



## Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele

June 7, 1936 - January 15, 2021

There will be a private family service by invitation. The service will be live streamed on Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations Facebook page at 1:00pm.

Considering the safety precautions we are to follow as we continue to live through this pandemic, we ask in lieu flowers, food donations, and home visits during this time that you donate to this fund to help a student purse higher education...she would be thrilled.

The family has request that all monetary donations be done through the <https://gofund.me/de244a57>.

Mary R. Peele Educational Scholarship

This fundraiser is to give the many lives that Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele touched an opportunity to honor her memory. The years she served her church family, the leadership she gave to her community, the 36 years of educating students, and the priceless knowledge she unselfishly shared with her family will never be forgotten. Her daughters, Tammy Peele Fussell and Angela Peele Grantham will be more than appreciative to carry on her legacy through this educational scholarship. Information about the process of receiving the scholarship will be shared at a later time. This is planned for an endowment to support an ongoing scholarship.

On January 15, 2021 Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele went home to be with her father in Heaven. She passed away peacefully surrounded by her daughters and was welcomed by her late husband of 52 years, Edward Slade Peele, III. Mary, the oldest of 12 children was born on June 7, 1936 to the late Clinton Reaves and Rosie Reaves in Martin County. She became the “second” mom to the family and was affectionately known as “The Judge”. She matriculated through the Everetts school system and attended WC Chance High School. She furthered her education at Elizabeth City State University receiving her degree in Elementary Education and then earned her Master’s Degree in Education from North Carolina Central University in Durham. She taught elementary education for 36 years in Martin County, spending most of her teaching at East End Elementary, touching the lives of over 1000 students. She loved working with children and helping people in any way she could. Mary was a role model and inspiration to everyone, with a great ability to meet anyone “wherever they are.” She was a very classy lady as well as a detailed planner. Mary was also a fantastic cook – feeding our souls in many different ways. She joined Saint Mark Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ at an early age and continued her membership there until death. Her heart longed to be able to be in attendance again. She held many positions and was a great leader in the church with roles as mother of the church, church secretary, treasurer, and trustee while also being in charge of committees like The Young Women Auxiliary and chairperson for several years of the Annual Homecoming Committee. Mary Carolyn was also active in her community as a member of the Robersonville Planning Zone Board, Retired Teachers Association, teacher associations NCAE/NEA, charter member of the SL Club – a women’s social, W.C. Chance High School Alumni, and Elizabeth City State University Alumni. She became the endearing matriarch of her family, always leading by example and a great storyteller – “Disney had nothing on Mary Carolyn.” Mary Carolyn married the love of her life, Edward Slade Peele, III in December 1959. To this union two daughters were born, and her role of a

mother then blossomed. She was very proud of her girls as she poured all her wisdom and life experiences into nurturing and shaping her own. Later she became a grandmother to three wonderful grandboys. She always said, "I had the girls and my girls had the boys." She was preceded in death by her sisters and brothers, Willie Reaves, Hilton Reaves, Carrie Jones, Marie Reaves, and Vivian Reaves. Mary Carolyn leaves to carry on her legacy her two daughters, Tammy Peele Fussell of West Chester, Ohio and Angela Peele Grantham (Anton) of Zebulon, NC; three grandsons, Jeremiah and Jayden Grantham, and Joshua Fussell; bonus family - Jerry Fussell, Jessica Tucker, and Jerry Fussell Jr; two sisters, Jean Rahman (Naeem) of Robersonville, NC and Dorothy Howard of Robersonville, NC; four brothers, Abdul Kareem Muhammad (Kareemah) of Newark, NJ, Kenneth Reaves of Raleigh, NC, Larry Reaves (Malinda) of Robersonville, NC, and Tim Reaves (Renea) of Knightdale, NC; two special guardianship nieces, Raychelle Baptist (Al) of Durham, NC and Kimberly Willis (John) of Butner, NC; a very special longtime best friend, Mary Raynard of Robersonville, NC and a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws from the Peele Family, cousins, and friends. We gave Mary Carolyn her flowers while she lived, and we will cherish the sweet memories forever. "Well done my good and faithful servant welcome home to take your rest."

