



Claudietta Marie Wellons

November 12, 1951 - June 2, 2014

WELLONS, Mrs. Claudietta Marie - age 62, passed away, Monday, June 2, 2014 at her residence. Family hour 1:30PM Monday June 9, 2014 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N. Perry St., with the funeral service commencing immediately at 2PM. Minister Marva Pope, officiating. Interment Perry Mount Park Cemetery, 878 N. Perry St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 1:30PM Monday. Mrs. Wellons will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from 10AM-6PM Sunday.

Claudietta Marie Wellons was born November 12, 1951 to Rosa Lee Shorters and the late Jimmie Shorters in Pontiac, Mi. She was the youngest of seven children, hence the nickname "Bae-Bae". Claudietta accepted Christ at a young age, and was a member of Welcome Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac, MI. Claudietta graduated from Pontiac Central High school in 1969, and was active in band, track and cheerleading while a student there. She later attended Lansing Business College obtaining a certificate in court reporting and secretarial science. She and her closest friends formed a group affectionately known as the "Mean 13" and they have maintained a certain closeness throughout their adult lives, The boys were the "sweet 6" and the girls were known as the "savage 7". In 1972, Claudietta followed in her sister Rosaland's footsteps and moved to California, but after a few years she chose to return home to Michigan where she began a 15 year career with Control

Data Institute. In 1984, she welcomed her only son, Kenneth Belford Jr. into the world. After a few major and minor setbacks, Claudietta joined the Michigan Department of Corrections as a corrections officer. Co-workers and friends nicknamed her “Sly” which was short for her former last name Sylvester.

Claudietta retired from MDOC in 2007 to pursue a career as a caregiver. She had many patients she became close to and loved her job. Claudietta was a very strong willed woman. When her illness attacked, she went from being the one providing care to the one needing care, it was a difficult transition. She fought a valiant fight, and on June 2, 2014 she was called home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Claudette has impacted many with her kind-hearted spirit and Motherly love. She was a best friend to many, a confidant, and a guidance counselor, Claudietta was truly a phenomenal woman.

Mrs. Wellons is survived by her one and only son Kenneth Ray Belford Jr. of Pontiac, MI; her mother Rosa Lee Shorters, of Macomb, MI; brother Charles (Mary) Lewis of Jacksonville, FL; sister Barbara Alexander of Ontario, CA, brother James Shorters of Pontiac, MI and sister Rosaland Shorters of Dallas, TX; Special Niece and Caretaker Sonja Dates and Special Nephew Jason Seay who grew up in the home with her and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Wellons was preceded in death by her father, Jimmie Shorters; siblings, Gwendolyn and Michael Shorters.

Cemetery Details

Perry Mount Park Cemetery

878 N. Perry St.
Pontiac, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Pontiac
268 North Perry Street
Pontiac, MI 48342
(248) 758-1913

Service

JUN 9. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ My memory of Claudietta is when her and I spent almost a whole day to register Kenny Ray and my daughter Baseemah at Pontiac Northern, she was so ready to go, and they were not moving fast enough for her and she made it happen to get us out of there. I loved her spirit and she always love my daughter as her own. She will be deeply missed. My prayers and thoughts are with you Kenny Ray and your Family.
Love from your Joycey

Joyce Mustafaa-Douglas - June 10, 2014 at 03:26 PM

MB

“ My prayers are with the Wellons family. R.I.P. Claudiette , We had some great times growing up on the south side of PONTIAC.
Love,
Myrvin Brimm

J

Myrvin Brimm - June 09, 2014 at 11:15 AM

SC

“ Shannon Clark lit a candle in memory of Claudietta Marie Wellons



Shannon Clark - June 08, 2014 at 09:53 PM

KC

“ I knew "SLY" from working at the Department of Corrections.....We developed a very special friendship....I'm gonna miss talking with her and her giving me her motherly advice and her Beautiful Smile.....She always knew exactly what advice to give me from her own life experiences....she will be greatly missed.....My prayers are with the family at this time..... God Bless!



Kenyetta Carter - June 08, 2014 at 11:11 AM

DG

“ I was blessed to be able to take care of Claudietta during her illness and to have shared in her life. For over a year we shared stories about family and friends together and we developed a unique relationship. My condolences to the family at this time and may she rest in peace now, free of pain.

Donna Poole Grable R.N.- Hospice Advantage

Donna Poole Grable - June 08, 2014 at 07:29 AM

SD

Thanks again for everything Donna! Sonja

Sonja Dates - June 17, 2014 at 10:50 PM

MA

“ My condolences to Claudietta's family. I have fond, hilarious, and uplifting "back in the day" memories of Claudietta, especially when we were both part of a group called the "Savage Seven", a subset of the "Mean Thirteen". It has been several years since we were together. But, the last time we were, Claudietta let me know that she was a Believer. May Claudietta Rest In Peace!!!



Margaret Price Alston

Margaret Alston - June 06, 2014 at 08:52 AM

RS

“ I met this beautiful spirit through Gwen (strut your stuff) Shorters. I will miss the words of advice and the comfort she gave me over the years. The life lessons she taught me and the laughter we shared.



Our love of elephants will continue as I will treasure the ones you gave me.

You will be greatly miss, and as we all know you are now "BREATHING EASY"

Reva Singleton

Reva Singleton - June 06, 2014 at 07:45 AM

SD

“ *My aunt, my sister, my friend. Its been a long journey and I am proud to say I was able to be there from beginning to end. You told me not to be scared and not to cry, but tears still fall as I REFLECT ON OUR TALKS. I know you are no longer suffering and it is because of this I have found peace. Rest on Auntie and I will see you again.....breathe easy yhas taken on a totally different meaning for me. I love you! Sam*

Sonja Dates - June 04, 2014 at 10:06 PM

WM

“ *Willie And Virgie McClain lit a candle in memory of Claudietta Marie Wellons*



Willie and Virgie McClain - June 04, 2014 at 10:04 PM

RL

“ *I knew Sly from dept of corrections where we had a very special friendship...my heart goes out to the family...*

Robin Little - June 04, 2014 at 09:43 PM

JM

“ *My prayers are with the Shorters family. Rest in Peace Claudietta.*



Janice McClain-Morgan - June 04, 2014 at 12:19 PM