



SUNRISE: June 10, 1958

SUNSET: November 14, 2024

CELEBRATING THE LIFE *of*

Nancy C. Starks

Saturday, November 30, 2024

10:30 a.m. Family Hour • 11:00 a.m. Funeral

Historic Little Rock Baptist Church

9000 Woodward Avenue • Detroit, Michigan 48202

Rev. Antoine T. Covin, Senior Pastor

Officiating

LIFE REFLECTIONS *of* *Nancy C. Starks*

Nancy Clyde Starks was born on June 10, 1958, in Detroit, Michigan, to the late Clyde Dawson and late Eva Nell Starks. She was the baby of the family and was loved and cherished as such.

Nancy was a Christian who professed her unshakable faith in God until He called her home. She never wavered. She never faltered. She was a faithful, dedicated, and tithing member of Historic Little Rock Baptist Church for over 40 years and served in the Nursery Ministry for close to 25 years! She rarely ever missed a Sunday attending church. Nancy had a gentle, kind and compassionate spirit and never had a negative or bad thing to say about anything or anybody. Albeit she was a very private person, to know Nancy, was to love Nancy.

Nancy attended grade school in Highland Park. She graduated from Immaculata High School in Detroit in 1976.



Nancy spent close to 31 years working for the State of Michigan in a myriad of positions. She began her career with the State of Michigan in 1985 working in Lansing as a Data Coding Operator. Eventually, she returned to the Detroit area, where she worked as a Communications Specialist for the State Police from 1990 until she retired in 2016. As in all things that she does, she was dependable and you could count on one hand the number of work days she missed in all those years! Present and on time...no, EARLY...that was Nancy's modus operandi!

Nancy loved music. She liked attending plays and would have luncheon dates with friends and family, especially for birthday celebrations. Despite her agreeing to occasional socializing, she preferred solitude and was a homebody who cherished her quiet time. Everyone knew this about Nancy, but still reached out to invite her to participate in special events and occasions. She would always show up - on time - and have a good time. However, if Nancy didn't want to do something, no matter how much you insisted or pleaded, trust and believe, she would "stand her ground". She was a woman of her word; you could always depend on her to do what she said she would do.

Nancy departed this life on the morning of November 14, 2024, in the home of the love of her life of 30 plus years, and caregiver until the end, Jerald Alexander.

Nancy is survived by many who love her and will miss her presence here on earth: her very close and loving friend, Jerald Alexander; two sisters, LaDonna Starks and Shelia Dudley; her favorite cousin, Cecelia Dawson; her birthday crew and life-long friends Debbie Patrick-Morrison, Gloria McWilliams, Darlene Riggs-Webb and Gayle Robinson; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. There are many of her loved ones greeting her in heaven, including her mother, father, and three brothers (Ronald, Calvin, and Keith Starks), just to name a few.



REFLECTIONS *from* LOVED ONES

To My Sister:

Pooh, I can fondly remember you when we lived at 345 Richton. I love you much more than you'd ever realize. I am so very sorry that I was not a better big sister to you. I hope to see you again. TELL MOMA AND GRANDMOMA I SAID "HI" AND SEND MY LOVE.

Love Always,
La Donna



To "Nancy My Baby Sister":

That is how I always have and always will refer to you! That's even how your name is listed in my phone... "*Nancy My Baby Sister*". Never a sweeter, kinder, more gentle spirit has ever lived. You were a faithful servant of the Lord and NEVER, EVER lost your faith through your illness; NEVER, EVER complained and no matter when we asked you how you were doing, your reply was "I'm okay." You didn't want anyone to worry about you or be a "burden" to anyone...although we assured you over and over that you were not. I love you and will always remember our laughs and times together. Hug and kiss Moma, your Daddy, our brothers, Keimon and Granny for me. I close with this:

God saw the road was getting rough,
The hill was hard to climb,
He gently closed her loving eyes
And whispered, "Peace be thine."
The weary hours, the days of pain,
The sleepless nights are passed,
The ever patient worn-out frame
Has found sweet rest at last.

I thank you, God, for bringing peace to "Nancy My Baby Sister"! – Shelia

Our beloved "Cousin Nancy":

Though time and distance may have kept us apart, the memories we shared remain close to our hearts. Your warmth, laughter, and spirit left an indelible mark on each of us, and you will forever be a cherished part of our family's story. We'll hold you in our hearts always, remembering you with deep love and gratitude.

With love,
Your Dawson Family

Our Life-Long Friend:

Nancy has always been a constant in many of our lives as her four childhood friends know all too well. Tried and true friends with Gayle and Debbie since around third grade and with Gloria and Darlene since fifth grade...the five friends have always been there for one another.

The remaining four of us are at a loss without Nancy's steadfast reliable presence and her occasional (but always surprising) crazy outbursts....

The "Birthday Crew" (as dubbed by Nancy's sister, Shelia) is missing Nancy with all of our hearts.

SCRIPTURES

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

John 14:1-3 (KJV)

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

II Timothy 4:7-8 (KJV)

Order of Service

CELEBRATING THE LIFE of NANCY C. STARKS

“...the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.”
Job 1:21 (KJV)

Musical Prelude.....

Processional.....

Scripture Minister

Prayer of Comfort Minister

Hymn “Goin’ Up Yonder” Bishop Beauchamp

Acknowledgments & Obituary..... Dionne Starks

Resolution..... Niccolle Jones

Remarks Deaconess Emma Griffin
Debbie Patrick-Morrison
Cecelia Dawson
Ashley Starks

Hymn “Take Me to the King” Bishop Beauchamp

Eulogy..... Rev. Brenda Smith

Closing Prayer Rev. Antoine T. Covin, Senior Pastor

Recessional.....

Musical Postlude

From Nancy to All Her Family, Loved Ones and Friends

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day
I found that peace at the close of day
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now... **HE SET ME FREE!**





A portrait of Nancy C. Starks, a woman with short, curly grey hair, wearing glasses and a dark top with a necklace. She is smiling and looking slightly to the right of the camera.

Pallbearers

Jerald Alexander
Armond Atkins
Carlton D. Clyburn, Jr.
Carlton D. Clyburn, Sr.
Rodney Patrick
Jaylin Starks

Honorary Pallbearers

Leon McGuire
Leandre "Dre Dre" Teague
Ronald "Ro Ro" Teague

Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

Interment/Cemetery

Elmwood Historic Cemetery
1200 Elmwood Avenue • Detroit, Michigan 48207

Final Arrangements Entrusted to

James H. Cole Home for Funerals - Northwest Chapel
16100 Schaefer Hwy. • Detroit, Michigan 48235

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Historic Little Rock Baptist Church
9000 Woodward Avenue • Detroit, Michigan 48202

Acknowledgment of Appreciation for Nancy C. Starks

Dear Loved Ones and Friends,

This has been a very difficult time for us, but our faith in God and the kindness of you, our loved ones and friends, has brought us much peace and comfort. We all are deeply appreciative of the many expressions of love, and are especially grateful for your prayers and presence. Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

May God Bless Each of You!