



## Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden

September 3, 1937 - March 23, 2024

A mother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend named Hazel Marie Paden was born September 3, 1937, 86 yrs. old, to Bennie and Ruth Paden in Waterloo, Arkansas. Hazel was the 2nd oldest of 8 children and held the position of 2nd mother to all her siblings. A heart made of gold and a spirit of giving was her composition. If you asked her for it, she would give it to you. And yes, she was the center of attention and never got in a rush for anyone. Hazel attended school at Nevada County Training School. She loved beautiful, unique items from clothing to antiques and learned at an early age to work for what she wanted. She was employed by Avalon Poultry, Sterling Jewelers, Zales Jewelers, Coby Foods, Firestone, Fred's Dollar Stores, Beverly Nursing Home, Linda's Clothing and Bemis Family.

Although Hazel was the 2nd mother to all of her siblings, her one and only son, Theartis, was the light of her life. Theartis knew and understood his mother was his most precious treasure. He showered her with gifts, trips, and cars. They shared a special bond. When she could no longer carry him in her arms, she began to carry him in heart.

Hazel was a vibrant and active member of The Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. She was church mother, deaconess, choir member, usher, kitchen overseer and whatever needed to be done she readily did it. She loved attending Bible study. Hazel was known for what she knew. Her recitation was

her thing: "Ain't I A Woman" by Sojourner Truth, 1 Corinthians 13, 23rd Psalm, and when Black History Month came along, she was willing and ready to recite what some of us never knew. To her family, she was black history. Hazel was diverse in her look, her style and especially her clear authentic walking cane that she often left in stores. God covered her as she would return to find it still there.

Hazel has left so many precious memories. She was a historian for anyone who needed to know what happened in past years. Hazel was a collector of obituaries and often had to peruse through them to share names of relatives with family members who never captured their family history and to share the real name of mothers, sisters, and brothers as many grew up with only nicknames and never knew their real name. It was so important to her that they knew the family history.

And how dare we do not remember the lady with the green thumb. Every flower that was dying by her sisters and brothers was revived by Hazel. She talked about us something fierce. People knew she was the flower lady, and she would awake to find ferns sitting on her porch. Sad to say she gave one sister a mother-in-law tongue plant and said it was a sure keeper only to be told and to Hazel's surprise she killed it. She made sure her plants got sunlight every morning and tender words of love. If you ever tasted her sweet potato pies and her famous cake you know they could not be duplicated. She cooked in large quantities as she wanted to feed the masses. Wow, hospitality was one of her great qualities. She knew how to make you feel welcomed as she opened her home to family and friends traveling from out of state. Hazel is preceded in death by her parents: Ruth Ingram and Bennie Paden; two brothers Jerry Dean Paden and Eddie Norman Paden.

She leaves a devoted and loving son, Theartis Wallace of Dallas, Texas, two brothers Chester Dean Paden of Rosston, Arkansas and Harvey Lee (Annie

Mae) Paden of Dallas Texas; three sisters Celia M. Durham and Earnestene Johnson of Prescott, Arkansas and Emma Jean Thomas-Brooks (David) of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; a beautiful bonus daughter, Evelyn Holleman, a faithful traveling friend, Louester Williams; 33 nieces/nephews, 52 great nieces/nephews, 51 great-great nieces/nephews and a plethora of relatives and friends.

We conclude our memories by sharing that Hazel was the 'pitcher' and we were the 'glasses' that she poured into. For the rest of our lives, we will forever acknowledge that our cups continue to overflow with goodness and mercy because of her undying love.

A beautiful soul with a heart of gold has exchanged her home and now resides in a mansion not made by the hands of man. She will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, Mar. 30th, at 3:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Willisville, AR, with interment to follow in the McKinney Cemetery in Willisville, AR. Pastor Edward Smith, Sr. is the Eulogist.

Visitation: Friday, Mar. 29th, from 1-3:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## McKinney Cemetery

Nevada Rd #162  
Willisville, AR

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 30. 3:00 PM (CT)

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church  
517 Nevada 162  
Willisville , AR

# Tribute Wall

HF

“ Hazel Smith Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden



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**Hazel Smith Family** - March 30, 2024 at 10:06 PM

DK

“ Dorothy King And Patricia King sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden



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**Dorothy King and Patricia King** - March 30, 2024 at 02:08 PM

GS

“ Wishing you comfort and peace during this difficult time. Our sincere condolences to the family of our dearest Hazel Marie Paden. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.  
Darryl & Gloria Toney Scoggin

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**Gloria Toney Scoggin** - March 29, 2024 at 05:32 PM

JH

“ Well, if you could hear me, I'd tell ya that you did a spectacular job and you made it home. We are still running, some are tired, lost, feet hurting but I promise to remember that smile just hoping my record replicates yours at the very end! Take your rest cousin and God bless you Family!

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**Jeffery Haymon** - March 29, 2024 at 05:23 PM

MW

“ Mike & Sarah Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden



Mike & Sarah Williams - March 29, 2024 at 11:18 AM

OJ

“ Olliemarie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden



Olliemarie Jackson - March 28, 2024 at 11:43 PM

KG

“ Keosha Gulley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden



Keosha Gulley - March 28, 2024 at 08:15 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden.



March 28, 2024 at 05:50 PM

TF

“ Tessie Scott and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden.



