



Gertie McCowan

August 20, 1960 - May 2, 2013

Gertie Ray McCowan, born August 20, 1960, departed this life on May 2, 2013, at her home following a long illness.

She was a member of the New Anointed Praise & Worship Church. Gertie loved to work in the church and she had a passion for cooking. She attended the Harriman school system. Preceded in death by her father, Curtis Ray, Sr. and mother, Geneva Bazel Ray; two sisters, Elizabeth Ray and Janice Ray.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory, her daughter, Monica Ray, and granddaughter Geneva Ware; three brothers, Curtis (Melissa) Ray, Jr. of Rockwood, TN, Charlie Ray of Harriman, TN, and Gordon Ray of California; two sisters, Patricia McKnight of Clinton, TN and Mary Ray of Harriman, TN; three aunts, Alice Hanks, Mary Eskridge, and Katherine Bazel of Harriman, TN; three uncles, Jerry Bazel and Larry Bazel of Harriman, TN, and Robert Bazel of Maryland; a host of nieces and nephews; and special friend, Lucy Robinson.

The family would like to give a very special thanks to her nephew, Jimmy Ray, Mr. & Mrs. Willie Johnson, and Lonetta Goins.

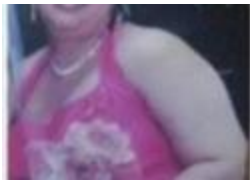
Also special thanks to Sister Margie Moore, and Rev. Lionel Moore, and Jesse Ray of Chattanooga, TN.

The family will receive friends from 2 – 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 5, 2013 at Kyker Funeral Home in Harriman. Funeral services will follow at 4 p.m. with Rev. Alvin T. Douglass officiating. In keeping with Gertie's wishes her body will be cremated following services.

Tribute Wall

MR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Monica Ray - December 20, 2020 at 11:15 PM

MR

“ Mom I'm so lost without you but I'm going to try and apply everything you taught me to my life there is a void and a hole in my heart I can't get rid of though so as I pray please pray for me that I see you again Geneva and I love and miss you mom

Monica Ray - December 20, 2020 at 11:12 PM

EF

“ Monica I am so sorry for your loss, May God keep you and the rest of the family. God Speed Gertie....Rest now

Erica - Harriman , TN - friend - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ I had the great pleasure of having Gertie not only as my friend but also one of my Favorite Cousins.....we had such great laughs together from our childhood days to our adulthood....She could make the best Dirt Cake ever made....if u never had any of her cake, u sure missed a treat....She could make u laugh so hard, it would hurt your sides and face...She was truly loved and will be sadly missed....God has her home with him now and i know she is either cooking, laughing or cleaning...because that's what she loved to do!!!!
Love u Gertrue and u will 4ever- b-n- my heart!!!!

Evelyn Eskridge - Rockwood, TN - 1st Cousins - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ R.I.P. Gertie.....My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Diana (Brock) Wiley - Oak Ridge, TN - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ So sorry for your loss, **PRAYERS AND PEACE FOR ALL**

Edna carroll - KINGSTON, TN - Sister in CHRIST - May 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ GERT, A VERY SPECIAL PERSON WHO ALWAYS TRIED TO ENFORCE LOVE IN HER FAMILY . SHE SPOKE OFTEN OF HOW HER PARENTS ENCOURAGED LOVE ONE TO THE OTHER AS SISTER AND BROTHERS.IN THEIR HOME. HER GREATEST LOVE WAS HER GRAND DAUGHTER "GENEVA" AND HER DAUGHTER" MONICA." GERTIE LOVED TO COOK AND TAKE CARE OF CHILDREN. I WILL REMEMBERED HER MOST AS A SOILDER IN GODS ARMY FULL OF LOVE AND GOD'S GRACE, A TRUE FIGHTER TO THE END OF HER TIME. THANK YOU , FOR THE TIME ALLOWED HERE WITH US EVEN IF IT WAS FOR A SHORT TIME. WE WILL SEE YOU AGAIN. MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU ALL IN HIS CARE . LOVE AND THE PEACE OF GOD BE WITH EACH OF YOU FAMILY.
TINA BOYD AND FAMILY

TINA BOYD - HARRIMAN, TN - COUSIN, FRIEND - May 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.MY PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMIKY AT THIS TIME. a condolence or a memory.AND

ANDREA HOLLOMAN-CHANEY - KNOXVILLE, TN - friend - May 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ My deepest condolence to the family,May God Bless and comfort you during you time of sorrow.

Cynthia Latham - Augusta, GA - May 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Sorry For Your Loss. My Love And Prayers Go Out To All The Family And Friends Who Have Lost Such A Special Person! My Heart Is With You All!

Kelly - Rockwood, TN - May 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Prayers to the Family of Gertie. May God be your light and your guidance thru this time of loss.

Keith and Kristi Bailes - Rockwood , TN - Friend - May 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Gertie was the most faithful Christian woman I knew. I always looked up to her and the faith that she had in the father.

Amanda - harriman - friend - May 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ No more pain. No more cancer. Gertie is in heaven. She has joined her family that was at the pearly gate to welcome her home. R.I.P.

Sandra Goins - Harriman, TN - Cousin - May 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ I will always remember Aunt Gertie, all the times she kept me when I was a little girl when Mama, Aunt Pat, Aunt Liz and Nana would have a girls night out, she would keep me when Aunt Mary didn't have me. Then when I had kids she loved them just the same. She will forever be in my heart.

Melinda Bertram - Harriman, TN - niece - May 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM