Bothwell Regional Health Center to Howard Brown Jr. and Catherine Gray. Her family later relocated to Kansas City Missouri where she would make her home. She departed this life on November 15, 2023, at Research Medical Center.

Venora was preceded in death by her parents, Howard Brown Jr.; father-in-law, Billy Mays, Sr.; brother, Michael Gray; grandmother, Rosezina Gray; uncles Howard Gray Sr. and Quan Gray; grandson, Andrew Meyers Jr.; nephews, Quan Donnell and Michael Gray

Venora attended school at Northeast High School where she later graduated. She also took some college courses at a local college. Venora married Billy Mays Jr. on June 5, 2011. She was employed at Bread Financial for the last 15 years.

She accepted Christ at an early age and has been a member of Heaven Sent

Community

Baptist Church for the last 16 years where she was a member of the Usher Board and the Mass Choir.

Venora had a beautiful soul. She was very joyful and full of life. She had no problem with

telling you how it is. Everybody called her Big Annie. She loved watching her grandchil-

dren. When she was 15 years old, she won a talent show at Della C. Lamb Community Cen-

ter. She loved going to pantries on Wednesdays. She had 2 best friends that she called her

Dogs, Tony Black and Diana Spikes. She was a very family oriented woman.

Venora leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Billy Mays Jr., her mother, Catherine

Gray; children, Ramonda Suber, Artessa William (Kenneth Walton), Jamishia Williams

(Romone Fisher), son, Art Williams Jr.; sisters, Lynn Gray, Darlene Gray-Clayton, Tywan

Clayton, Marva Gray, Cat Gray; 14 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and a large host of

nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, December 1, 2023, 12:00pm at Heaven Sent Community Baptist Church. Interment XII Gates Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be from 11:00am-12:00pm at the church. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on

our website.

# Cemetery Details

## XII Gates Memorial Gardens

9500 East Bannister Road  
Kansas City, MO 64138

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Heaven Sent Community Baptist Church  
9511 East 59th Street  
Raytown, MO 64133

## Funeral

DEC 1. 12:00 PM (CT)

Heaven Sent Community Baptist Church  
9511 East 59th Street  
Raytown, MO 64133

# Tribute Wall

RM

“ *Reggie And Markos lit a candle in memory of Ms. Venora V. Mays*



Reggie and Markos - November 30, 2023 at 08:24 PM

CG

“ *Cynthia G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Venora V. Mays.*

Cynthia G. - November 30, 2023 at 08:21 PM

AM

“ *Arnetta Marshall lit a candle in memory of Ms. Venora V. Mays*



Arnetta Marshall - November 29, 2023 at 03:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Venora V. Mays.*



November 28, 2023 at 11:55 AM

CB

“ Carrie Sims Brown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Venora V. Mays.

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**Carrie Sims Brown** - November 28, 2023 at 11:55 AM

CB

“ Rest easy my #1 until we meet again.



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**Carrie Brown** - November 24, 2023 at 12:07 PM