



## Samella Ervin

October 4, 1921 - March 17, 2022

Ms. Samella Ervin made her transition on March 17, 2022. Please encourage the Ervin family with words of love and encouragement on our Tribute page. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Samella Ervin please visit our Sympathy Store.

Samella (Mitchell) Ervin was born October 4, 1921 to the late Sam and Nora Mitchell in Spring Hill, Tennessee. She was the second of five children, and relocated with her family to Nashville, Tennessee. Samella was educated in the

Nashville public school system, and graduated from Pearl High School.

Samella

accepted Christ at an early age, and was a member of Pleasant Green Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee.

In 1944, Samella met and married the late Warren L. Ervin. He enlisted in the Navy, and they lived in Camp Wallace, Texas where he was stationed for two years. After her husband's discharge, they moved to Detroit, Michigan.

Samella

then joined Dexter Avenue Baptist Church where she served as an usher. She was a homemaker for most of her married life.

Affectionately known as "Auntie" by her loved ones, she enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and Canada with her husband, family, and friends.

She spent holidays and many joyous times with her siblings, nieces, and

nephews. She took pride in cooking “good Southern food.” She regularly read her bible until her vision began to fail, and gospel was one of her favorite types of music.

On March 17, 2022, Samella made her transition peacefully at home.

Samella’s

siblings Saint James Mitchell, William Kelly Mitchell, and Lenora Murray preceded her in death. Samella leaves to cherish her wonderful memory: sister

Juanita M. Alexander (Eugene), niece Leah Alexander, nephews Corey Alexander, Fred Murray Jr (Lauricia), and Stanley Mitchell (Alicia), and grandnieces and grandnephews Maurice Murray, Tierra Murray, Deandre Mitchell, and Ja’Vaé Mitchell. She was also loved by a host of friends and neighbors.

After 100 years of life, Samella will be remembered for her thoughtfulness, willingness to listen, strong opinions, and distinctive laugh. She will be greatly missed by all who were fortunate to know her. Our family is grateful for all of those who supported Samella during the later years of her life, especially the very dedicated Bertha Gresham, and other caregivers.

## Zoom Instructions

1. Go to [Kempfuneralhome.com](http://Kempfuneralhome.com).
2. Click on your loved one’s photo. You are now on their personal page.
3. You should see a tab labeled photo & videos (or it may be labeled media, depending on your device). Click that tab.
4. 5 mins before the service starts, you will see an icon labeled Webcast (or it

may be labeled external video, depending on your device). Click the icon

5. You will begin to launch into the zoom meeting.

6. Wait for host to let you into the meeting.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Hope Cemetery

17840 Middlebelt Road  
Livonia, MI 48152

# Previous Events

## Family/Friends Time

MAR 25. 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

MAR 25. 12:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast Funeral Service in memory of Samella Ervin*



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**Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - March 25, 2022 at 12:13 PM



“ *Samella Ervin*

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September 27, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Samella Ervin*

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September 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *Auntie will truly be missed! Her loving spirit, humility, words of wisdom, and encouragement will never be forgotten. I thank God for her love and the impact that she has made on my life and the lives of my children.*

*- Lauricia Murray*

*Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” John 11:25-26*

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**Lauricia Murray** - March 25, 2022 at 09:03 AM

SW

“ Mrs. Samella Ervin was a dear exceptional neighbor and friend. My mother and I enjoyed talking with Samella regularly. It was a joy having her as a treasured friend. We will cherish her memory forever. What a pleasure it was celebrating her on her 100th birthday last year. She was beautiful, happy, and glowing on her special day. We will miss her too—our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Ruth Robertson and Sharon Wallace



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**Sharon Wallace** - March 25, 2022 at 12:31 AM

YF

“ Your Cousin Rita Mitchell Majors & Fam purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Samella Ervin.



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**Your Cousin Rita Mitchell Majors & Fam** - March 23, 2022 at 12:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Samella Ervin.



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March 22, 2022 at 02:17 PM

JC

“ I can't express how much Aunt Samella meant to me over the years. I always held her in such high regard; She always brought so much light into the lives of those around her. My condolences to you and your wonderful family. Jose and family.

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**Jose Calero** - March 22, 2022 at 08:42 AM

LA

“ Auntie was always a very special person in my life. Some of my fondest childhood memories are times spent with her learning to cook, enjoying music and favorite television shows, and playing with neighborhood friends in her backyard. She attended my birthday celebrations, holidays, and graduations, and brought her fun-loving spirit along on many family vacations. Over the years, she shared countless stories of her own life that have both inspired me and provided insight. She had strong opinions, but a kind heart. Her genuine spirit was apparent to all who knew her. Most of all, I will never forget her infectious laugh, and the words she always said to me at the end of our phone conversations, “sweet girl.” Auntie will be greatly missed.



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**Leah Alexander** - March 21, 2022 at 10:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Samella Ervin.



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March 21, 2022 at 09:36 PM

BA

“ *Sending our condolences to your family as you mourn the passing of your wonderful Aunt Samella. May the memories of her laughter and smile bring comfort to your family during this time. - Bernetta & family*

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**B Avery** - March 21, 2022 at 05:24 PM