



Nannette C. Howard

November 6, 1942 - March 15, 2025

Nannette C. Howard, a devoted wife, loving mother, cherished grandmother, and dedicated educator, peacefully transitioned on March 15, 2025 at the age of 82. Born on November 6, 1942, in Braden, Tennessee, she was the beloved daughter of the late Burt and Mary Johnson.

Nannette's passion for education led her to Tennessee State University, where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. With a heart for teaching and a desire to shape young minds, she dedicated 30 years to the Detroit Public Schools, leaving an indelible impact on countless students.

In 1966, she married the love of her life, Willie Frank Howard Jr., and together they built a beautiful life rooted in love, faith, and family. Their journey led them to Detroit in 1968, where they raised their son, Quenton Dennard Howard. Nannette's joy multiplied as she welcomed her daughter-in-law, Patrice Howard (Snowden), into the family, and later, her two treasured grandchildren, Skylar and Bryce Howard, who became the light of her life.

A woman of unwavering faith, Nannette was a lifelong member of her church's Usher Ministry, serving with grace and a warm smile that welcomed many through the doors of worship. She found joy in traveling alongside her beloved husband, sharing new experiences, and creating lasting memories. Above all, she lived for her family, especially her grandchildren, who brought her immeasurable happiness.

Nannette is reunited in eternal rest with her parents and is survived by her devoted husband of 59 years, Willie Frank Howard Jr.; her loving son and daughter-in-law, Quenton and Patrice Howard; her adored grandchildren, Skylar and Bryce; her dear brother, Willie Johnson; and a host of extended family and friends who were blessed to know her kindness and love. Her legacy of faith, compassion, and dedication to family and education will continue to inspire all who knew her. Though she is no longer with us in body, her spirit will forever remain in our hearts.

A celebration of Nannette's life will be held on March 21, 2025 at John Wesley AME Zion Church at 28001 Evergreen Rd. in Southfield, MI.

Rest well, Nannette. Your story will live on in the hearts of those who loved you.

If you are ordering flowers, the family requests white floral arrangements or green plants to be sent to the church. Thank you for your love and support!

Previous Events

Family Hour

MAR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

John Wesley Zion Church
28001 Evergreen Rd
Southfield, MI 48076

Funeral Service

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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28001 Evergreen Rd
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Tribute Wall



“ *Virlyn Ann Quintina and Cheau Nashville friends* ”



Virlyn Wallace - March 21, 2025 at 12:57 AM



“ *I will always remember how nice and friendly Mrs. Howard was. Always waved and spoke. I will keep her family in my prayers.* ”

Heather Perryman-Tanks - March 20, 2025 at 08:03 AM



You have our deepest condolences from the Lindsay family!

Joseph Lindsay Jr - March 20, 2025 at 10:44 PM



And we will be praying for you and your family!

Joseph Lindsay Jr - March 20, 2025 at 10:44 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nannette C. Howard.* ”



March 19, 2025 at 05:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nannette C. Howard.

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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nannette C. Howard.

March 19, 2025 at 04:05 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Nannette C. Howard.



March 19, 2025 at 04:05 PM



“ My condolences to the Howard family. I grew up with Quentin. Our parents lived on the same street for over 20 years. I was very fond of Mrs. Howard. I'm praying for their strength as they adjust to the loss of their loved one. Love Angela P. Williams

Angela P Williams - March 19, 2025 at 07:41 AM



“ My Condolences to the Howard Family on the loss of their loved one. Mrs Howard was one of the sweetest persons I have ever met. She told me I was part of her family...her other son ❤️. You will truly be missed. 🙏

Joseph Johnson - March 18, 2025 at 10:36 PM

KH

“ *Mrs Howard, Thank you for being a precious jewel of wisdom in my life as a young adult in JWC. I shall never forget your words personally to me.*
Rev.Kathy Hunt

Kathy Hunt - March 18, 2025 at 01:34 PM

CP

“ *Mrs. Howard, you will be missed. Thank you for the love and memories.*

~Crystal P.

Crystal P. - March 18, 2025 at 01:00 PM

MW

“ *Marie Whitthorne lit a candle in memory of Nannette C. Howard*



Marie Whitthorne - March 18, 2025 at 12:31 PM



“ *We love you forever.*



S - March 18, 2025 at 05:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nannette C. Howard.*



March 17, 2025 at 10:22 PM



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March 17, 2025 at 07:37 PM