



Mrs. Sarah Alice Watts

March 10, 1944 - June 6, 2023

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged. For the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

Sarah Alice McLean Watts was born March 10, 1944 in Rex, NC to the late Bristol McLean and Willa Maude Jones McLean. She was the third child and was raised in a home of love, faith, protection and purpose. After the death of her mother, Sarah went to live with her grandmother, Annie Johnson McLean. Within this family of love, Sarah learned what it meant to work with your hands. The cousins always told her that she and Aretha, the "Queen of Soul" could be twins. She loved the music of Aretha Franklin! Sarah was quite a fashion guru. Her sense of fashion was impeccable.

When Sarah was not working, she attended the Sunday services at New Bethel

Missionary Baptist Church. She was educated in the public schools of Robeson

County and attended Oak Ridge High School in Lumber Bridge, NC. Later on, Sarah met and married Sergeant First Class Willie Watts. They resided in Fayetteville, NC. While Willie was away fighting for his country in Vietnam, Sarah came back to Rex to live with her Grandmother, Annie McLean.

Sarah worked in the Homecare profession. She was a great conversationalist, just

a joy to be around. She loved to cook. She was always willing to help you in

whatever way she could. She loved living the good life. Being a social butterfly was an understatement. Her door was always open for dinner and special occasions. After Sarah's health was starting to decline, Barry Breeden became her primary care provider and guardian. He ensured that all her medical needs were met. Sarah did make efforts to visit relatives in Rex and Red Springs when she could. Years later, Willie Mitchell came and assisted with household duties.

Sarah was preceded in death by her father, Bristol McLean; mother, Willa Maude McLean; daughter, Gloria McLean; sister, Willa Breeden Stewart; former husband, Willie Watts; brothers, Hertha Lee McLean and Bristol McLean,

Jr.; and nephew, Frederick McLean. She leaves to cherish her memories: her only aunt, Mrs. Nealie B. McLean of Rex, NC, special friend, Willie Mitchell; sisters, Doris McLean Bonds of Rex, NC, Geraldine McLean McRae of Parkton, NC and Carrie Mae McLean Graham of Fayetteville, NC; nephews, Sherwin Breeden (Sharoya) of Red Springs, NC, Barry Breeden (Regina) of Red Springs, NC and Reverend Anthony McLean (Marilyn) of Mt. Vernon, NY; nieces, Shirolyn Breeden Little (Johnny) of Red Springs, NC, Wilma Breeden of Waldorf, MD, Connie Breeden Green (Craigory) of Accokeek, MD, Regina McLean Abbas of NY and Paula McLean of Brooklyn, NY; great nieces, Asiha Breeden, Portia Faison, Bryana Green, Tifaini Breeden, Tarisha Breeden, Lauren McLean, Leah McLean, Sitara Abbas, Sara Abbas and great nephews, Ryan Breeden, Adam Abbas and Davon McLean; great-great nieces and nephews, Takari Breeden, Lynell Wood, Nova Melvin, Nolan Melvin; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 10. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
Rex, NC 28378

Funeral

JUN 10. 3:00 PM (ET)

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
Rex, NC 28378

Burial

JUN 10 (ET)

St. John Church Cemetery
Hwy 71
Lumberbridge, NC 28357

Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Sarah Alice Watts*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - June 09, 2023 at 11:18 AM



“ *John Murdock sent a virtual gift in memory of Sarah Watts*



John Murdock - June 10, 2023 at 04:32 PM



“ *Sandra Gleaves lit a candle in memory of Sarah Watts*



Sandra Gleaves - June 10, 2023 at 04:30 PM

DS

“ Remembering our beloved “Miss Sarah” as she was affectionately referred to by my children Nikki and Scotty. Sarah was truly one of the sweetest, kindest individuals I’ve ever had the pleasure of knowing. Her generosity for my children and me will never be forgotten, I’m truly thankful that God allowed our paths to cross in this lifetime. Doris, Nikki and Scotty



Doris Stubblefield - June 10, 2023 at 02:28 PM

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Doris Stubblefield - June 10, 2023 at 02:24 PM

RB

“ Remembering cousin Sarah for her generosity, especially at a pivotal time in my younger years.

Rest easy.

Ruthie B. - June 09, 2023 at 05:11 PM

TC

“ *Tania C Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sarah Alice Watts*



Tania C Coleman - June 09, 2023 at 10:08 AM

SW

“ *My heartfelt condolences are extended to the family of Ms. Sarah Watts during this most difficult time. I pray that Gods caring and comforting presence will help ease the pain of your loss.*
Sincerely

Sheriff Burnis Wilkins - June 08, 2023 at 04:28 PM