



## Laveda Reeves

April 4, 1929 - October 15, 2013

Mrs. Laveda Davis Derryberry Reeves, age 84, passed away on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 in Memphis. She was a retired school teacher of 59 years. She was the valedictorian of the Lexington High School class of 1948, member of the Tennessee Education Association, and a member of Corinth Baptist Church. She is survived by 1 son, Tommy Reeves (Marsha) of Germantown; 1 daughter, Karen Wyatt (Steve) of Lexington; 2 grandchildren, Ivy Wyatt of Lexington and Stephanie O'Briant (Blake) of Collierville; and 1 great grandchild, Hailey O'Briant. She was preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Hettie Davis Derryberry; husband, O.V. Reeves; 1 brother, Bradley Derryberry; and 1 sister, Hattie Frazier. Funeral services will be on Saturday, October 19 at 2PM at Corinth Baptist Church, 1350 Corinth Rd., Darden, TN. Burial will follow in Corinth Cemetery. Visitation will be on Thursday from 4PM-9PM, Friday from 11AM-9PM, and Saturday from 9AM-12PM, all at Reed's Chapel. There will be visitation from 1PM till service at Corinth Baptist Church on Saturday. In lieu of flowers the family has requested that memorials be made to the Corinth Baptist Church Building Fund, 474 Ezra St., Parsons, TN. 38363 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN. 38105

Reed's Chapel

731-968-3643

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Debbie Lindsey Sandlin lit a candle in memory of Laveda Reeves*



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**Debbie Lindsey Sandlin** - November 16, 2013 at 08:32 PM

RR

“ *So sorry for your lose. We didn't hear about her death until after the funeral. She was a loving and wonderful person whom I am sure God values dearly, as we did.*

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**Ray and Inez Reeves** - October 20, 2013 at 10:55 AM

RR

“ *Ray & Inez Reeves lit a candle in memory of Laveda Reeves*



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**Ray & Inez Reeves** - October 20, 2013 at 10:52 AM

PB

“ *Paulette Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Laveda Reeves*



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**Paulette Blankenship** - October 19, 2013 at 03:19 PM

MP

“ Mike Pollock lit a candle in memory of Laveda Reeves



Mike Pollock - October 18, 2013 at 11:18 PM

LW

“ LaRachel Stewart Wade lit a candle in memory of Laveda Reeves



LaRachel Stewart Wade - October 18, 2013 at 05:24 PM

WS

“ William And LaWada Stewart lit a candle in memory of Laveda Reeves



William and LaWada Stewart - October 18, 2013 at 05:23 PM

DW

“ Dixie Willis lit a candle in memory of Laveda Reeves



Dixie Willis - October 18, 2013 at 04:11 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family. I can't imagine your loss.*

*A few years ago I was visiting my mom before she died and she told me that she had run into Ms. Reeves. She said that Ms. Reeves had asked for me to come by the school when I was home - that she wanted to see me. I was well past 50 at the time. I couldn't believe she was still teaching.*

*I went by South Haven and was quickly directed to her class. It was a "Proustian Moment". The smell of the chalk, the bulletin boards, and Ms. Reeves -- I was six years old again. I was sent back in a time machine and was in Ms. Reeves' class again. Almost nothing had changed -- except it was 50 years on and we were both much older. But I was still "Jimmy" and she was still Ms. Reeves. She introduced me to her class -- a mind still as sharp as a tack. She remembered details I couldn't remember. Details of one class so long ago mixed in with almost 60 others.*

*Ms. Reeves will always be my favorite teacher. What a way to start an education. I sent a donatiion to St. Jude's -- a donation long overdue. She is still teaching me.*

*Jim Williams  
(Ms. Reeves First Grade Class of '61)*

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**Jim Williams** - October 18, 2013 at 01:59 PM



“ *Mrs Reeves was my 2nd Grade South Haven Elementary School English teacher in the early 90's in 1992 to be exact she was the best of my English teachers she will be very much missed*

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**Dusty Fesmire** - October 18, 2013 at 10:32 AM

JS

“ Joy Williams, Tara Lesieur, Dana Skelto lit a candle in memory of Laveda Reeves



Joy Williams, Tara Lesieur, Dana Skelto - October 18, 2013 at 09:43 AM

ES

“ Emily Wallace Stambaugh lit a candle in memory of Laveda Reeves



Emily Wallace Stambaugh - October 17, 2013 at 07:07 PM

RW

“ Ronald And Darlene Wallace lit a candle in memory of Laveda Reeves



Ronald and Darlene Wallace - October 17, 2013 at 05:12 PM

CO

“ Laveda and I met a few years ago and I instantly felt her warmth and love. My son married her granddaughter and we became family. My life has been blessed by her presence and I will surely miss her. I know she is teaching a new classroom of students in Heaven and is at peace. - Connie O'Briant

Connie O'Briant - October 17, 2013 at 05:00 PM

JH

“ Junie Hall lit a candle in memory of Laveda Reeves



Junie Hall - October 17, 2013 at 04:56 PM

VK

“ Vincent L Kee purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Laveda Reeves.



