



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The family of Lorraine Gates Nalls would like to thank you for your kindness and support during this difficult time. Your thoughtfulness means more to our family than words can express." Words cannot adequately express our gratitude for the love and support you have shown our family. Special thanks to Yolanda Currie-Pope, Debra Mitchell, and Doris Ware Sitter, Arden Hospice CNAs: LaShay Showers, Jennifer Smith Mixon, Raneisha Patten, Nurses: Amy, Patricia, Falla & Terri and private, CNA Brianna Porter.

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Gaten Brown | Steve Butler  
 Cariter Brown | James F. Nalls  
 LeShawn Carter

**ACTIVE PALLBEARERS**

Wayne Nalls | Timmie Nalls  
 Clarence Allen | Ebert Brown  
 Lionell Jefferson | Gwenn Brown

**FLOWER BEARERS**

Family & Friends

**INTERMENT**

Glenwood Cemetery  
 395 Mike Espy Drive  
 Yazoo City, MS 39194

**REPAST**

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**HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR**



SUNRISE

*January 26, 1939*

SUNSET

*June 2, 2026*

*Lorraine Gates*

**NALLS**

Sunday, June 14, 2026 | 2:30 p.m.

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

729 Calhoun Avenue - Yazoo City, MS 39194

Administrative Asst. John H. Scott, Sr., Officiating Pastor

*"Forever In Our Hearts"*

## REFLECTIONS OF LIFE

### *Mrs. Lorraine Gates Nalls*

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." | 2 Timothy 4:6-7



Mrs. **Lorraine Gates Nalls**, the last surviving child of the late Flander and Magnolia Gates, was born on January 26, 1939, in the Wolf Lake community of Yazoo County, Mississippi. She was the sixth and youngest of six children.

Lorraine graduated from Yazoo City Training School in 1956. Shortly after graduation, in August 1956, she married the love of her life, **James A. Nalls, Sr.** Their loving union spanned sixty years and was blessed with four children: Karen Nalls, James A. Nalls, Jr., Dorothy Jean Nalls, and Jerrold A. Nalls.

Seeking greater opportunities, Lorraine and her husband relocated to Chicago, Illinois, where she was employed by Sweetheart Cup Corporation in Quality Control until becoming disabled. Never one to let obstacles define her, Lorraine later returned to school and earned certification as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), continuing her lifelong commitment to caring for others.

Lorraine enjoyed shopping, dressing elegantly, and was especially known for her beautiful collection of hats. She possessed a serious demeanor balanced by a quick wit and a wonderful sense of humor. Although she was not given a middle name at birth, she affectionately gave herself the middle name "Curtis," a reflection of her unique and spirited personality.

After her husband's retirement from the railroad, Lorraine returned to Yazoo City, Mississippi, in 1998. She united with her husband's home church, Christian Valley Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor Webster. Following the passing of her husband and as her health began to decline, Lorraine's faith in God remained unwavering. She later became a member of St. Matthew Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Superintendent John H. Scott, Sr.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents, Flander and Magnolia Gates; her husband, James A. Nalls, Sr.; three children, James A. Nalls, Jr., Dorothy Jean Nalls, and Jerrold A. Nalls; one grandson, Orlando "P.J." Warner and her siblings, Fozell Gates, Mildrea Washington, Weliva Jermison, Mattie Currie, and Thelma Hicks.

On Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 3:30 p.m., after a lengthy illness, and surrounded by the loving care of Arden Hospice and her devoted daughter, Karen, and niece, Yolanda Currie-Pope Lorraine peacefully transitioned from labor to reward.

Her legacy of faith, perseverance, love, and devotion to family will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew and loved her. Lorraine leaves to cherish her memories with her loving daughter, Karen D. Nalls-Sutton; grandchildren Aisa Willis, Amerra Willis, James, F. Nalls, Alexis Smith, Nichole Peoples Nalls, and LeShaun Carter; her beloved goddaughters Stephanie Fields, Destinee "Lady D." Henderson; Shantaya Myers and Shawanna Nalls, three bonus daughters, Debra Mitchell, Robbin Johnson, and Bernita Washington; bonus granddaughters Christy Henderson and Courtney Henderson; five great-grandchildren, Christian Warner, Juno Smith, Jamari and Jisah Pepples, and Heaven Carter; and a host of nieces and nephews; her god sister Lynn Nash; and special loved ones Dezmon Hudson and Jennette Hudson.



## ORDER OF SERVICE



MISTRESS OF CEREMONY  
Sister Barbara Henderson

PROCESSIONAL  
Clergy & Family

MUSICAL SELECTION  
"Walk With Me Lord"  
St. Matthew Choir

PRAYER  
Elder Benjamin Patrick

SCRIPTURE READING  
Old Testament | Psalm 23  
Deacon Steve Butler

New Testament | John 14:1-3  
Brother Abraham Gates

MUSICAL SELECTION  
"Soon and Very Soon"  
St. Matthew Choir

ACKNOWLEDGMENT & RESOLUTIONS  
Sister Bernita Washington

MUSICAL SELECTION  
"Trouble Don't Last Always"  
St. Matthew Choir

EXPRESSIONS & REFLECTIONS  
As a Goddaughter | Destinee Henderson  
As an Aunt | Deborah Chinnappillai  
From the Family | Bishop Sherman Bultee

SERMONIC SOLO  
"When the Gates Swing Open"  
Sister Charlotte Scott

EULOGY  
Pastor John H. Scott, Sr.

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## TRIBUTES OF LOVE

### *Change of Address*

On Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 3:30 p.m., I received a call from God that my new home was ready and I had to move immediately. I saw myself walking and went to the window, and as I walked it said "Heavenly..." I knew I had been praying for a long time for God to not let me suffer, and I knew I was ready to go home.

My new home is beautiful; it sits behind some pearly gates just off a serene celestial shore. Of course, the streets are paved with gold and every day is Sunday. You know I've lived many places, but my new home is prepared and none other can compare. There's peace, joy and happiness here with no pain, fear or discontent.

Oh yeah, the serenity is beautiful.

**My New Address Is:  
Lorraine Gates Nalls  
1360 Heavenly Circle  
God Town 09139**

P.S. I don't have a telephone yet, but you can always call God. If you don't have His number, He's listed in the Good Book on every page. Well, bye for now.

**Love Lorraine**



### *In Loving Memory of a Wonderful Mom*

Of all the special gifts in life, however great or small, To have you as my Mom was the greatest gift of all.

May the winds of love blow softly, And whisper in your ear, I love and miss you Mom, And wish that you were here.

Deep in my heart your life is kept, To love and cherish not forget.

No more tomorrows we can share, But yesterdays are always there.

A silent thought, a secret tear, Keeps your memory ever near.

In my heart forever.  
**Love Your Daughter, Karen**