



## Sara R Griffeth

August 20, 1930 - February 3, 2022

Sara Rushell Griffeth, better known as Mama Sara, was the Matriarch of the Mattox Family. She was born on August 20, 1930, in Elberton, GA to the late Sam Oliver and Hester Mae Rucker Mattox. The first born of eleven children, Sara attended Bowman High School in Elbert County, GA, but resided in Gainesville, GA for many years. She worked as a teacher at Flatwood Elementary for about 1 year. Sara was blessed to be loved and wed 3 times in her lifetime. First, she was married to the late Harold Curry. Her second marriage was to the late Webb Hill. Later in life, she was married to her late husband, James Griffeth, for over 20 years. Her passion to care for others afforded her a career as a Caretaker at the United Methodist Church in Gainesville, GA for more than 20 years. Mama Sara loved the Lord and she was a very devoted and diligent Christian woman. Her love for the Lord and her unwavering desire to serve led her to become a faithful member of the New Salem Baptist Church of Jefferson, GA, her home church, where she was a dedicated member for more than 40 years. She served on the Usher Board and led the Mother Board of the church during her tenure.

Mama Sara could be described with a passel of adjectives to include strong, determined, generous, nurturing, wise, humorous, affectionate, compassionate, patient and most of all, loving. Cooking was her passion. Many souls have been blessed to please their palate with the delicious food prepared by her.

Mama Sara was a very loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, caretaker, and friend to all whose lives she touched. She was well known, well respected and greatly loved because she gave from the heart, she lived with joy and she taught all who encountered her valuable life lessons and wisdom. The kind of love that all of us felt from her was a love without conditions. Because she lived a simple and happy life, it didn't take much to make her smile – a simple phone call, partaking in some of her Sunday's best or a random visit just to laugh with her. Her family was her world and she lived her life for them.

Most of all, she loved her family and friends and instilled good values in her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, and a myriad of spiritual loved ones whom she cared for and took in as her own. The values she has instilled will serve them well in any of their life's pursuits. In addition to her kisses and hugs, the inheritance of her love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and gentleness is permanent and will forever be in the hearts of those who encountered her. Now, let us all lean on and support each other because that is what she always wanted.

Our beloved Matriarch, gained her wings on February 3, 2022 at the age of 91. She is preceded in death by her late husband, James Griffeth, her father, Sam Oliver Mattox, her mother, Hester Mae Rucker Mattox, her sons: Marvin Hester and Harold Curry; her daughters: Rosie "Mae" Harris and Sharon Thompson; brothers: James O. Mattox, Wilburn F. Mattox, and Billy Mattox; sisters: Canyous Mattox, Verma Ruth Lott, Elizabeth Carrington, and Roszell Langston Almond.

She is survived by her beloved children, four daughters: Venita Pope of Gainesville, GA; Arlissa (Julius) Thomas of Cleveland, GA; Trina Lipscomb of Stone Mountain, GA; Adrian Usher of Lula, GA; one son: Joseph (Georgia)

Hill of Gillsville, GA; a myriad of spiritual children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren; one brother: Alton Mattox of Warner Robins, GA; three sisters: Francine Mays of Gainesville, GA; Dorothy Carter of Gainesville, GA , Betty (Edward) Shields of Las Vegas, NV and a multitude of nieces and nephews who adored her most of all.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

2030 Memorial Park Dr.  
Gainesville, GA 30504

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 11. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wimberly Funeral Home  
325 Summitt St SE  
Gainesville, GA 30501  
(770) 536-3251  
[info@wimberlyjackson.com](mailto:info@wimberlyjackson.com)  
<https://www.wimberlyjacksonfuneralhome.com>

## Service

FEB 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Saint John Baptist Church  
757 EE Butler Parkway  
Gainesville, GA 30501

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sara R Griffeth*

October 22, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ *Grover E. & Janice C. Young sent a virtual gift in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



**Grover E. & Janice C. Young** - February 17, 2022 at 01:15 PM



“ *April LOVE Carrera lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



**April LOVE Carrera** - February 13, 2022 at 08:32 AM



*. Prayers for you and your family. She was a angle on earth and will be missed. April NGPG*

**April LOVE Carrera** - February 13, 2022 at 08:35 AM

RW

“ Prayers and Condolences for the family.



Rita Walke - February 12, 2022 at 12:41 PM

TF

“ Teresa Wilder And Family lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth



Teresa Wilder and Family - February 12, 2022 at 12:16 PM



“ Nana Neal lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth



Nana Neal - February 11, 2022 at 10:23 PM

LS

“ Lydia Mattox Tucker Shumaker sent a virtual gift in memory of Sara R Griffeth



Lydia Mattox Tucker Shumaker - February 11, 2022 at 07:30 PM

LS

“ Prayers for my families. Love Lydia Mattox TuckerShumaker Aka Emma Sue West. Out of Hartwell, Ga



Lydia Mattox Tucker Shumaker - February 11, 2022 at 07:28 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Sara R Griffeth.



