



Lydia L. Cross

July 15, 1957 - December 12, 2017

Lydia Gregory Cross, 60, passed from this life the morning of December 12th after a long battle of health issues. Lydia was born in Chattanooga, TN but resided her entire life in Pulaski. She graduated from Giles County High School in 1975.

Lydia was born to the late Samuel Gregory and Carrie Willingham July 15, 1957. She married her high school sweetheart Jerome Cross, March 1, 1980. They have been best friends and life partners for over 45 years.

Lydia was teacher's aide at Giles County High School for over 15 years working with students with developmental disabilities. She was funny, sassy, and always available to friends and family. She has been a long-time caregiver for Michael and Shane who were very special to her heart.

Visitation will be on Saturday, December 16th from 1:00pm until 2:00pm at Bennett-May Giles County Funeral Home with a funeral following at 2:00pm in the chapel with Maina Mwaura officiating.

Burial will follow in the Kimbrough Cemetery

Lydia is survived by her husband, Jerome Cross of over 45 years. Two children, Tiffiney (Maina) Mwaura and her youngest granddaughter Zyan, Teneshia Cross (Tie Shavers) and her oldest granddaughter D'Maiya Cross. Her mother Carrie Willingham, two sisters, Kathey Reynolds and Bernitta (Shay) Gregory, half siblings, Bridgett Gregory, Yolanda, Gregory, Tara Gregory, Havis Gregory, and Samuel Gregory. Her great aunt Annie (Ed) Abernathy, very special friends, David Pipken, Karla Montgomery, and Zach

(Kayla) Watkins. Host of nieces and nephews also survived.

Acknowledgements: The family expresses their sincere gratitude to all those who have supported us during this time of loss. A special thanks to Pulaski NHC Home Healthcare, Anthony Missionary Baptist Church, and family and friends. Also to Pastor Bruce Maxwell of Lake Providence Church (Nashville, TN).

Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements for Lydia Gregory Cross.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Lit a candle in memory of Lydia L. Cross*

Barbara Sandridge - February 09, 2017 at 05:15 PM

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“ *Thank you Lydia and Jerry for treating me like family while I lived in Pulaski. God bless all of Lydia's sweet family.*

Cheryl Whitfield - February 09, 2017 at 05:15 PM

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“ *To the family of Lydia, Carrie i'm so sorry to hear of Lydia's death. we never know when we are going to lose them do we? my daughter Mica she is not in good health and neither am I. but I saw where Lydia had passed away and I thought I would say something and let you know that i'm sorry rite here at the holiday but you know death can strike us anywhere, anytime. i'm very sorry Carrie. you have my deepest sympathy and you will be remembered in my thoughts and prayers. I had eye surgery on the 14th and am coming up on the 28th for the other one or I would come. I remember Lydia. send me a e-mail carrie. it is flower1946@comcast.net. you take care now and I will be thinking about you. love you Barbara Kikuchi Sandridge*

Barbara Sandridge - February 09, 2017 at 05:15 PM

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“ Lydia was a very caring person. She was always looking out for others. She made my highschool years lively with her sense of humor, getting to work with her in the special ed program. She loved those children like her own. She remained my friend after I graduated and while my daughter and her granddaughter took dance classes together. She will be missed. A very sweet lady.

Chastity Hobbs - February 09, 2017 at 05:15 PM