



Vernetta Leslie Cleveland

September 22, 1934 - October 28, 2024

LIVESTREAM LINK - <https://vimeo.com/event/4713231>

Vernetta Leslie Cleveland was born on September 22, 1934, in Bastrop, Texas, to Edna Hodge and Albert Williams. She received her formal education in her hometown and professed her love for Christ early in life, later uniting with Truelight Missionary Baptist Church under Pastor Reverend J.R. Williams, where she remained a dedicated member throughout her life. Vernetta was a hardworking individual who held a profound love for children and their development. This passion led her to establish the Cleveland's Day Care Center in Austin, which she owned and operated for several decades. Through her daycare, Vernetta touched the lives of countless boys and girls, creating a lasting legacy within her community. She was given the nickname "MaMa C." by her Godson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert Williams and Edna Hodge; her beloved husband, Charles L. Cleveland; her daughter, Eddie Mae Brite; and her siblings, Louise "Lou" Cleveland (Thomas) and James Miller (Lillie). Vernetta is survived by her sister, Essie Harris (James); brother, Henry Alridge; half-sister, Thelma Williams Brite; grandsons, Brandle Brite (Donta) and Stanley Holt, Jr. (Brandy); four great-grandchildren, Merrell Nash (Chaka), Corey Brite (Brittany), Brandle Brite, Jr. (TyShelle), and Brandi Brite; seven great-great-grandchildren; Godson, Dr. Barry J.W. Franklin; as well as a host of cherished nieces, nephews, other family members, and friends.

Vernette's commitment to her faith, family, and community leaves a legacy of love and dedication that will be remembered by all who knew her.

Cemetery Details

Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery

11463 State Highway 195
Killeen, TX 76542-4945

Previous Events

Public Visitation

NOV **15**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
4805 Heflin Lane
Austin, TX 78721

Celebration Service

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ Auntie you will forever be in my heart and on my mine. I never forget the days we spent lots of time together talking about everything under the sun. My heart is heavy of missing you, I know you in a better place. Now you are resting in the arms of Jesus, All the knowledge and wisdom you have instilled in me I will carry for the rest of my life. RIP. Love you always. Joyce Monroe McDowell...



joyce McDowell - December 28, 2024 at 09:59 PM

RB

“ Dear Family,

As we remember the beautiful moments shared with Sister Vernette, let us celebrate a life well-lived and a legacy that will forever be etched in our hearts,” the statement to be remembered is: Sister Vernette may be gone from our sight, but her love, laughter, and memories will live on. Rest in peace, dear Vernette. You will be dearly missed, but never forgotten. 🕊️
To be absent from the body is to be present with Lord.
Sincerely,
Sister Ruby H. Aldridge and Cynthia J. Brown

Ruby H. Aldridge and Cynthia J. Brown - November 15, 2024 at 11:28 PM

PM

“ My Nanny....Aunt Vernette was the pillar of our family. She was always there when I needed her and times when I didn't but I always knew she was a phone call away! Thank you for taking care of my family! Love you!
James Jr, Peggy, Josh and James III (Trey)

Peggy Miller - November 15, 2024 at 10:43 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Vernetta Leslie Cleveland.*



November 08, 2024 at 04:40 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



A Life Celebration by Franklin - November 08, 2024 at 12:25 AM



“ *Such a beautiful lady with a heart of gold. She kept our daughter when she had her daycare back in the day and always kept us laughing. Rest well!*
Doral & Patsy Peterson

Patsy Peterson - November 06, 2024 at 06:26 PM



“ *Miss the times we spent of the both of us driving and riding around in her Rolls Royce doing some shopping(lol).And she would call me over to make an old fashion hamburger that was just as good as Whataburger.My favorite Aunt on this side of family or should I say the Aunt I was most close to.*

James Harris - November 05, 2024 at 10:33 AM

SO

“ *Mrs. Cleveland you will be missed. Fond memories of you sitting outside. I would stop by just to get a hug from you. One of Stone Gates Original. RIP*

Sharon Owens - October 31, 2024 at 02:28 PM

LF

“ *I'll always love you! Miss you friend.*

Lottie Franklin - October 31, 2024 at 09:23 AM