



Sarah Jean Davis

September 6, 1937 - September 19, 2020

Sarah Jean Davis was born in the small town of Macon, Mississippi, the seventh of Dolly Windham Tolbert and Willie Lester Tolbert's nine children. Joining one of the last waves of the Great Migration, the family moved to Detroit in 1945.

A product of Detroit Public Schools, Sarah attended Craft Elementary and Condon Intermediate School and graduated from Northwestern High School in 1956. It was at Northwestern that she met the love of her life Charles Harold (Chuck) Davis. They married in 1957 and enjoyed a loving partnership for 39 years.

Sarah began her professional career at Manufacturers Bank in Detroit, where she worked as a secretary, until her children Darlene and Dean were born when she became a full-time homemaker. Sarah worked hard to make her home attractive and welcoming. She loved to cook for family and friends and entertain them in her home. Never forgetting their favorite treats, Sarah would often surprise friends and relatives with a special cake or pie. She was an avid gardener and excelled at creating landscapes that positioned each plant to the best advantage.

Sarah continued to pursue her professional interests, studying business in California, Illinois and Ohio as Chuck's work took him to those states. Her research would bear fruit when she opened Sarah's Florist in 1998, combining her love of flowers with her interest in entrepreneurship.

Sarah Jean Davis had a knack for caring. She was a loving wife and mother, a

dotting aunt and grandmother, and a loyal friend. Sarah's life principles were simple, but steadfast—Faith, Family, Friends.

Those principles led Sarah to seek a church where Dean and Darlene could join in faith-based activities. Lacking a car, she settled on Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church, where she could walk them to church. Sarah joined the church and was confirmed. And it was at Saint Timothy's she met Norma Yuille, whose friendship she would cherish for 50 years.

Sarah was recently welcomed into the Christ Church Detroit Family and she took frequent comfort in scripture. She enjoyed reading, knitting and yoga. Sarah generously gave her time to charitable efforts and was a regular volunteer at the Bloomfield Senior Center.

Sarah passed away peacefully at home and surrounded by her loving family on September 19, 2020 after a brief and courageous struggle with cancer. She was predeceased by her husband Charles Harold Davis, her sisters and brothers, Thelma, Will, Evelyn, Dolly, James, John, Dorothy, and Flora, and her faithful canine companion, Sable.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her loving children, Darlene (David), and Dean (Mildred), granddaughter, Deanna White, grandsons, Christopher Jackson, Dean Davis, Anthony Davis, Eric Jackson and Gregory Jackson, her cousins, a host of nieces and nephews, her sister-in-law Ottis Tolbert (Will) and brother-in-law Clarence Calloway (Dolly) and many other friends and acquaintances.

Previous Events

Strolling Visitation

SEP **24.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

SEP **25.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Church Detroit
960 East Jefferson
Detroit, MI 48207

Tribute Wall



“ Sarah Jean Davis

September 27, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ Sarah Jean Davis

September 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sarah Jean Davis.



September 24, 2020 at 11:49 AM



“ From the Yuille Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Sarah Jean Davis.



From the Yuille Family - September 23, 2020 at 03:44 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Sarah Jean Davis.*



September 23, 2020 at 08:41 AM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Sarah Jean Davis.*



September 22, 2020 at 05:18 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sarah Jean Davis.*



September 22, 2020 at 04:41 PM

CG

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Darlene, Dean and the Davis and Jackson families. My memories of my Aunt Sarah go all the way back to 4256 Vinewood, in the early 50's, when my sister and I would visit alternate summers. Over the years, I always remembered her to be kind, sweet, fashionable, beautiful and full of laughter. All these traits remained throughout her last days. No matter what her condition, she was always pleasant and thinking of others. Her legacy continues live through her family. She will be missed by so many. ❤️
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Charles and Carolyn Gibbs - September 21, 2020 at 10:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sarah Jean Davis.



September 21, 2020 at 09:48 PM

JH

“ I'm a first Cousins to the late Margaret Tuss and her daughter Gwen. I met Sarah in November 2019. my name is Joanne Hubbard, Margaret and Gwen informed us of another cousin who lived in Bloomfield MICH, I contacted her and went to visit my new found cousin.

its sad to know she has passed on 😞 from the Hubbard family to the Davis family my God provide you with the peace needed as you grieve. Sarah had a very warm and loving spirit 🙏🙏❤️ loving memories

Joanne, Linda ,Ronnell, Earlene (sister in-law) and Sylvia (my sister In law who lives in the same complex in Bloomfield) 🙏🙏🕊️



Joanne Hubbard - September 21, 2020 at 07:28 PM

CG

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Carolyn Gibbs - September 21, 2020 at 06:59 PM

KK

“ Mrs. Davis was such a warm, beautiful person. I always enjoyed talking to her. I am truly saddened by her passing. I am sending my deepest sympathies to Dee Dee, Dean and the rest of the family. She will be missed.



Karen Klein

Karen Klein - September 21, 2020 at 02:37 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Sarah Jean Davis.



September 21, 2020 at 01:05 PM

BK

“ Met Sarah through her husband Chuck who worked for me at Bechtel Corp. After my retirement I volunteered at her florist shop for several years. I cherish the many conversations her, Chuck and I had during slow times in the shop. Fond memories of both her and Chuck. My sincere condolences to Dee Dee and Dean... from both me and my wife Nancy.

Bernie Klein, Ann Arbor

Bernie Klein - September 21, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sarah Jean Davis.*



September 21, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ *Eugene, Florine and Crystal purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Sarah Jean Davis.*



Eugene, Florine and Crystal - September 20, 2020 at 08:11 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Sarah Jean Davis.*



September 20, 2020 at 04:41 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sarah Jean Davis.*



September 20, 2020 at 04:33 PM