

If Roses Grow in Heaven

If roses grow in heaven,
Lord please pick a bunch for me,
Place them in my Mother's arms
and tell her they're from me.
Tell her I love her and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for awhile.
Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day,
but there's an ache within my heart
that will never go away.

~Dolores M. Garcia

Pallbearers

Friends and Family

Acknowledgments

The family of Nedra Diane Watson gratefully acknowledges the many prayers, cards, calls and visits of friends during this time of bereavement. We thank each of you who came out today to join with us in celebrating her life, and giving her a final farewell. We will cherish your acts of kindness and love always. May God continue to bless and keep you today and everyday.

Interment

United Memorial Gardens
4800 Curtis Road • Plymouth, MI 48170

In Loving Memory of



Nedra Diane Watson

June 4, 1945 - July 6, 2020

Viewing Service

Friday July 17, 2020 9:00am - 11:00am

The House of Day Funeral Service

2550 Nebraska Avenue, Toledo, OH 43607

Nedra Diane Watson was born on June 4th, 1945 in Detroit Michigan to the late Nathan Watson and Annie Mae Watson.

Nedra shared a child with Willie Jefferson. This child was, Eric Nathaniel Jefferson. She also fostered many children throughout her life. One child she fell in love with and adopted as her own was, Ted Jeffery Watson.

Nedra attended Girls' Catholic Central High School in Detroit, Michigan. Upon graduating, she attended Wilberforce University in Wilberforce, OH. During this time Nedra joined the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Nedra continued her quest toward education by attending the University of Toledo, in Toledo, OH. This is where she received her Master of Education degree in March 24, 1979. This was the beginning of her teaching career. She taught at Lincoln Elementary and eventually started teaching at Keyser Elementary. This is where she continued her teaching career for many years until she retired from Keyser Elementary in April of 1999.

After her retirement, Nedra continued to keep herself busy by working part time jobs and working as a head usher at her church, Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church. This is where she was a member for many years.

People everywhere loved Nedra. It almost seemed like there was nothing that she couldn't do. She bowled, she ushered, she taught, she planted gardens, she raised two boys to become men, she looked after/cared for her mother when she became ill. Nedra did it all.

She did all of this until her health no longer allowed her. At this point, her son Eric and wife Renee moved her and Ted to Columbus, OH to be much closer and for Eric to look after his mom and brother.

Nedra lived in Columbus, OH until the Lord called her home. She will truly be missed by family, friends and anyone who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Nedra was preceded in death by her parents, Nathan Watson and Annie Mae Watson.

She was a devoted Mother, godmother, cousin, and friend. Seeing her bright smile, hearing her laughter, and watching her do her little dance will always be a reminder of how much she not only loved people, but also loved her pets and life in general. She leaves to cherish her memory: sons, Eric Jefferson (daughter-in-law Renee Jefferson) and Ted Watson; first cousins Aleeca D., Tina, Tyrone W. Woods Family, and Aceela A. Woods-Shanklin; first cousins Darryl Dye, Dr. Elaine White, Joann Benton, Crystal Griffin, The Watson and Dye Family; first cousins Richard, Tonya and Kim and The Lewis Family; uncle Derrick Bryant; godsister/best friend Judith Bryant (Charles) and The Bryant Family; cousin Eugene Williams (Shirley) and The Williams Family; cousin Regina Shinaul (Keith) and The Shinaul Family; cousin Sam Winters (Audrey) and The Winters Family; cousin Arvita McMickens (Dennis) and The Cleveland Family; Gwen ♥ and Saul Gilmore and The Gilmore Family; Gaye Roberts and The Roberts Family; Gloria Sturdivant (Tyrone) and The Sturdivant Family; Barbara Shirrod (Terry) and The Shirrod Family; Charles, Kellie, Antonio, Sean and The Tuggle Family; Althea Shaheer (Oscar) and The Shaheer Family; Brenda Watkins (Jeff) and The Watkins Family; Mary Kelley (Gene) and The Kelley Family; Bobby and Dwayne (Favorite Neighbor) Dotson and The Dotson Family; Robert and Madgeline Fields, The Fields Family, The Folsome Family, The Jenkins Family, The Williams Family; Elaine Kyle, Pat Page, Helen Salea, Beverly Tucker, Carolyn West; godchildren Juaquin Bryant, Catrina Harris, Tirrell Sturdivant; the staff at the Laurels of Norworth, the staff at Oakleaf Village and a host of other relatives and friends.



The Order of Service

- Prelude
- Opening Prayer Pastor Michael Winters
- Viewing
- Remarks and Refections Friends and Family
- Closing Prayer Pastor Michael Winters
- Recessional

