



Loraine Oatis

February 17, 1933 - September 5, 2018

Loraine Oatis was born February 17, 1933 in Wilmer, Alabama. She was the only child born to Johnnie Davis and Anna Belle Brown. Both preceded her in death.

Loraine was educated in the Mobile Alabama school system. She was baptized at the Shiloh Baptist Church in Mobile and married Redemus Oatis on May 21, 1950 in Mobile. To this union five children were born Deborah, Milton, Princess, Jacqueline and Ronald. Redemus, Milton and Princess have preceded her in death. The family traveled to various locations with the US Army and moved to Detroit in 1959. She began her working career as a cook at the LaSalle Nursing home Detroit. Not being satisfied with just cooking, she attended Oakland Community and Wayne County Community colleges and earned certification to be a dietitian. She began working for the state in that capacity at the Detroit House Of Corrections and retired after 20 years in 1995. During her working years and in retirement she was always known to be a woman of dignity and strength.

She loved to travel, play cards and other games. She was the ultimate hostess opening her home to family and friends serving delicious food on most weekends and holidays. She used to have cooking contests with her husband and the children were the judges. She was a great conversationalist, had a great sense of humor and loved family. She would travel to locations for her children and grandchildren to attend graduations, weddings and other functions.

She and her husband were long time members of Holy Cross Missionary Baptist Church where she was active in the choir and a member of the usher board. They later joined Third New Hope Baptist Church in April 2011, under the leadership of Dr. E.L. Branch. She truly loved her Pastor and was faithful until her health began to decline. Her favorite scripture was Matthew 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

Lorraine departed this life Wednesday, September 5, 2018. She leaves to celebrate the memories of her life and legacy: her daughter Deborah Oatis-Sams (Bobby) of Round Rock Texas, Jacqueline Sanders of Detroit, Ronnie Oatis (Angela) of Detroit and two granddaughters Jennifer Oatis (Lavon) of Detroit and Andrese Hancock (Stanley) Tempe Arizona, seven granddaughters, two grandsons, three great grandsons, and three great granddaughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP **13.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

James H Cole Funeral Home
2624 W Grand Blvd
Detroit, MI 48208-1237
(313) 873-0771

Celebration Service

SEP **14.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Third New Hope Baptist Church
12850 Plymouth Rd
Detroit, MI 48227

Tribute Wall



“ *Loraine Oatis*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *Sweet Toot Toot. Thank you for always listening and not judging. You loved all of us with all your heart and soul and for that we are better people because of you. I remember when we would come to your house I the summer and play in the front yard and cry when it was time to leave.*

You are now our angel watching over us, we will meet again in heaven. RIH with PaPa

Allison Steen - September 16, 2018 at 10:50 AM



“ *Gma thank you for being a light in a dark world and always having your house smelling AMAZING. I always had a full stomach and a smile on my face. Watching The Price is Right, wheel of fourtune and your dramas are also fun memories I have of you. I know you are resting in peace! Tell Gpa hello for me. I love you and will miss you very much. -Russell S-*

russel sams - September 13, 2018 at 06:19 PM

TO

“ Toot toot you gave that nick name to Angelica and she started calling you that. I always told you I wanted you to give me the recipe for your famous rolls. You have always been there for me no matter what I'm truly going to miss you grandma! Give papa and uncle Milton an auntie princess a hug for me! I miss you soooo much and I love you.
Love tayler Ri

tayler oatis - September 13, 2018 at 12:15 PM

LG

“ I met Loraine at my Mom's salon (Eve's California Design) . I had just moved back to Detroit from NYC! I was so unhappy because I had to start my life over again at age 30 and didn't know what I wanted to do. When I met Loraine, she was always so encouraging. She would tell me about her life and I learned so much. Over time, (while working at my Mom's salon on weekends) I couldn't wait to see Loraine! She always made me smile and the crew that came into the salon on Saturdays...Loraine was always the leader! She kept all of us giggling like we were kids! I loved her spirit and her friendly nature. She will be missed in my heart forever! Love you Loraine...save me a seat close to you in Heaven! Love you, always!

Lisa Green - September 12, 2018 at 08:31 PM

RT

“ Ruby, Billie, Len, Bev, Gwen, Natasha and Tony purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Loraine Oatis.



