



Sarah Alice Cross

September 5, 1930 - September 8, 2017

Sarah Alice Toles, a devoted pupil of God's word, was born in Austin, Texas, on September 5, 1930. Named after both her maternal and paternal grandmothers, she was the only surviving child of Mary Sneed and Lorenzo Toles. She had one sister who died in infancy.

Destined for a long and faithful life, Sarah was a brilliant student who excelled at English, typing, physical education, and music. She attended Austin public schools and graduated from the original L. C. Anderson High.

A dedicated member of her community and to Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church where she served in Mission I, Sarah was first married to Frank Lewis and thereafter to Willie Lee Cross, both of who would precede her in eternal rest.

Eight children (two girls and six boys) were born from those unions.

Sarah worked as an administrative assistant to Dr. Emma Marie Gilbert at the People's Business College, Austin's only African-American owned institution aimed at helping black World War II veterans further their education.

As secretary for both the Education Department and the Communications Department of the Texas branch of AFL-CIO, her retirement in 1988 after twenty-five years of service was deeply felt by her many colleagues.

Diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2003, Sarah far exceeded that illness' life expectancy before ascending to Heaven on September 8, 2017, a life accomplished.

She leaves behind an infinite amount of family and friends;

Her children, Marva K. Lewis. Frank O. Lewis, Frederic O Lewis, Sr., Keith A.

Lewis, Paula F. Cross, Willie L. Cross, Jr., James E. Cross, and Mark E. Cross;

Her grandchildren, Michael Lewis, Kecia Prince, LaTecia Prince, Anthony Jones, Dwan M. Cross, Frederic Lewis, Jr, Terrence "T.J." Lewis, Franco Lee, and Tiara Cross;

Her great-grandchildren; Jasmine Prince, Sharrel Prince, Jaydon Prince, Sebastian Lee, Franco Lee, Jr., Joshua Jones, Jurnee Lewis and Frederic "Tripp" Lewis, III.

Other Family & Special Friends: Vickie Cross, Jocelyn Lewis, Emily Trevino, Maria Chandler, Tanya Griensenbeck, Lidia Mendoza, Laurel Anderson, Anna Champion, and Melissa Huff.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

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

King-Tears Mortuary, Inc.
1300 East 12th Street
Austin, TX 78702

Celebration Service

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

Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church
4301 TANNEHILL LANE
Austin, TX 78721

Tribute Wall



“ *Sarah Alice Cross*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *Larry and Jackie McDonald purchased the Sweet
Tenderness for the family of Sarah Alice Cross.*



Larry and Jackie McDonald - September 12, 2017 at 11:13 AM