



*Pallbearers*  
 Duwayne Curtis  
 Brion Miller  
 DeQuon Kahari  
 Jailene Curtis  
 Ramondi McGary  
 Lazarus Kahari

*Honorary Pallbearers*  
 Anthony Estes  
 Charles Seals

*Flower Bearers*  
 Friends of the Family

*Interment*  
 Evergreen Cemetery  
 2600 East Mt. Hope Avenue  
 Lansing, Michigan 48910

*Acknowledgement*  
 You cannot possibly know just how much your support, our family, our many friends, our church families, have meant to us in this most difficult time. We thank you for your visits, calls, the food, for being “go-fers” for us, the countless acts of kindness, the gorgeous floral expressions, your presence today and the abundance of prayer which has sustained and ministered to us.  
 The Family of  
 Ms. Mariam Estes



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Celebrating the Life of



Ms. Mariam Estes  
*Mel*

November 20, 1959 -  
 December 18, 2025

Celebration of Life  
 Tuesday, December 30, 2025  
 11:30 a.m.

Paradise Funeral Chapel & Arrangement Services  
 2900 North Waverly Road  
 Lansing, Michigan 48906

Reverend Will Stokes, Officiant

# Remembering the Life of

# Mel

With deep love and sadness, we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Mariam Estes on Thursday, December 18, 2025, in Lansing, Michigan, at the age of 66 years old. She was born on Friday, November 1, 1959, in Tallulah, Louisiana, the daughter of John Estes and Doris Lee Seals Estes.

Mel, as we like to call her, was a caring mother whose kindness, strength, and love shaped the lives of everyone who knew her. She had a special way of making people feel welcome and was always there for her family. She had all the qualities of a loving and caring nurse assistant, which is what her occupation was. Mel lived in East Lansing, ran the Dutch Hills Trailer Park, since she lived there the longest. She was kind to everyone. Mel was always running up to Speedway, where they all called her "Grandma". If you were at Speedway, short on change, she got you (even though she did not have it).

Mel leaves to cherish her loving memories, daughter, Malika Kahari of Romulus, Michigan; son, Johnny Estes of Muskegon, Michigan; grandchildren, Brion Miller of Fort Campbell, Kentucky, DeQuon Kahari "Lil Daddi" of Lansing, Michigan, Deja Williams of Lansing, Michigan, Jasmine and Jay Estes of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Jealise of Detroit, Michigan; great-grandchildren, Kamarihanna Gipson, Freddie Jones, and Dominique Willis; 4 sisters, Leola Estes, Mary Estes, Mariah Estes-Gilliam, and Marie Estes; 2 brothers, Charles Seals and Anthony Estes; 30 nieces and nephews; many other relatives and friends including her best friend, Wanda Stapleton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Doris Estes; grandparents, Leola and Chester Belver and John and Mary Estes; 4 sisters and 4 brothers.

## Order of Service

Prelude .....  
Processional ..... Family  
Prayer ..... Reverend Will Stokes  
Scripture Reading  
    Old Testament ..... Reverend Andre Flint  
    New Testament ..... Deacon Gerald Morrison  
Musical Selection  
    "Heaven" ..... by Bebe & Cece Winans  
Acknowledgements of Cards,  
    Condolences & Obituary ..... Sister Marie Estes  
Musical Selection ..... First Lady Mattie Stokes  
Eulogy ..... Reverend Will Stokes  
Committal .... Benediction .... Recessional



Our lives go on without you  
But nothing is the same,  
We have to hide our heartaches  
When someone speaks your name.  
Sad are the hearts that love you  
Silent are the tears that fall,  
Living without you is the hardest part of all.  
You did so many things for us  
Your heart was kind and true,  
And when we needed someone  
We could always count on you.  
The special years will not return  
When we were all together,  
But with the love in our hearts  
You will walk with us forever.