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**Tessie Scott and Family** - March 28, 2024 at 04:47 PM

TF

“ Tessie Scott and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden.

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**Tessie Scott and Family** - March 28, 2024 at 04:47 PM

TP

“ Torrence Pearson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden



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**Torrence Pearson** - March 28, 2024 at 03:43 PM

HF

“ Hazel Smith Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden



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**Hazel Smith Family** - March 28, 2024 at 02:05 PM

MA

“ *Matilda, Monti, & Darian Parker, Phoenix, AZ purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden.*



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**Matilda, Monti, & Darian Parker, Phoenix, AZ** - March 27, 2024  
at 07:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden.*



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March 27, 2024 at 04:30 PM

RC

“ *Randy, Nancy, Brian, Mark & Chris Chapin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden.*

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**Randy, Nancy, Brian, Mark & Chris Chapin** - March 27, 2024 at 04:30 PM

VM

“ *Vern & Debbie Miller purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden.*



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**Vern & Debbie Miller** - March 27, 2024 at 03:49 PM

TJ

“ *Tyris Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden*



Tyris Jones - March 27, 2024 at 03:30 PM

JK

“ *James King lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden*



James King - March 26, 2024 at 10:25 PM

JK

*Sending my deepest condolences for the family. God bless.*

James King - March 26, 2024 at 10:28 PM

OJ

“ *Praying for the family sorry for your loss May God Bless And Keep You In His care*



olivia johnson - March 26, 2024 at 09:25 PM

JR

“ Jeff Ellison and Joe Reyes purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden.



Jeff Ellison and Joe Reyes - March 26, 2024 at 08:29 PM

KL

“ Kenya Love lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden



Kenya Love - March 26, 2024 at 08:11 PM

NP

“ Nellie Paden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden



Nellie Paden - March 26, 2024 at 07:10 PM

RT

“ Ricky and Lakita Porter & The Throwers purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden.



Ricky and Lakita Porter & The Throwers - March 26, 2024 at 03:27 PM

RN

“ *Rapha Min./Pastor Tyrone. Net/Nieces purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden.*



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**Rapha Min./Pastor Tyrone. Net/Nieces** - March 26, 2024 at 03:13 PM

TD

“ *Theo's Crew in Dallas! purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden.*



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**Theo's Crew in Dallas!** - March 26, 2024 at 01:47 PM

TB

“ *The Coyles and The Belknaps planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden.*

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**The Coyles and The Belknaps** - March 26, 2024 at 01:02 PM

TB

“ *The Coyles and The Belknaps purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden.*



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**The Coyles and The Belknaps** - March 26, 2024 at 01:02 PM

MW

“ Mike & Sarah Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden



Mike & Sarah Williams - March 25, 2024 at 10:34 PM

SM

“ Sally Muldrow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden



Sally Muldrow - March 25, 2024 at 02:01 PM

MP

“ Holding the family close in thoughts and prayers



Mary S. Pickings - March 25, 2024 at 12:41 PM

TE

“ Tearee Easter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden



Tearee Easter - March 25, 2024 at 10:28 AM

MP

“ *My Deepest Sympathy and Prayers are with you all.*



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**Melissa Paden** - March 25, 2024 at 10:22 AM

MM

“ *Melvin Madison lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden*



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**Melvin Madison** - March 25, 2024 at 10:19 AM

DH

“ *Dearlean Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden*



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**Dearlean Hughes** - March 25, 2024 at 01:37 AM

MB

“ *Michael Beasley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden*



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**Michael Beasley** - March 24, 2024 at 07:43 PM

TJ

“ *Tonya Johnson-Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden*



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**Tonya Johnson-Beasley** - March 24, 2024 at 07:41 PM

CR

“ *Contreata Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden*



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**Contreata Robinson** - March 24, 2024 at 07:30 PM

PM

“ *Peggy Martin-Weaver lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden*



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**Peggy Martin-Weaver** - March 24, 2024 at 02:31 PM

AS

“ *Alfredia Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden*



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**Alfredia Smith** - March 24, 2024 at 10:02 AM

MG

“ Praying for the family Mrs hazel will be missed by many and I will always love her 🙏



Marjory green - March 24, 2024 at 09:58 AM

DH

“ Dearlean Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden



Dearlean Hughes - March 24, 2024 at 09:20 AM

OF

Praying for you Theo Wallace!! 🙏🙏🙏 And your Entire Paden and Wallace Family and Friends. 🙏🙏🙏 R.I.P./R.I.L. ❤️🌹🌹 Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden!!❤️🌹🌹🌹 You will be missed by Many And in the Community. 🙏🙏🙏 Cousin was a Beautiful Lady Inside and out. ❤️❤️ We both Love you and miss so very much. ❤️❤️❤️

Ola Mae Flowers - March 24, 2024 at 02:20 PM

DY

“ Darlene Young lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden



Darlene Young - March 24, 2024 at 01:09 AM

DM

“ Douglas And Cassandra Moss lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden



Douglas and Cassandra Moss - March 23, 2024 at 10:57 PM

SH

“ Stephanie Haynie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Marie Paden



Stephanie Haynie - March 23, 2024 at 09:51 PM

HW

Sincere Condolences Too The Family 🌹

Helen J Harris Whiteside - March 26, 2024 at 03:43 PM