



Marie Scales Vaughn

February 15, 1940 - March 23, 2026

Live Stream is available Thursday, April 2nd, 12:30pm. Please visit this page at 12:30pm.

OBITUARY

Marie Scales Vaughn was born February 15, 1940 to the late Tom M. Scales and Helen V. Johnson of Fieldale, Virginia. Marie attended George Washington Carver High School in Bassett, VA with her siblings.

At the age of age of 16, Marie left Virginia and, bravely, moved to New York where she worked in the garment district to support herself. Later, Marie assisted her mother and siblings in coming to New York for a better life. Marie married the late Willie Vaughn. They moved their family from New York to Detroit, MI where Marie worked at The Ford Motor Company until her retirement in 1983.

Marie accepted The Lord in the late 70" s which influenced her to lead her family and friends to Christ. She was on fire for the Lord! It showed daily as she interacted with people. She further spread her love at a girl's home, where she sponsored a troubled teen showing her love and family.

Marie loved to bake and cook. She didn't cut corners about her groceries, only using the very best for her family and friends. Marie loved playing bid whist with her friends, going to the casino and learning different hustles at the senior center.

With a smile on her face, Marie departed this life March 23, 2026 at the Livonia Trinity Health Hospital. Her daughter, Denise, and grandson Donovan was with her as she made her transition.

Marie leaves to cherish her memory, her daughters Denise D. Scales, Lisa Vaughn (Kevin), and Kelli Vaughn Weems; grandsons, James Vaughn (Patricia), Donovan Vaughn; great-granddaughter's JaMaya Vaughn, Ayani Vaughn; sisters, Gladys Willis, Betty J, Francis (Joseph), and Barbara Murray (Ronald); brother, Charles Hairston (Paula); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her ex-husband Willie Vaughn, sisters Doris Wooten, Carolyn Leach, Juanita Hairston, Joanne Holland and brother Ronald Hairston.

The Family

In Loving Memory Of

Previous Events

Family Hour

APR 2. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services
24585 Evergreen Rd
Southfield, MI 48075
(248) 702-5367
info@kempfh.com
<https://www.kempfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

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Burial

APR 2 (ET)

Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park
35667 Eight Mile Rd
Livonia, MI 48125

Repast

APR 2 (ET)

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
23455 West Nine Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Livestreamed Funeral Service in memory of Marie Scales Vaughn*



Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - April 02 at 12:31 PM

JB

“ *Aunt Marie, I will forever be grateful for you helping me to speak in tongues! You prayed with me for hours at my mom's house - you wouldn't stop even when I thought I would never be able to do it. I will never forget you pressing my belly and rubbing my back when the words suddenly burst from my lips! What a powerful gift it is to pray in tongues. I love you and thank you for being a fearless child of God! Thank you for your love and guidance. I know this is not goodbye but see you soon! Please give Grandma Joanne a hug and kiss from me. Until we see each other again. All my love.*

Jeneace Burrell - April 02 at 11:01 AM

LV

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Lisa Vaughn - April 01 at 10:31 AM

YK

“ Your daughter Kelli purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Marie Scales Vaughn.



Your daughter Kelli - April 01 at 08:56 AM

YK

“ Your Daughter Kelli purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of Marie Scales Vaughn.



Your Daughter Kelli - April 01 at 08:46 AM

YK

“ Your daughter Kelli purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Marie Scales Vaughn.



Your daughter Kelli - April 01 at 08:46 AM

YK

“ Your daughter Kelli purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marie Scales Vaughn.



Your daughter Kelli - April 01 at 08:46 AM

JA

“ Grandma,
I gonna miss you so much. I will always remember those dance parties in your living room. I am privileged to carry your name and I love you always. I will remember when me and dad would come over your house and the next morning you would make us breakfast. I will always love you 💜💜👍👍👍👍👍👍
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JaMaya - March 31 at 10:41 PM

AT

“ Some of my most prevalent memories of Aunt Marie are when she would have us join her in prayer. At an early age her ability to fervently pray left an impression on me. I’m grateful that the Lord blessed our family with such a powerful intercessor. I am also grateful for all the wonderful memories that will be cherished of the entertaining bid whist games we played, dancing by the lake and gathering together to share meals. Most of all I’m grateful that we will be reunited again because of the gift of salvation the Lord has given us the opportunity to obtain. Until we meet again Aunt Marie.

Angeline Thrasher - March 31 at 07:44 PM

YG

“ Your Nieces, the Scales Girl’s purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Marie Scales Vaughn.



Your Nieces, the Scales Girl’s - March 31 at 07:22 PM

BS

“ *Our Dear Family,*

May you be at peace and comforted by the love of your Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother and Aunt, our Beloved One -- Marie Scales-Vaughn.

Denise, Lisa and Kelli, we know how much our dear Aunt loved her children, for you were always the first topic of her conversations. She always kept us updated on you and her grands. The love and joy she received from you all radiated from her to all that she knew personally.

