



## First Lady Carolyn Lavon Davis

August 28, 1947 - September 10, 2014

Carolyn Lavon (Suggs) Davis was born on August 28, 1947 in Vardemen, Mississippi to the union of Edward and Dollie Suggs.

Carolyn came to Milwaukee, WI as a young child and accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior shortly thereafter. She soon united with Mt. Carmel MBC Church under the leadership of Rev. Odell McGlothian.

Carolyn attended Twenty-First Street Elementary School and North Division High School, where she was a member of the cheerleading squad and a member of the dance ensemble under the leadership of Sarah Grant. She continued her education at UWM-Milwaukee, MATC and Milwaukee School of Engineering, where she completed her course work.

Carolyn Suggs was united in holy matrimony with Hugh Davis, Jr. on December 27, 1966. To this union two children were born.

Carolyn worked in the engineering department of Rockwell International, formerly Allen Bradley, for over 37 years. In addition, Carolyn was known around the city of Milwaukee and the greater Midwest region as a top model. For several years, she was a director at Beverly Benson Modeling and Charm School.

Carolyn's passion was the youth of Mt. Carmel, and she spent countless hours finding ways to enhance their Christian experience. She was a mentor and mother to many of the now grown youth who have children of their own. An accomplished director, Carolyn directed both of the Angel Choir and the Mt. Carmel Choir for five years. She was a member of the General Baptist

State Convention (GBSC) Ministers Wives and one of the founding directors of the Mt. Carmel Women's Retreat.

For fifteen years, she traveled and assisted her husband, Hugh Davis, Jr., as he traveled around the United States teaching in the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education. Carolyn received a diploma for completing four years of Study with the Lucy E. Campbell Music Workshop of the National Baptist Congress of Christian education. In her later years, she served as a Youth Director of the General Baptist State Convention, and held this position for eight years.

Carolyn leaves to cherish her memory: her loving spouse, Rev. Dr. Hugh Davis, Jr., her two children, Tammy Williams and Hugh Davis III; one brother, Curtis Suggs; one sister, Peggy Ballard; six grandchildren, Brittany (Chris) Bell, Shelby Williams, Desarae Davis, Makaela Davis, Devon Davis and Kashanda Addison; three great grandchildren, Railynn Bell, Kailynn Bell and Jaden Brown; three godchildren, Kelli Ballard, Sheleah Wilson and Larry Jiles, Jr.; special cousins, Ernestine Sanders, Bernette Crymes and James Tubbs; special friends, Merdis Morgan, Trina Brown and Mae Brown; and a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland Cemetery

6401 N. 43rd St.  
Milwaukee, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **18**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel  
6630 W. Hampton Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Carmel MBC  
1717 W. Meinecke Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

## Service

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church  
1717 W. Meinecke Ave  
Milwaukee, WI



# Tribute Wall

LS

“ Hello to family and friends of my first cousin Carolyn Lavon Suggs Davis. Sister Davis and FIRST LADY you were MY FIRST in many ways... setting a positive path for me to follow. I hope my previous contacts with you (Carolyn) let you know how much I admired and respected you. We were partners in crime during our youth...leaving church after the offering to go to the Franklin movie theatre with our 20 cent admission. We went to the same elementary and high school until you graduated in 1965. It was an honor to follow in your footsteps because you were such a popular and attractive school girl. Despite your efforts to support and encourage me I was never able to achieve your level of success in high school.... but I tried to find my way in other areas. We sang in church together and walked home down 18th Street after choir practice...and like our mothers we talked and shared our personal opinions... we also had many things in common including two fox terrier pups named Jack and Rover. Yes our pets were brothers... how many people knew that!! My most memorable play activity with you was building our cardboard doll houses... Thank you more making my childhood so rich. Thank you for making my return to Milwaukee in 1997 a positive experience. I remember our shopping trip and tour of the city. Above all thank you and Dr. Rev. Hugh Davis for the beautiful engraved Bible that you gave me. I read it during your homegoing celebration on 9/19/2014. I pray that my last letter and gift to you gave you some comfort and hopefully put a small smile on your face, Rest in peace until we meet again my cousin. LOVE TO YOU,  
from Leona Y, Suggs

**Leona Y. Suggs** - September 26, 2014 at 04:26 PM

KG

“ *Pastor Davis, June, & Tammy*

*My thoughts & prayers are with you*

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**Katrina (Jiles) Greer** - September 19, 2014 at 04:22 PM

MB

“ *My heartfelt condolences to you Pastor Davis and the loss of such a gracious, kind and always smiling woman of God. Please know that you, your family and your membership is in our prayers. Min. Doris Blanks and Now Faith MBC family.*

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**Min Doris Blanks** - September 17, 2014 at 03:10 PM

RI

“ *To Rev. Hugh Davis,  
With deepest condolences during this difficult time. Words might not heal the pain of losing someone who was close to you. May God's blessings and memories of your loved one support you forever! You are in our prayers...  
Pastor Archie L. and Jeanette Ivy and the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church.*

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**Rev. Dr. Archie L. Ivy** - September 16, 2014 at 02:25 PM

CW

“ *You have always been loved and admired. I will never forget you and your friendship. Great woman, Great friend. Rest in Jesus.*



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**Carolyn Williams** - September 15, 2014 at 11:12 AM

KH

“ *She knew me before I knew myself. She was an amazing person, a role model. I will miss her. I pray for strength for her family and may God comfort them in this great loss. God makes no mistakes, he is still in control.*



**Kindrea Hoover-Handley** - September 13, 2014 at 08:25 PM

DD

“ *Della Davis lit a candle in memory of First Lady Carolyn Lavon Davis*



**Della Davis** - September 11, 2014 at 05:27 PM

MS

*My heart was saddened when I learned that Carolyn was called to the great mansion to be with our Lord. We will miss her, but we know that she is with our Heavenly Father. Pastor Davis my prayers are with you and the family. Marolyn Simmons-Kelley*

**Marolyn Simmons-Kelley** - September 13, 2014 at 08:37 AM

DM

*My prayers are with you and for you member earth can not hold what God wants to heal  
Dr. John Miller*

**Dr. John Miller** - September 17, 2014 at 01:55 PM