February 11, 2022 at 07:56 AM

ML

“ Marion Lott lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth



Marion Lott - February 11, 2022 at 06:22 AM



“ Dorothy Bolden sent a virtual gift in memory of Sara R Griffeth



Dorothy Bolden - February 10, 2022 at 09:48 PM

PO

“ *Paulette Hendrix Owens sent a virtual gift in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



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**Paulette Hendrix Owens** - February 10, 2022 at 08:25 PM

KL

“ *Kevin Littlejohn lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



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**Kevin Littlejohn** - February 10, 2022 at 06:20 PM

CW

“ *Clairese Wright lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



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**Clairese Wright** - February 10, 2022 at 10:17 AM

JA

“ *Janice lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



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**Janice** - February 10, 2022 at 08:15 AM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



Star Johnson - February 10, 2022 at 04:42 AM

AG

“ *May the memories you share of Mama Sara carry you through until you see her again. Thank you for sharing her with me. ❤️*



Alisa Grayson - February 09, 2022 at 08:59 PM

MO

“ *Monique Owens lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



Monique Owens - February 09, 2022 at 06:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sara R Griffeth.*



February 09, 2022 at 02:11 PM

SW

“ Prayers of peace, love and comfort now and in the days to come.



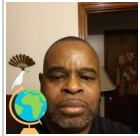
Sharon Williams - February 09, 2022 at 12:20 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Sara R Griffeth.



February 09, 2022 at 11:15 AM



“ Corinthus Richie lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth



Corinthus Richie - February 09, 2022 at 03:59 AM

LG

“ Love, Vanessa Cole and grandchildren purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sara R Griffeth.



Love, Vanessa Cole and grandchildren - February 08, 2022 at 04:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sara R Griffeth.*



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February 08, 2022 at 04:28 PM



“ *Shelia Williams lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



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**Shelia Williams** - February 07, 2022 at 10:21 PM



“ *Mama Sara took care of my kids in the church nursery and a few years later I worked with her there. What a special lady she was. Always had a smile on her face! She will be missed! 💕💕*

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**Kathy Sanchez** - February 07, 2022 at 09:26 PM



*My condolence and prayers are going out to Mama savers family praying that the Lord will give you all peace strength and comfort doing these difficult times she had a beautiful soul inside and out she's truly going to be missed*

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**Janice** - February 10, 2022 at 08:08 AM

TM

“ *Trey Maddox purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Sara R Griffeth.*



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**Trey Maddox** - February 07, 2022 at 04:25 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Sara R Griffeth.*



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February 07, 2022 at 04:24 PM

JM

“ *Sending Love and Prayers to the family* 🙏



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**Joyce Mitchell** - February 07, 2022 at 02:40 PM

DR

“ *Deanna Burris- Rucker lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



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**Deanna Burris- Rucker** - February 07, 2022 at 02:22 PM

DR

*My thoughts and prayers go out to the family during your loss,*

**Deanna Burris- Rucker** - February 07, 2022 at 02:23 PM

JN

“ *Jean, Hiram, Lexi, Jada, Hiram II, NC purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Sara R Griffeth.*



**Jean, Hiram, Lexi, Jada, Hiram II, NC** - February 07, 2022 at 09:16 AM

JJ

“ *Mama Sara. You've been MY Mama Sara so long that I can't remember a time without you. I, along with my family, will miss you so. I love you so as I love Lisa. May you Rest in Power. Jean, Hiram and the our children.*



**Jean Johnson** - February 07, 2022 at 09:11 AM

RT

“ *My condolences to the Family, Mama Sara will be truly missed.*



**Robin Tanner** - February 07, 2022 at 06:53 AM

SW

“ *Shay Lott Wiliams lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



Shay Lott Wiliams - February 06, 2022 at 07:53 PM

PG

“ *Phyllis J Gardner lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



Phyllis J Gardner - February 06, 2022 at 04:02 PM

Mary Moore

“ *Mary Moore lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



Mary Moore - February 06, 2022 at 03:48 PM

Mary Moore

*You Will Always Be In My Heart And Missed*

Mary Moore - February 06, 2022 at 03:49 PM

GL

“ *My Mama Sara always cooked pinto beans for me and also a salmon & rice mixture with biscuits 🥰💔...or whatever I asked, she did it 💋...I love her soooooo much 💋*

Gail Lipscomb - February 06, 2022 at 03:44 PM

GL

“ *Gail Lipscomb lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



Gail Lipscomb - February 06, 2022 at 03:40 PM

BS

“ *Betty Shield lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



betty shield - February 06, 2022 at 02:35 PM

BS

*My Beloved sister RIH!!!* 🌹😭😘

betty shield - February 06, 2022 at 02:40 PM

WC

*My prayers are with the Griffeth, Hester family in the lost of there mother. Rest in peace mrs. Sara. Wilburn Cantrell*

