



Mrs. Gertrude Wafer

October 12, 1953 - July 29, 2022

Gertrude Easter Wafer was born October 12, 1953, in Magnolia, to the late J.D. Easter and Susie Bell Lee Easter.

Gertrude attended McMittress school in Emerson, AR, but later transferred to the Magnolia School District.

She confessed her life to Christ at an early age and united with Mt. Israel C.M.E. Church in Emerson, AR. where she faithfully served as a Missionary and Choir member until her health failed. She was also an Eastern Star of Freehope Lodge Chapter #324.

Gertrude was adored by many with her outgoing, outspoken, and playful personality. She loved the outdoors where she would work in her small gardens and found projects to do around the yard with her “one and only Stacee” and had a strong passion to fish until her health declined.

Gertrude was united in Holy Matrimony to John Ira Wafer, and they shared 48 years together.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Gertrude Lee; three brothers, Willie Easter, Jessie D. Easter, and Eddie Easter Sr; two sisters, Janice Daniels, and Vera Bell Daniels.

Gertrude leaves behind to cherish her memories with her husband, John Ira Wafer; daughter, Tomeka Wafer (Stacy); son, Lester Hawthorne all of Magnolia, AR; 2 grandchildren, Davlin Hawthorne (raised as her own), and Stacey Christopher both of Magnolia, AR; sister, Rev. Ruby Jones (Earl) of Magnolia, AR; brother, John L. Easter of El Dorado, AR; uncle, Virgil Lee of Star City, AR; 2 nephews (raised as brothers), Freddie Easter (Flora), and Eddie Easter Jr. (Joyce), and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Celebration of Life services will be held Saturday, August 6th, 2022, at Mt. Israel C.M.E. Church in Emerson, AR, (Atlanta Community), at 3:00 p.m., with burial to follow at Mt. Israel Cemetery, under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC. Rev. James Story, Eulogist.

Visitation will be Friday {Aug. 5th}, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., at R.L. Reed Funeral Home in Magnolia, Arkansas.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, “Everyone Is Required to Wear a Mask While Attending the Services and During Visitation Hours.” This ensures safety for you and others. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Israel Cemetery

Hwy 98 East
Emerson, AR

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 6. 3:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Israel C.M.E. Church
Hwy 98 East
Emerson, AR

Tribute Wall

JW

“ Keeping ms wafer family in pray 🙏🙏❤️

Joann Radford Whitaker - August 22, 2022 at 11:24 PM

BW

“ May God bless and comfort the Wafer family.



Billy and Patricia Williams - August 08, 2022 at 03:41 PM

JG

“ Jewel Paul (Lee) - RIP Gertrude purchased the S imply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Gertrude Wafer.



Jewel Paul (Lee) - RIP Gertrude - August 04, 2022 at 06:30 PM

DH

“ Dearlean Hughes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gertrude Wafer



Dearlean Hughes - August 03, 2022 at 10:23 PM

MM

“ *Marvin Mallory lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude Wafer*



Marvin Mallory - August 03, 2022 at 06:32 PM

MP

“ *Sorry for your loss.*



Mary S. Pickings - August 03, 2022 at 12:15 AM

AE

“ *Arnetta Easter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gertrude Wafer*



Arnetta Easter - August 02, 2022 at 10:14 PM

TS

“ *Teresa Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude Wafer*



Teresa Smith - August 02, 2022 at 09:52 PM

LL

“ Praying for my family in this time of sorrow in our hearts. Gertie you will be missed dearly. Your humbleness and kindness with love given to others will forever be embedded in my heart. Your Uncle Vergil (Daddy) will miss you much.



Louise Lee-Lawrence - August 02, 2022 at 08:39 PM

SB

“ Sylvia Briggs sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gertrude Wafer



Sylvia Briggs - August 02, 2022 at 06:02 PM

SB

“ Sylvia Briggs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude Wafer



Sylvia Briggs - August 02, 2022 at 06:02 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gertrude Wafer.



August 02, 2022 at 05:44 PM

LL

“ I’m truly going to miss that beautiful smile when we come “down home” as my daddy (your Uncle Vergil) call it. Praying for peace and comfort to my Easter and Wafer family. Love ❤️ you all. Linda Lee White/Uncle Vergil Lee Sr

Linda Lee-White - August 02, 2022 at 05:35 PM

LW

Sent flowers in memory of Cousin Gertie

Linda White - August 02, 2022 at 06:49 PM

RH

“ She was such a sweet lady with a sweet spirit.... RIParadise sweet lady. I know you will be missed.



Regina Henderson - August 02, 2022 at 12:47 PM

PM

“ Peggy Morris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude Wafer



Peggy Morris - August 02, 2022 at 10:10 AM

PM

Rest In Peace classmate.

Peggy Morris - August 02, 2022 at 10:11 AM

TW

“ *Tonia Wyrick lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude Wafer*



Tonia Wyrick - August 02, 2022 at 10:00 AM

CG

“ *Carol Garland sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gertrude Wafer*



Carol Garland - August 02, 2022 at 09:14 AM

LL

RIL my dear cousin. You were such an inspiration to our family with love and kindness. A strong God fearing woman with good memories to hold.

Louise Lee-Lawrence - August 02, 2022 at 04:32 PM

CG

“ *Calvester & Joann Glasgow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude Wafer*



Calvester & Joann Glasgow - August 01, 2022 at 10:03 PM

JE

“ Jackie Easter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gertrude Wafer



Jackie Easter - August 01, 2022 at 06:16 PM

BB

“ Sorry for your loss praying for the family from France roach-warren and family

betty a boyd - August 01, 2022 at 05:23 PM

LT

“ Rest In Love Sis ❤️



Lora Thomas - August 01, 2022 at 04:28 PM

SM

“ Shana Manning lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gertrude Wafer



Shana Manning - August 01, 2022 at 04:10 PM

LS

“ *Linda Sharp sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gertrude Wafer*



Linda sharp - August 01, 2022 at 12:31 PM

KW

“ *Kathy Witt sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gertrude Wafer*



Kathy Witt - August 01, 2022 at 12:30 PM

MM

“ *Rest In Paradise, My Friend My Classmate*

Mildred Williams Morgan - August 01, 2022 at 12:19 PM

ML

“ *RIL Aunt Gertie, you'll forever be in our hearts*
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Monica Love - August 01, 2022 at 12:11 PM

LC

“ *Lisa Clark lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Gertrude Wafer*



Lisa Clark - August 01, 2022 at 11:29 AM