Vincent L Kee - October 17, 2013 at 01:40 PM



“ So sorry to here about your Mom. The world lost a wonderful lady. Wish I was in Tennessee but want you to know your in my thoughts and prayers. I know how this feels and we never get prepared to lose or parents. Love Johnny and Anita Hendrix McDaniel



Anita McDaniel - October 17, 2013 at 12:45 PM

MB

“ Mrs Lorene Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Laveda Reeves



Mrs Lorene Blankenship - October 17, 2013 at 12:06 PM

KP

“ Keith & Debbie Patterson lit a candle in memory of Laveda Reeves



Keith & Debbie Patterson - October 17, 2013 at 12:05 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Laveda Reeves.



October 17, 2013 at 09:27 AM



“ Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Laveda Reeves.



October 17, 2013 at 08:02 AM

DM

“ Dewey & Brenda Marr lit a candle in memory of Laveda Reeves



Dewey & Brenda Marr - October 16, 2013 at 08:57 PM

DB

“ *Danny& Shelia. Beecham&family lit a candle  
in memory of Laveda Reeves*



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**danny& shelia. beecham&family** - October 16, 2013 at 06:30 PM

TM

“ *Keeping you in our prayers.*

*Bonnie & Terry W. Martin  
Tri-State Termite & Pest Control Co.  
Clarksdale, MS*



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**Terry W. Martin** - October 16, 2013 at 04:59 PM



“ *she was a great friend we shared a lot of class time getting my ged  
she'll be missed a lot*

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**Terry Goodman** - October 16, 2013 at 04:08 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the  
family of Laveda Reeves.*



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October 16, 2013 at 03:16 PM

RS

“ Always a sweet smile.....Cherish those precious memories.....



Rhonda Bradfield Sanders - October 16, 2013 at 03:03 PM

SS

“ Sandy Stalans lit a candle in memory of Laveda Reeves



Sandy Stalans - October 16, 2013 at 02:46 PM

SS

Tommy,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May memories of your mother always bring you comfort.

Sandy Stalans - October 16, 2013 at 02:48 PM

AJ

“ Andrew Johnson lit a candle in memory of Laveda Reeves



Andrew Johnson - October 16, 2013 at 01:04 PM

AJ

Mrs. Reeves left a huge impact on my life. God bless you all in this troubling time.

Andrew Johnson - October 16, 2013 at 02:28 PM

KP

“ Keith & Debbie Patterson lit a candle in memory of Laveda Reeves



Keith & Debbie Patterson - October 16, 2013 at 12:54 PM

ZJ

*Oh how many, through the generations  
have been touched by your teaching,  
love, and tender considerations?  
Never by preaching,  
but GOD shone through you, in several itineration's.*

*Shew me thy way, O LORD; teach me thy paths.  
Lead me in thy truth, and teach me... Ps 25-4,5*

*Oh how many, through the years  
did she inspire to learn,  
and how many did get hugged – drying their tears?  
GOD touched her to discern  
how to calm children's fears.*

*“Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not;  
for of such is the Kingdom of GOD” Luke 18:16*

*Oh how many, through the years were her own?  
two children, two grandchildren, and one great grandchild are in her  
line,  
But all in her classroom knew that they were at home.  
A teacher and a grandmother to generations – so kind!  
She inspired us all – so blessed are we – her to have known!*

*Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old,  
He will not depart from it. Prov 22:6*

*SHS students '68 and '03*

zachary johnson andrew johnson - October 16, 2013 at 03:59 PM

LI

*Lit a candle in memory of Laveda Reeves  
Don & Linda Anderson*

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**Linda** - October 17, 2013 at 07:54 AM

AJ

“ *So sorry for your loss of a precious lady. Mrs. Reeves left a strong impression on my life through her career as well as her positive perspectives on life. Her loving, nurturing personality fostered an environment that spawned growth spiritually and intellectually, along with making each child more self confident. I am thankful I was one of those children.*



*-Andrew Johnson*

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**Andrew Johnson** - October 15, 2013 at 07:35 PM

CB

“ *Ms. Reeves was a wonderfully sweet woman. For the past 30 years, she always had a hug to share when she saw me. She will be missed.*

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**chris burke** - October 15, 2013 at 03:53 PM