



## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of Levada Mae Ingram Darden wishes to express their sincere gratitude for your prayers, love, and support during this time. Your kind words, visits, and acts of compassion have brought great comfort. May God bless each of you.

## MY LOVE IS ALWAYS *near*

Do not grieve for me too long,  
for I am safe and free.  
In quiet moments, feel my love—  
I'm where I'm meant to be.  
Remember laughter, love, and grace,  
they live in you each day.  
My spirit walks beside you now,  
never far away.



  
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IN LOVING  
*memory*



# Levada Mae Ingram Darden

JANUARY 4, 1961 – DECEMBER 13, 2025

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025  
NOON  
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# REFLECTIONS

Levada Mae Ingram Darden was born on January 4, 1961, to James Evans Utley and Rosa Ingram Patterson. She entered eternal rest on December 13, 2025.

Levada loved fishing and could spend the entire day at the pond. When she was not near the water, she enjoyed horticulture and took pride in what she learned from her classes. She was a member of Sanders Grove Church and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She also loved to celebrate life.

She was a graduate of South Johnston High School. Levada worked at Becky's Log Cabin for over 20 years, where she was well loved and known for her hard work.

Levada was preceded in death by her parents, Rosa Ingram and James Evan Utley, and her brothers, James Evan Jr. and Timothy Evans.

She is survived by her husband, Anthony Darden, and her children, Christy (Gohu) and Jacob (Latarsha). She was a proud grandmother to Jacoby Jr., Javada, Ethan, and Noah, and a step grandmother to Ny'sicure.

She is also survived by her sisters, Olivia Sanders, Rosa Smith, Benita Evans, Amy Evans, James Evan Sr., Zalella Evans, Jerry Evans, and Timothy Evans.

Levada leaves behind many nieces and nephews, including nephews Dwayne Sanders and Kaiden, and nieces Atoria Sanders Holmes, Tesa Sanders Lackey, Casey Smith, Vanessa Smith, Tanika McKey, and Granel Niecy. She is also survived by her brother in law, Roger Geddie (Angie Jones), along with her uncles and aunts, Walter Ingram, Lacy Ingram, Nora, and Jean.

Levada Mae Ingram Darden will be missed dearly by all who knew and loved her.



## WHEN YOU MISS ME

When you miss me, think of the water,  
Quiet ponds and open skies.  
I'm there in the stillness,  
In the laughter and good times we shared.

Remember my love, remember my smile,  
The joy I found in simple days.  
I am at peace, forever near,  
Living on in your hearts always.

