



Mrs. Ardene Evelyn Stokes

March 16, 1936 - October 1, 2020

Ardene E Stokes was born on March 16, 1936 to the union Sam & Edna Smith in Stephens, Arkansas. She received her formal education at Oak Grove in Rosston, Arkansas. Ardene accepted Christ as her Savior and united with Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church where she served as a nurse, usher, and treasurer. In addition, she served as a mother of the church. On March 9, 1973, she was united in holy matrimony with Bobby E Stokes. Ardene was employed by Millway Healthcare Center as a Nursing Assistant for 37

years. In her leisure, she enjoyed fellowshiping with others, gardening, cooking, sewing, and giving to those in need. Ardene was also a member of the COA (Children Outing Association) youth and family center organization. Ardene departed this life on October 1, 2020. She preceded in death by her parents, Sam & Edna Smith of Stephens Arkansas; sister, Gracie Atkinson; and four brothers, Odell Smith, Elmer Smith, Albert Smith, and Lee Roy Smith of st. Louis, Mo. She leaves to cherish her memory: twin sister, Darlene Shanks of Santa Ana, Ca. Helen Nolan, and Louise Smith of st. Louis, MO; brothers, Sam (Estella) Smith, and Herman Smith of st. Louis, MO; daughters, Barbara Martin, Donna Walker, Sharon Gillespie, and Jacqueline Owens; and one son, Eddie Gooch. Extended family: daughters, Kendall (Ronald) Callahan, Cherida Smith; sons, Kerwin Bullocks, Santo Stokes, Winston Stokes, Wayne Stokes, Brandon Stokes, and Aaron Stokes. Loving grandchildren, Andre Gooch, Johnta Metcalf, Keya

Grady, Shauntel (Kevin) Reeves, Shayla Williams, Kevin Gillespie, Brittany Owens, and A'Jeanette Gordon; along with a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Cemetery

7301 W. Nash St.
Milwaukee, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Mt Pilgrim Rest MBC
2700 W. Brown Street
Milwaukee, WI

Service

OCT **10**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church
2700 W. Brown St.
Milwaukee, WI

Tribute Wall

KG

“ *Missing you every single day!!* ”



Keya G - October 01, 2023 at 07:51 PM

AG

“ *It's been one year! That went fast. Miss you every day <3* ”



Aje Gordon - October 01, 2021 at 07:40 PM

BM

“ *Love you mom* ”



Barbara Martin - October 01, 2021 at 06:52 PM

FA

“ *Faye sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ardene Evelyn Stokes* ”



Faye - October 01, 2021 at 05:15 PM

FA

“ *Faye lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ardene Evelyn Stokes*



Faye - October 01, 2021 at 05:14 PM

BR

“ *Brittany lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ardene Evelyn Stokes*



Brittany - October 01, 2021 at 10:57 AM

DO

“ *Donna lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ardene Evelyn Stokes*



Donna - June 14, 2021 at 05:53 PM

AG

“ *Sunday I shared videos of you receiving you new iPad in 2019. You were so excited— we watched church on it every Sunday and Wednesday. We were just learning the ropes on this internet thing lol. I miss you. First Mother’s Day without you was emotional but we got through it. We will continue to give you your flowers as we did before. Happy Mother’s Day Granny gran!*

Aje Gordon - May 11, 2021 at 11:31 PM

DO

“ Donna sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ardene Evelyn Stokes



Donna - May 10, 2021 at 08:06 PM

SG

“ Happy Mother's Day Mom
This is the first year without you and it's been hard, the family sent pictures of you from last Mother's Day opening up your gifts, you were so happy and full of energy and it made me so happy to see you happy. I miss you so much and I know you are enjoying your new home and life with Jesus. Rest in heaven mother love ❤️ you so much.

Sharon Gillespie - May 10, 2021 at 07:40 PM

SG

“ Sharon Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ardene Evelyn Stokes



Sharon Gillespie - May 10, 2021 at 01:04 AM

DO

“ Donna lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ardene Evelyn Stokes



Donna - May 03, 2021 at 03:15 PM

DO

“ Happy Mother’s Day, Ma, I miss you,,,, 😞

Donna - May 03, 2021 at 03:14 PM

JO

Happy Heavenly Mother Day! Love is not the same without you! Love you!

Jacqueline Owens - May 09, 2021 at 07:24 PM

SR

“ I am definitely missing my angel on earth, but in knowing your faith and love in God you are exactly where you want to be. Thank you for passing along that same faith and love to all of us. I love you & miss you dearly.



Shauntel Reeves - March 26, 2021 at 04:46 PM

SW

“ Shayla Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ardene Evelyn Stokes



Shayla Williams - March 26, 2021 at 01:23 PM

DO

“ Happy Birthday Ma!



Donna - March 26, 2021 at 01:10 PM

DO

“ Happy 85th Birthday Ma, I miss and Love you💕💕

Donna - March 26, 2021 at 01:08 PM

DO

“ Donna sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ardene Evelyn Stokes



Donna - March 26, 2021 at 01:02 PM

DO

“ Donna lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ardene Evelyn Stokes



Donna - March 26, 2021 at 01:01 PM

AG

“ Happy New Year Granny!! It's been 3 long months without you. Continue to watch over us in this new year

Aje Gordon - January 01, 2021 at 07:06 PM

AG

“ Good Morning Granny!
I miss you. Thank you for instilling wisdom and the lord into our lives. Thank you for praying over us and with us. Thank you for being the glue to our family and making sure we never missed a beat. It's hard not having you physically here but I know you are watching over us. I love you and I can't wait to talk to you.

Aje Gordon - November 02, 2020 at 01:50 PM

SG

Happy Mother's Day!! This is the very first Mother Day without you and we miss you so much, i seen a video today on last year Mother Day and it seems so real like you were still here, you are still in our hearts with so many good memories, I think about you everyday. Love ❤️ you my mother until we meet again.

Sharon Gillespie - May 10, 2021 at 01:00 AM

JO

“ *I miss you mom! You have been a soldier all your life! When I think about you the word that comes to mind every time is "Endurance".
You were a woman of endurance!*

*Your baby daughter,
Jackie Marie*



Jacqueline Marie Owens - October 20, 2020 at 10:20 PM

KG

“ *Having to say goodbye made this the hardest day ever. The only joy is knowing that you are free from pain and you are home with your Father. ❤️❤️❤️*

Keya Grady - October 20, 2020 at 10:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ardene Evelyn Stokes.



October 09, 2020 at 03:16 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ardene Evelyn Stokes.



October 08, 2020 at 01:36 PM