



Leatha Mae Coples

January 11, 1937 - August 9, 2019

Leatha Mae Davis was born to the union of Leonard O'Berry Davis and Annie Mae Davis on January 11, 1937. She was the youngest of three children who was full of laughter and joy.

Leatha, referred to by many as Ma Sweet, Ms. Sweet, Aunt Sweet, Grandma Sweet, Grandma, the "Frozen Cup Lady," Sweet, etc., received her education at Frank High School located in La Grange, North Carolina. In 1956, she married Floyd Perry Coples and to this union eight children were born: Arlene McCain (Willie), Floyd (Bud), Annie Mae and Cecil Ray Coples, Wanda Fay Fleet (Jerome), Gilbert, Leonard Earl (Peewee), and Johnny Artego Coples. In 1964, the Coples family relocated to Baltimore, MD where Leatha continued her role as a full-time homemaker, taking pride in the rearing and nurturing of her children. She was a babysitter, nanny, second mother, grandmother and aunt to countless other children. Once her children became of age and were able to take care of themselves, Leatha became a fulltime employee of the Housing Authority of Baltimore City as a Security Guard. In a sense, she was still doing what she loved best, watching over and protecting the little ones. Her house was known as the "Fun House." Everyone loved to gather at Ms. Sweet's house for food and fun! She was the "Frozen Cup" lady and every summer she had lines of kids waiting to purchase a 25¢ frozen cup in whatever flavor they wanted. She was an excellent story teller and the craftiest Spades player of all time. She was loved by everyone she encountered and never hesitated to offer a helping hand to those in need. She

had a kind soul and a gentle heart, but she was also stern and a disciplinary. Many whoopings, both public and private, were generated from those hands of hers.

Even with the best life had to offer, Leatha realized her life was not complete without God. She was baptized in Jesus' name and received the gift of the Holy Ghost under the leadership of the late Elder Alvin Keith Blakely, pastor of Better Life Ministries and as a result, her life became even more sweeter.

After the death of her former pastor, she continued her Christian journey at Refreshing Life Ministries, where Bishop Ernest Gilliam, Jr. is the Senior Pastor and Founder.

She leaves to cherish her memory and continue her legacy five children: Arlene McCain, Floyd, Annie, Cecil and Leonard Coples; nine grandchildren: Richard, Kagie, Jamal, Chadrace, Erica, Sharina, Robert, Channon, and Ebony; eight great-grand children: London, Zaniya, Robert, Jr., Creraig, Blair, III, Markel and Winter; one sister, Lille Mae Richardson; her Refreshing Life Ministries' church family and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Leonard O'Berry and Annie Mae Davis, her husband, Floyd Perry Coples, one sister, Bertha Mae Hardy, two sons Gilbert and Johnny Artego Coples, one daughter, Wanda Fay Fleet and one grandson, Clyde Omar Martin.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Zion

3900 Hollins Ferry Rd.
Lansdowne, MD 21227

Previous Events

viewing

AUG 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
info@marchfh.com

Wake

AUG 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - Wake
1101 E. North Ave
Baltimore, MD 21202

Service

AUG 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Leatha Mae Coples*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Thanks auntie for the many gifts & memories;
you shared during your earthly existence.
Nephew: Jimmy Coples & family*



jimmy coples - August 22, 2019 at 12:34 PM



“ *Floyd B. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the
family of Leatha Mae Coples.*



Floyd B. - August 16, 2019 at 09:12 AM



“ *Quaneita Queen sent a virtual gift in memory of
Leatha Mae Coples*



Quaneita Queen - August 16, 2019 at 03:29 AM

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“ Aunt Sweet you have always been seen as a great woman with a big heart ❤️ in my eyes...you were loved by all and will be truly missed.Even though I didn't see you everyday;just the thought of knowing you were in arms reach was enough. There was something about you that made others comfortable. You always welcomed me with open arms and treated me with respect. I will never forget you. Extending my thoughts,prayers and love to the Coples family 🌹🌹🌹🌹🌸🌸
Quaneita Queen (Angie and Poppa daughter)



Quaneita Queen - August 16, 2019 at 03:26 AM

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“ Rest in Peace Cousin Sweet, u will be truly missed. May GOD provide divine comfort and strength to ALL whom LIVES she has inspired and touched.

Cousin Vincent Miles
Goldsboro, North Carolina

Vincent Miles - August 14, 2019 at 03:46 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leatha Mae Coples.



August 14, 2019 at 03:31 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - August 12, 2019 at 06:02 PM