As the Scales Family Historian, she captivated her audience with her enthralling narratives, unraveling those deeply entangled roots. We especially enjoyed hearing about her entrepreneurial endeavors as a young teen. She was clever, resourceful and resilient. As we say—Marie was handling her business aright!

We will always remember our Dear Aunt Marie as a beautiful, sophisticated, independent and-- let's never forget-- Sassy Lady!

What a wonderful and exciting legacy she has handed down to her loved ones. We will miss her so much and remember the love and laughter she brought to our lives. We hold deep within our souls her expressions of love for us all.

We keep you our Dear Cousins close in our hearts and pray for your well-being.

Sending our love to you all from Niagara Falls.

Sincerely,

Pamela, Cheryl, Beverly, Vicky and Carla

(The Scales Family / Uncle Jesse's Girls)

Beverly Scales - March 31 at 06:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marie Scales Vaughn.*



March 30 at 09:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marie Scales Vaughn.

March 30 at 09:43 PM

VT

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Aunt Marie. Her moving with her husband and children to Michigan when I was a child was a positive influence in my life. I loved visiting her home and enjoying her delicious food. Aunt Marie was a great cook! She helped take care of my daughter, Jeneace while I worked. After she became beautifully saved, she witnessed to me about the need to be born again. She gave me a frightening salvation tract about heaven and hell that stayed in my kitchen drawer for a year because I knew I was going to hell. After a series of negative events and her continued fervent prayers, I accepted Jesus. She helped disciple me and our daily prayed for my then ex-husband resulted in his accepting Jesus too. As a result, we remarried and to our union five additional children were born who all love and serve The Lord. Aunt Marie your prayers brought many others in our family to Christ too. Your life had eternal worth. Till we meet again in The Rapture, rest Aunt Marie and enjoy your heavenly rewards. Love you. Your niece Vanessa



Vanessa Thrasher - March 27 at 09:15 PM

LF

“ Lydia & The Young Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marie Scales Vaughn.



Lydia & The Young Family - March 27 at 04:55 PM

JV

“ My Number 1 My Everything My Grandmother I Am Not Okay Im Broken Since I Was Born You've Always Been There For Me Remember Coming Over Nights Before School Spend Time With You I'll Get Up You'll Have Breakfast Started My Favorite Show Arthur On And You'll Take Me Off To School Sometimes If I Was Having A Bad Day You'll Come Sit In Class With Me Make Sure I'm Ok Then As I Got Older Had Children You Were Their For Them My Kids Loved Their Great Grandmother And Will Miss You I Know They Say God Don't Make Mistakes And I'll Never Go Against His Word Or Wishes He Wanted His Daughter Home And I Can Try And Be Ok Knowing Your In Heaven With Him I Love You So Much And I'm Gonna Miss You Each And Everyday I Will See You Again For Now Get Your Rest I Love You Grandma



James Vaughn - March 27 at 04:15 PM

YV

“ Grandma was the best. She made stuff for us and she watched us. Also she bought us stuff all the time!!□□□□□I'm going to miss my grandma sooooo much!!
Love you always Grandma
From Yani



Ya Vau - March 26 at 05:51 PM

LV

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Lisa Vaughn - March 26 at 04:38 PM

LV

Momy Mom was Loved 💜

Lisa Vaughn - April 01 at 10:27 AM

CB

“ My heart is sooo heavy right now. I really can't express how much we Love you Aunt ❤️ Marie. I know these last few years were difficult for you...BUT you were well taken care of by your girls. The Heaven's are waiting for you to take your rightful place. May God Continue to Bless and Keep you. Until We Meet Again. I love ❤️ you Auntie

Cythronia M Brown - March 26 at 12:03 PM

PY

“ I am deeply saddened by the passing of grandma, a woman who was full of so much joy and laughter. Without you, my children would not have the most wonderful man as a father. I remember when I first met you, you welcomed me with open arms. I soon looked to you as a grandparent I never had and always wished I could have grown up with. You were so outgoing and fun, with a personality that would often light up the room. You will be truly missed!

Xoxo ❤️❤️

Love,

Patricia, JaMaya, and AYani



Patricia Young - March 26 at 11:23 AM

LV

“ Mama I have No Doubt that you are present in God's care, you made it to the finish line. I love you and JaMaya Marie and Ayani Grace loves you. Life wasn't easy for you, but you made it look effortless in ALL you did. I will Always remember everything you did and taught us by example. You don't understand as a child, the intricate parts of parenting, but as adults having our own children we see what was necessary and why, for that I thank you Mama. I'm trying to be strong as you remember how Dad's leaving suddenly was traumatic for Me. Mama I Love You and I will miss you so much, until we meet again lil Lady 💜😭

Lisa Vaughn - March 26 at 08:52 AM

GT

“ *Aunt Marie will be missed here on earth, but we are comforted in knowing that she is in Heaven with her Lord and Savior! Love you, family and you are in our prayers! Love Gabrielle, Andre, and Braylon*



Gabrielle Thrasher - March 25 at 07:04 PM