Ruby, Billie, Len, Bev, Gwen, Natasha and Tony - September 12, 2018 at 03:23 PM

LJ

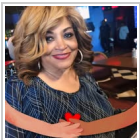
“ I have so many memories of my Aunt Lorraine. Mainly I remember her never saying No to my sister Karen or me..we always asked if we could spend the night after a family gathering and practically the whole summer and the answer was always YES! She had five biological children Debra, Milton, Princess, Jackie, and Ronnie but always ended up with seven (Karen and Tese) added to the bunch. She always treated us the same.. in trouble or out of trouble. There was always plenty of delicious food especially cake and sweet potato pie! She is by far one of the best cooks I know. I proud to have inherited the family baking trait from her. I will always cherish these memories..RIH Love Lori (Tese)

Lori Jennings - September 11, 2018 at 07:42 PM

D”

“ Loraine was a wonderful crazy and loving cousin; I know she will be missed. She was the matriarch of the Brown family. I hope that you can find some comfort in your “special” memories and the thought of the happy years you shared. “Gone but not Forgotten”. Love ya, Delores “Lois” in California.

Delores (Lois) Wells “cousin ” - September 11, 2018 at 02:58 AM



“ Sweet Lorraine. My friend and sister for 30 years. I cherish our times together. We have so many memories, all good.Rest in heaven my friend.



Eve Pistochini - September 09, 2018 at 08:00 PM

AO

“ We had a rocky beginning but you grew to love and appreciate me and I you. I will miss our talks about family when I would come over to do your nails. Rest and rejoice in the Lord Mother Loraine!

angela Oatis - September 09, 2018 at 05:03 PM

WI

“ Watching her over the years, she taught me how to be a lady, she was a woman of distinction ❤️ RIP Miss LoLo, family you have our condolences.
Pastor Charles II & Wilma Laster



wilma - September 09, 2018 at 04:27 PM

KB

“ Even thou Lorraine was my cousin we called her Aunt Lorraine, I can remember Lori and I spending the night every weekend. Precious memories waking up spelling pound cakes baking in the oven. Lorraine would tell all of us that we can't have any until it cool off.
When she would have her card games back in the day (Jackie, Milton, Ronnie, Lori/TC and Karen) we all would be on the steps learning how to play (Bld and Spades) priceless memories!
I can also remember Lorraine coming over to our house telling my mother it's time for Karen to start working. She hired me and Ronnie at St Benedict Nursing Home where she was the supervisor of Dietary. I was like, I don't need to work we good over here, specially starting on the holiday. But one thing I can say is that she taught me work ethics, values and determination.
These were just a few of my favorite precious memories of my cousin/Aunt Lorraine! Miss you truly, Love Karen!

Karen Brooks - September 09, 2018 at 01:19 PM

DM

“ I will truly miss my aunt lo , which is what I called her and I will miss her calling me lady Di which is what she called me I will love you always.



Diane Morgan - September 09, 2018 at 09:43 AM

BS

“ Another Angel that our Heavenly Father has called to His perfect and everlasting rest and peace.

Deb and I were blessed to have her mom with us for 10 Months. Even though she was fighting dementia, Some of the talks about her life and travels were awesome. We talked about traveling from Mobile to California and other places the family lived while Mr. Oatis was in the service.

She went to church with us every Sunday and loved to hear the choir sing. On these days it seemed as if she had some extra spunk. When we got back home and after lunch, she would often was to get up on her own and walk without her walker to the bathroom.

She used to get her nails done at a place that really treated her well. When she was ready to leave one day I asked, "Mom how are you feeling?" She said say "Beautiful." she would say that also after her massage.

She would go to Russell's middle school team events and watch him coach. The highlight was when his team won the first tournament ever, brand new middle school, and he coached the B team. He was so proud and ran over and gave her a hug and she just beamed.

One day while I was sitting with her while Deb was out, she asked me "Bobby why are you caring for me? I am not your mother." I said, "Mom I love you like my mother." The smile on her face was so precious. I wish I could have caught it with a camera.

We miss you so much mom!

Bobby Sams - September 08, 2018 at 12:26 PM

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