



Vanessa Ann Cato

May 23, 1955 - May 3, 2024

CATO, Ms. Vanessa Ann - age 68, passed away on Friday, May 3, 2024 in Pontiac, Michigan. Family hour 1:30PM Wednesday, May 15, 2024 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 North Perry Street, with funeral commencing immediately at 2:00PM. Friends and family will assemble 1:30PM Wednesday at the funeral home. Ms. Cato will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed 8:00AM until the time of service Wednesday.

Vanessa Ann Cato was born on Monday, May 23, 1955, to Sallie Cato and Willie Shelton in Pontiac, Michigan. She went home to be with the Lord on Friday, May 3, 2024.

She received her education through Pontiac Schools. Ms. Cato worked several jobs including for the City of Pontiac, Oakland Press, Hampton Inn and Mobil Gas Station.

Vanessa was a very caring and generous person who said her grandmother, Mama Dee, taught her those traits at an early age. Ms. Cato enjoyed shopping for name brands at her favorite store, The Salvation Army, which she called "The Sallys". She also enjoyed playing card games with her buddies.

Vanessa loved and nurtured her children who were nicknamed, Neekey and Slick, and they loved her very much.

Ms. Cato leaves to cherish her memory: her daughter, Teria (Leroy); son, Rickey, Jr. (Brittany); grandchildren, Eboni, Keyontae, Tiana and Siraj; great-grandchildren, Kingston, Maleen and Khalil; brother, Johnny Cato; sisters, Mary Bernita Cato, Vivian Shelton and Myra (Christopher) Allen; special cousin, Anita Shelton-Ford; daughter-in-law, Mishenda; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including the father of her children, Rickey, Sr.

Ms. Cato was preceded in death by her parents, Willie and Sallie Mae Shelton; grandmother, Mary Dee Shelton; sisters, Sallie Cato-Willis, Ruth Cato and Mary Gipson-Winfield; and brother, Willie Cato.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

MAY 15. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAY 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Vanessa Ann Cato*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - May 15, 2024 at 01:36 PM

LN

Vanessa was the best friend in the world. She is so caring and considerate and I'm going to miss her terribly.

Linda Nichols - June 14, 2024 at 02:04 PM

MM

“ *M Magee lit a candle in memory of Vanessa Ann Cato*



M Magee - August 24, 2024 at 11:34 AM

AM

“ *Man y'all I was very saddened to read and hear about the passing of Vanessa auntie asi called her she was sweet as pie❤️. You are going to be Missed Vanessa. Tell my mama I said hey.👊❤️*

My sincere condolences, Coffy 💋

Audrey Michael - May 15, 2024 at 02:31 PM

BF

“ Brother Robert Clements and Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Vanessa Ann Cato.



Brother Robert Clements and Family - May 14, 2024 at 08:11 PM

TF

“ Tracelia Doss and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Vanessa Ann Cato.



Tracelia Doss and Family - May 14, 2024 at 02:04 PM

AF

“ Forever in my heart, Cousin. Gone but not forgotten!!! Praising God for your peace 🙏 I sure hope you gave Mama Dee a good report on me. Until later...your 1st cousin, Anita Shelton Ford



Anita Shelton Ford - May 14, 2024 at 11:44 AM

AA

Hello Anita, I am very sorry to hear of Vanessa's passing. I pray for Sincere Condolences for your family 🙏❤️

Arletta Allen - June 07, 2024 at 04:57 PM

SF

“ Shonne, Nica, Tia, Lauren & Felicia purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Vanessa Ann Cato.



Shonne, Nica, Tia, Lauren & Felicia - May 14, 2024 at 09:09 AM

FF

“ Frat. Ron Blanch & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vanessa Ann Cato.

Frat. Ron Blanch & Family - May 14, 2024 at 12:03 AM

FF

“ Frat. Ron Blanch & Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Vanessa Ann Cato.



Frat. Ron Blanch & Family - May 14, 2024 at 12:03 AM

MD

“ Mishenda, Keyontae, & Diane purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Vanessa Ann Cato.



Mishenda, Keyontae, & Diane - May 13, 2024 at 11:39 AM

JD

“ *Joslyne Davis lit a candle in memory of Vanessa Ann Cato*



Joslyne Davis - May 11, 2024 at 07:15 PM

EB

“ *Edna Bass lit a candle in memory of Vanessa Ann Cato*



Edna Bass - May 11, 2024 at 01:26 PM

UO

“ *U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service: Team ODIWM planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vanessa Ann Cato.*

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service: Team ODIWM - May 10, 2024 at 09:51 PM

UO

“ *U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service: Team ODIWM purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Vanessa Ann Cato.*



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service: Team ODIWM - May 10, 2024 at 09:51 PM

DU

“ Drew & Inez Uhl purchased the Divine Light for the family of Vanessa Ann Cato.



Drew & Inez Uhl - May 10, 2024 at 08:52 PM

FT

“ From Tina & Your Granddaughter Tiana planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vanessa Ann Cato.

From Tina & Your Granddaughter Tiana - May 10, 2024 at 07:17 PM

FT

“ From Tina & Your Granddaughter Tiana purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Vanessa Ann Cato.



From Tina & Your Granddaughter Tiana - May 10, 2024 at 07:17 PM

FF

“ From Frankie Chism and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vanessa Ann Cato.

From Frankie Chism and family - May 10, 2024 at 06:08 AM

FF

“ From Frankie Chism and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Vanessa Ann Cato.



From Frankie Chism and family - May 10, 2024 at 06:08 AM

CM

“ Prayers and condolences to the Cato and Shelton families



Carla Mitchell-Carmouche - May 09, 2024 at 09:40 PM

8S

“ 8 SOTWU planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vanessa Ann Cato.

8 SOTWU - May 09, 2024 at 07:28 PM



“ Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Vanessa Ann Cato.



May 09, 2024 at 07:28 PM

RH

“ *Lit a candle in the memory of Vanessa Ann Cato! RIP!*



Regina Haynes - May 09, 2024 at 06:25 PM

DJ

“ *Deloyd Brown Jr lit a candle in memory of Vanessa Ann Cato*



Deloyd Brown Jr - May 09, 2024 at 05:59 PM

SL

“ *Sharon Simmons & Donna Lang purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Vanessa Ann Cato.*



Sharon Simmons & Donna Lang - May 09, 2024 at 10:02 AM

BG

“ *My heart felt prayers and condolences to the family*



BethAnn Gracey - May 09, 2024 at 08:47 AM

MH

“ *Michael Hooper lit a candle in memory of Vanessa Ann Cato*



Michael Hooper - May 09, 2024 at 07:11 AM



“ *My Sister Vanessa, I will miss talking to you, but I know you are in a better place, where there is no more suffering! RIHP!*

*Love you,
Myra K Allen*

Myra Allen - May 08, 2024 at 08:26 PM



“ *Myra Allen lit a candle in memory of Vanessa Ann Cato*



Myra Allen - May 08, 2024 at 08:18 PM

RS

“ *Rev. Tony & Sylvia Simpson lit a candle in memory of Vanessa Ann Cato*

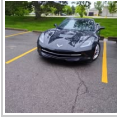


Rev. Tony & Sylvia Simpson - May 08, 2024 at 07:04 PM

LB

My condolences to Ms Vanessa Cato family..south side childhood friend (Leola Carter (Bell RIP)

Leola Bell-Carter - May 10, 2024 at 02:20 PM



I have one picture of you and me, which I will cherish forever, Rest forever in Peace my friend.

Ann Saunders - May 14, 2024 at 09:30 PM