



Mrs. Rosie L. Steward

November 4, 1927 - April 9, 2020

Mrs. Rosie L. Vanzant Steward made her heavenly transition on Thursday, the 9th of April 2020. She was born November 4, 1927 in Forrest City, Arkansas to Amos and Pearlina White Vanzant who preceded her in death.

Rosie was a clever and highly motivated child, however, she only had a fifth-grade education. Although she returned to earn her GED at the age of sixty.

She was a sincere Baptist and was a long-standing member of the Rising Sun and New Rising Sun Missionary Baptist Church.

Mrs. Rosie L. Steward was blessed to open The Blue Flame Café February 28, 1950 with only twenty-seven dollars and the business is still in operation 70 years later where she was personally involved until her health began to fail. She blessed many with the gifts of faith, family and food. She ruled with an iron hand but within she was soft as a kitten and had a heart of gold; filled with compassion, kindness, and genuine love in her whole being.

She was united in marriage to Emanuel Steward, Sr. for 48 years until he preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her siblings: Lessie Mae Cooper, Beatrice Williams, and Thurman Vanzant, and one great grandchild: Naima Rose Jahmee.

Mrs. Rosie L. Steward left to cherish her legacy, children: Donna (Van) Hicks, Emanuel (Linda) Steward, Jr., Sherry (Felix) Stringfellow, and Barbara (Otis) Reed; ten grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild; two sisters, Claudia Cooper and Legirtha Walker; one special adopted son, Charles Buchanan; two special caretakers, Lavern Williamson and Bessie Buchanan and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Casteel Cemetery

Highway 70 West & CR 221
Forrest City, AR 72335

Previous Events

Public Viewing - Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, to ensure safety please practice social distancing.

APR 17. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CST)

Miles J. Kimble Mortuary & Cremation
1900 South Washington Street
Forrest City, AR 72335
(870) 633-1914
mjkimble@yahoo.com
<http://www.mjkmortuaryandcremation.com>

Outdoor Funeral Service with Social Distancing Practiced

APR 18. 1:00 PM (CST)

The Blue Flame Cafe Parking Lot
208 Grant Street
Forrest City , AR 72335

Tribute Wall

PS

“ *PHYLLIS A SUGGS sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Rosie L. Steward* ”



PHYLLIS A SUGGS - April 19, 2020 at 01:30 PM

AC

“ *Angela Crippen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosie L. Steward* ”



Angela Crippen - April 19, 2020 at 12:36 AM

SG

“ *She was love by so many of us we love you and will truthly always be in our memories gor ever and evet .R.I.L* ”

Shandia Gates - April 18, 2020 at 04:06 PM

JJ

“ *Ms. Rosie was a fine lady and will be missed by some many people. Thanks so much for always sharing your bread pudding with all of us at the jail. RIP Ms. Rosie and fly high 🙏🙏* ”



jonnie jones - April 17, 2020 at 06:56 PM

CW

“ *Carolyn Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosie L. Steward* ”



Carolyn Williams - April 17, 2020 at 04:28 PM

SC

“ *Shantella Colvin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosie L. Steward*



Shantella colvin - April 17, 2020 at 02:52 PM

SA

You will be greatly missed Mrs Rosie Steward.

Stephanie Anthony - April 19, 2020 at 02:05 PM

CL

“ *Cynthia Lipscomb Long sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Rosie L. Steward*




Cynthia Lipscomb Long - April 17, 2020 at 09:29 AM

DF

“ *Debra Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosie L. Steward*



Debra Ford - April 16, 2020 at 09:38 PM

 Lashaundra
Guyton

“ *Lashaundra Guyton purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Rosie L. Steward.*



Lashaundra Guyton - April 16, 2020 at 09:34 PM

PT

“ Patricia Turner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosie L. Steward



Patricia Turner - April 16, 2020 at 08:57 PM

Leshaund
Guyton

“ To my family with love Aunt Rose will be truly missed from Reko and Leshaundra Guyton



Leshaundra Guyton - April 16, 2020 at 07:46 PM

JS

“ One of the finest ladies of our time. Always made me feel special when I visited her and it has been 40 years.

jerry shiple - April 16, 2020 at 03:18 PM

IM

“ Irene Hardrick Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosie L. Steward



Irene Hardrick Moore - April 16, 2020 at 02:07 PM

TF

“ The Watson Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosie L. Steward



The Watson Family - April 16, 2020 at 01:51 PM

EW

“ Elaine (Tina) Watson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosie L. Steward



Elaine (Tina) Watson - April 16, 2020 at 09:48 AM

EW

Praying for your strength and comfort. I will always remember the song Sending Up My Timber, I sing it often. I'll remember you every time I hear it!! Rest In Peace!!❤️🙏🙏

Elaine (Tina) Watson - April 16, 2020 at 09:51 AM

MT

“ Marilyn, Frank, Marlena and Tyler purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Rosie L. Steward.



Marilyn, Frank, Marlena and Tyler - April 14, 2020 at 02:57 PM

BR

“ Barbara and Otis Reed purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Rosie L. Steward.



Barbara and Otis Reed - April 14, 2020 at 02:57 PM

FS

“ From the Starks Brothers Jake , Waymon and S.B. purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Mrs. Rosie L. Steward.



