



Mrs. Leah Rose Davis

September 26, 1924 - August 22, 2013

Leah Rose Fanning was born September 26, 1924, in Malvern, Arkansas to the late Alberta and Henry Fanning. She was also preceded in death by her two sisters, Laura Fanning and Henrietta Bailey; and three brothers, Jeff Fanning, James Fanning and Albert Fanning.

She was baptized as a young girl and has been dedicated to doing the work of the Lord her entire life. Leah grew up serving the Lord at Bethel A.M. E. Church in Malvern Arkansas. In Milwaukee, Leah was a founding member of Ellison Chapel A.M.E. Church where her cousin, The Late Reverend Dr. Edward A. Hawkins; was pastor. In 2008, she joined Christ The King Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend John W. McVicker, Sr. and was an active member until her death.

Education was an important part of Leah's life, as her mother not only graduated from college, but was a teacher within the Malvern School System. Determined to follow in her footsteps, Leah left Malvern at the tender age of fourteen and moved to Little Rock, Arkansas where she was formally educated.

in the Little Rock Public School System. She graduated from Charles Dunbar school and went on to obtain her baccalaureate degree in education from Philander C. Smith College.

In Little Rock, Leah met her husband and life partner, Leon Davis. They united in holy matrimony on July 28, 1945. To that union, nine children were born. In 1957, Leon and Leah moved to Milwaukee in hopes for a better life for them and their children.

Leah loved children, and upon moving to Milwaukee, became a teacher for Milwaukee Public Schools. She taught 2nd grade at Twentieth Street School.

In 1967 she was hired as a postal clerk by the United States Postal Service where she worked until she retired in 1987.

Leah loved to shop and throughout her life was known as one of the 'prettiest' and best dressed' ladies in town. In her later years, she enjoyed traveling, reading, doing word search puzzles, watching game shows, and just spending time with her family.

Leah departed this life on Thursday, August 22, 2013. She leaves to cherish her memory: her daughters, Carolyn Louise (Ronald) Hughes, Connie Maxine (Selwyn) Evers, Anita Marie (Mark) Peterson, Dianne Lisa (Damon) Shoates, all of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Barbara Rose Galloway of Aurora, Colorado; Dolores Ann (Glenn) Hilliard of Dallas, Texas; and Robin Gayle Harris of Burnsville, Minnesota, her son, Milton Paul Davis of Fremont, California; 20 grandchildren,

29 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Lincoln Memorial Park

6400 W. Burleigh Street
Milwaukee, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Christ the King Baptist Church
7750 N. 60th St.
Milwaukee, WI

Service

AUG 29. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Dear Barbara and Family:
Our family recently lost our father. You had a wonderful mom and dad who are now rejoicing in the presence of the lord. You are are now left with wonderful memories. May God bless your family.*

Inia Evans-Jones

Inia Evans-Jones - August 30, 2013 at 06:50 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Leah Rose Davis.*



August 28, 2013 at 12:18 PM