



## Mrs. Rosa Beatrice Reaves Alexander

March 9, 1943 - April 6, 2016

Rosa was born in Medon, Tennessee on March 9, 1943 to Milton and Gladys (McBride) Reaves.

God welcomed Rosa Beatrice Alexander into His kingdom on April 5, 2016.

As the first girl, Rosa Bea – the nickname given to her by her family – was initially considered “too delicate” to handle farm work. That would not be the last time she was underestimated. She loved a challenge. Smart, hard-working, dedicated, tenacious, loyal, tough (boy, was she tough) were just a few of the adjectives friends and family used to describe her throughout her life.

Rosa was named after two of her beloved aunts, Rosa Pauline and Beatrice. And very much like those strong, independent women, she lived life on her own terms. Rosa worked her way through Tennessee State University as a part-time hair stylist and child care worker – and then off to St. Louis, Missouri to start her career.

After getting married, she moved to Chicago, Illinois where she raised a family and earned a variety positions in the technology, education, and healthcare fields. In her remaining years, Rosa built a community around her that included dozens of friends, colleagues, mentors, and mentees who all adored her.

Rosa was the wonderful mother of Keith Marcel (Arvis) Reaves and Stephanie Niccole Alexander; cherished grandmother of Keith, Kia, and Asia; fond great-grandmother of Amara; loved sister of Calvin (Sandra) Reaves, Arthur (Mae) Reaves, Jerry (Venodia) Reaves, Sr., and Gail Richardson; special aunt to Shelby, Eugene, Phyllis, Kia, Jessica, Jerry Jr., Kila, Keri, and Jody; treasured niece, cousin, and friend to many.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **15**. 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.  
807 N. Hays Avenue  
Jackson, TN 38301  
(731) 427-7411  
info@stephenson-shaw.com  
<https://www.stephenson-shaw.com>

## Service

APR **16**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Whitehall Pentecostal Church Of God  
91 Bemis Lane  
Jackson, TN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Rosa Beatrice Reaves Alexander*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *To the Reaves and Alexander families, we are praying for your strength. We have so many precious memories of Rosa Bea. ,She truly loved all her family and loved seeing them at family reunions. We to will miss her and all the laughter and joy she brought to everyone that knew her.*

*Your cousins,  
Lonnie and Charlotte Taylor and family  
South Bend, In.*

**Lonnie and Charlotte Taylor** - April 16, 2016 at 08:49 AM



“ *Linda Kaye lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosa Beatrice Reaves Alexander*



**Linda Kaye** - April 14, 2016 at 05:08 PM



“ *Hey cousins this is Linda Kaye McBride Chapman and Family from Las Vegas,our prayers are with you.If you wanna laugh for a minute think about the chicken pox story I told you about when Rosa Bea was watching me.Rosa Bea always carried a smile.Much love and much prayer.*

**Linda Kaye** - April 14, 2016 at 05:07 PM

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“ Sincerely, Jametras, Kim A, Jenae, Linda, Peggy, & Joyce purchased the White Mixed Fireside Basket for the family of Mrs. Rosa Beatrice Reaves Alexander .



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**Sincerely, Jametras, Kim A, Jenae, Linda, Peggy, & Joyce -**  
April 11, 2016 at 02:07 PM