From the Starks Brothers Jake , Waymon and S.B. - April 13, 2020 at 04:50 PM

RA

“ Our thoughts&prayers go out to all of you. Sincerely,
Paul&Renee Chism,& Branden Adams,&Terry Smith



Renee Adams-Chism - April 12, 2020 at 10:21 AM

JP

“ Prayers to the family through this difficult time ; may the
Lord strengthen your hearts



Joyce Parchman - April 12, 2020 at 12:13 AM

PC

“ I send my love to Donna Faye, Sherri, & Emmanuel I
wanted to correct my grammar from my last post. I couldn't
delete the first post. Love, Cousin Peter Cooper,
Jacksonville Florida



Peter Cooper - April 10, 2020 at 11:31 PM

PC

“ I seen my love to Donna Faye, Sherry & Emanuel praying
for you all. Cousin Peter Cooper, Jacksonville, Florida



Peter Cooper - April 10, 2020 at 11:19 PM

PC

I send my love out thinking my hands & spelling

Peter Cooper - April 10, 2020 at 11:20 PM

PC

It dosen't allow you to grammar fix your mistakes. I meant send

Peter Cooper - April 10, 2020 at 11:24 PM

EA

Sending love and support to you my Cousins.. Emanuel , Donna,& Sherry... Always here. Edna Anthony and the Anthony Family...We love you

Edna Anthony - April 19, 2020 at 10:04 AM

SM

“ *Sending prayers to the Stewart family .*



Sally Mcintosh - April 10, 2020 at 09:42 PM

TF

“ *The Agnew Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosie L. Steward*



The Agnew Family - April 10, 2020 at 08:38 PM

GS

“ *George & Elizabeth Sisk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosie L. Steward*



George & Elizabeth Sisk - April 10, 2020 at 03:50 PM

GS

Prayers and sympathy from George and Elizabeth Sisk and family.

George and Elizabeth Sisk - April 10, 2020 at 03:51 PM

PW

“ *My condolences to Sherry and the entire Steward Family. Blue Flame is a staple in our community and Mrs. Rosie was an icon. Remember many a day meeting my friends there and having fun. She will be missed but you all have a wonderful legacy to remember.*



May God continue to strengthen each of you during this time.

Peggy Robinson Wright and Family

Peggy R. Wright - April 10, 2020 at 03:35 PM

KA

“ *My Deepest Sympathy to the Steward Family. Forrest City Arkansas has lost a Lifelong Legend to the community. Miss Rosie will be remembered as a True Entrepreneur...She managed to keep her business open regardless of how many obstacles she had to jump over to maintain it. Rest in peace Mrs. Rosie Steward. Your legacy will live on.....*

Kathy Atwater - April 10, 2020 at 03:32 PM

KA

“ *Kathy Atwater lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosie L. Steward*



Kathy Atwater - April 10, 2020 at 03:25 PM

DM

“ *“A word of comfort and of hope, that in your deepest sorrow, you will find new strength and peace of mind and courage for tomorrow.” Please know that you are in our prayers.*



Sending condolences to the family of Ms. Rosie on behalf of The Lincoln High School - Maroon & Gold National Alumni Association, Inc. (MGNAAI), Forrest City, Arkansas.

Delores Farr Morelon - MGNAAI - April 10, 2020 at 03:13 PM

DA

“ To Sherry and the Steward Family, My sincerest condolences on the passing of your mother. She was a very special woman, and she will be missed by many. Sending prayers to you and your family (RIL). With Love Always!!



Doris Alexander - April 10, 2020 at 12:22 AM

SH

“ I use to work at the flame 25 years ago she will be missed she was a character very fun especially when she said I'm going to drop a dime on you



Shurnell Boyd Hall - April 09, 2020 at 11:37 PM

ST

“ Steward family, S o sorry for the passing of your sweet mother A life so well lived, her kindness and love for this community will live on. She will truly be missed. My prayers are with you at this sad time.



Shirley Thorn - April 09, 2020 at 08:38 PM



Sherry.donna.manuel.I.just.heard.about.Mrs.Rosie.she.was.like.a.mother.to.me.she.Will.tr

Joe Humphrey - April 10, 2020 at 01:09 PM

CB

“ ❤️ Much LOVE. TO THE STEWART FAMILY ❤️ R. I. P. Mrs Rosie.

Curtis & Doris Brown - April 09, 2020 at 08:19 PM

GA

Much love to the Stewart family, Mrs Rosie will be truly missed 🙏🙏🙏

Gloria Anthony - April 09, 2020 at 09:14 PM

PP

Sending condolences to the Steward family, My brother the late Vester Lee Jones loved some Rosie Steward. May God continue to cover the family!

Priscilla PT Pindelton - April 16, 2020 at 01:46 PM

DJ

I loved Mrs Rosie and her children . I ate many a meal there and she would always take time to come over to the table and visit with me After moving to Searcy, we still stayed in touch up to 2011 when I retired! I was just talking to my husband about her two weeks ago and the great food and great conversations we would have. She left a great mark in Forrest City!

Dora Flanagin Jones - April 16, 2020 at 03:05 PM

PR

My sincere heartfelt condolences to the entirety of family, loved ones, friends, and all she inspired along the way. Mrs Rosie will truly be missed. I remember, as far back to my early childhood, my daddy Gene Matthews would often visit the Flame and we were the only kids I ever saw in her club 🍷 We love you, Donna, Sherry, and Manuel. The Matthews, Rogers, Williams, Brown, and Everett families of Dallas, Texas💜💙

Pakita Matthews Rogers - April 17, 2020 at 03:30 PM

AB

*With deep sympathy and love to
Sherry, Emanuel, and Donna Faye*

*There's magic in a Mother's touch, and sunshine in her smile.
There's love in everything she does to make our lives worthwhile.
We can find both hope and courage, just by looking in her eyes.
Her laughter is a source of joy; her words are warm and wise.
There is a kindness and compassion to be found in her embrace
And we see the light of heaven shining from a Mother's face." Author Unknown
Your Favorite Aunt
Mrs. Apolis Steward Bailey*

Apolis Steward Bailey - April 17, 2020 at 06:54 PM