Wilburn Cantrell - February 06, 2022 at 06:10 PM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



Star Johnson - February 06, 2022 at 08:56 AM



“ Dorothy Bolden sent a virtual gift in memory of Sara R Griffeth



Dorothy Bolden - February 06, 2022 at 01:41 AM



“ Mary Moore lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth



Mary Moore - February 06, 2022 at 12:01 AM



“ My deepest Condolences to the family. Mama Sarah will be missed. She had a Beautiful spirit inside and out. That smile was contagious. She loved everyone and can cook!! Going miss those Sunday dinner after church. She would feed anyone and you was always welcomed at her home. Rest easy Mama Sarah. ❤️🙏



Michelle Poole Bell - February 05, 2022 at 11:09 PM



“ Please



Vanessa K. Cole - February 05, 2022 at 06:03 PM

VC

“ Vanessa Cole sent a virtual gift in memory of Sara R Griffeth



Vanessa Cole - February 05, 2022 at 06:00 PM

NT

“ Nikiya Few Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Sara R Griffeth



Nikiya Few Thompson - February 05, 2022 at 05:32 PM

GM

“ Gloria Maddox lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth



Gloria Maddox - February 05, 2022 at 11:43 AM

GM

“ Gloria Maddox lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth



Gloria Maddox - February 05, 2022 at 11:43 AM

SF

“ Sewell And Bell Families lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth



Sewell and Bell families - February 05, 2022 at 07:17 AM

Mika Young

“ Mika Young sent a virtual gift in memory of Sara R Griffeth



Mika Young - February 04, 2022 at 08:27 PM



“ Michelle Poole Bell sent a virtual gift in memory of Sara R Griffeth



Michelle Poole Bell - February 04, 2022 at 07:55 PM

EB

“ Elisa Bonds-Ratliff sent a virtual gift in memory of Sara R Griffeth



Elisa Bonds-Ratliff - February 04, 2022 at 07:19 PM

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“ Elisa Bonds-Ratliff sent a virtual gift in memory of Sara R Griffeth



Elisa Bonds-Ratliff - February 04, 2022 at 07:17 PM

EB

“ Elisa Bonds-Ratliff sent a virtual gift in memory of Sara R Griffeth



Elisa Bonds-Ratliff - February 04, 2022 at 07:16 PM

EB

“ Elisa Bonds-Ratliff sent a virtual gift in memory of Sara R Griffeth



Elisa Bonds-Ratliff - February 04, 2022 at 07:15 PM



“ I will miss you sweet lady.. Love you mama Sara

Yvette Anderson - February 04, 2022 at 06:21 PM

Mary Moore

“ *Mary Moore lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



Mary Moore - February 04, 2022 at 04:56 PM

CN

“ *Charlene & Avery Niles lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



Charlene & Avery Niles - February 04, 2022 at 04:00 PM

CH

“ *Crystal Young Hunter lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



Crystal Young Hunter - February 04, 2022 at 03:43 PM

AC

“ *April Coleman lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



April coleman - February 04, 2022 at 01:50 PM

AC

“ April Coleman lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth



April coleman - February 04, 2022 at 01:49 PM

CR

“ Carolyn Robinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Sara R Griffeth



Carolyn Robinson - February 04, 2022 at 12:04 PM

CH

“ Candace Hudson lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth



Candace Hudson - February 04, 2022 at 10:45 AM

JM

“ Juanita Muckle sent a virtual gift in memory of Sara R Griffeth



Juanita Muckle - February 04, 2022 at 10:23 AM

WT

“ *Wanda Tabor-Jenkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



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**Wanda Tabor-Jenkins** - February 04, 2022 at 09:56 AM

SF

“ *Shirley Barnes And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



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**Shirley Barnes and Family** - February 04, 2022 at 08:58 AM

PM

“ *Priscilla Martin lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



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**Priscilla Martin** - February 04, 2022 at 08:42 AM

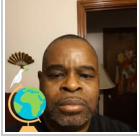
CS

“ *Condolences to the family* 🙏



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**Camille Stephens** - February 04, 2022 at 08:35 AM



“ *Corinthus Richie sent a virtual gift in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



Corinthus Richie - February 04, 2022 at 05:08 AM



“ *Hopkins's & Brawner Family lit a candle in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



Hopkins's & Brawner Family - February 04, 2022 at 12:10 AM



“ *April Coleman sent a virtual gift in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



April coleman - February 03, 2022 at 09:11 PM



“ *Ann ( Lewis) Morrow sent a virtual gift in memory of Sara R Griffeth*



Ann ( Lewis) Morrow - February 03, 2022 at 06:05 PM



*Sending love and prayers to the entire family*

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**Margie williams** - February 09, 2022 at 10:57 PM