# Cemetery Details

## Robersonville Memorial Gardens

2418 C.L. Keel Road  
Robersonville, NC 27871

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Roberson Baptist Church  
305 Cochran Street  
Robersonville, NC 27871

## Celebration of Life Service

JAN **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. John Missionary Baptist Church Soul-Saving Center  
2921 Briery Swamp Road  
Stokes, NC 27884

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Condolences to the Peele family. I fondly remember Mrs. Peele standing tall in the halls of East End. She was a no nonsense educator and was highly respected. Great years at East End and with her daughters Tammy and Angela. REST IN PEACE.*

**Vickie Jones Smallwood** - March 20, 2021 at 10:02 PM



“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. May God give you peace.*

*Gladys Little and Family*



**Evelyn Little** - February 05, 2021 at 01:28 PM



“ *The Norfleets: Johnny, James, Gladys, lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele*



**The Norfleets: Johnny, James, Gladys,** - January 27, 2021 at 10:27 PM

ES

“ *Eula M. Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele*



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**Eula M. Scott** - January 24, 2021 at 04:24 PM



“ *Joseph & Peggy Slade lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele*



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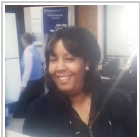
**Joseph & Peggy Slade** - January 23, 2021 at 07:22 PM

VP

*Mrs. Peele, my fourth grade teacher. May you Rest In Peace. Vickie Jackson Jones Presley*

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**Vickie Presley** - January 30, 2021 at 10:26 PM



“ *Sabrina Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele*



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**Sabrina Smith** - January 23, 2021 at 07:04 PM

JF

“ *Our Sincerest and Sympathy*

*Let the flame of this candle reflect the glow and radiant life of your love one. Mrs. Peele's smile could light up any dark pathway as her wisdom guided so many thru pathways of life.*

*As a neighbor during my teenage years, an outstanding teacher and my current neighbor as I gracefully enter my Senior years, she has shown LOVE throughout all walks of life. She will always hold a special place in my heart.*

*She is the epitome of a beautiful flower that spreads wide as it blossoms. God always pick His best.*

*To the Peele and Reaves families, on behalf of James, JeOnie, Telaina, the Grands and myself....we pray that God will keep His loving arms all around you as He gives you peace within.*



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**James, Connie and the Wilson family** - January 23, 2021 at 01:03 PM

VG

“ *Our condolences and prayer to the Peele Family. We will surely miss her wisdom! The Roanoke High School Class of 1984.*



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**Valerie Green** - January 23, 2021 at 11:49 AM

PM

“ *Percy & Geneva Moring sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele*



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**Percy & Geneva Moring** - January 23, 2021 at 07:36 AM

JH

“ Sending my condolences to the family. You all are in my prayers during this difficult time.



Janyda Hester - January 22, 2021 at 08:40 PM

JP

“ Family, we are deeply saddened by the loss of our guardian angel, Ms Peele, who gave so much to others. May the memories of her Special life capitalized with her contagious smile, gentle heart, listening ear, golden advice live on in all hearts of those lucky to have known her. Hope it helps by embracing your spirit to know that this angel, Mrs Mary Carolyn Peele, who walked among us on Earth is being gently welcomed and that you are being thought of with our caring prayers for a peaceful heart. Our deepest sympathy: Jeanette, Julius, James Paige and Eliis & Ethel Barnes



Jeanette Paige-Hester - January 22, 2021 at 07:33 PM

NM

“ Norma Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele



Norma Murphy - January 22, 2021 at 05:28 PM

EH

“ May God Continue To Comfort And Strengthen The Family 🙏

Evangelist Gwen Hudson - January 22, 2021 at 03:54 PM

EH

“ *Evangelist Gwen Hudson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele*



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**Evangelist Gwen Hudson** - January 22, 2021 at 03:48 PM

AC

“ *Always your line Sisters, Spring 91 AKA, Alpha Chi purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele.*



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**Always your line Sisters, Spring 91 AKA, Alpha Chi** - January 22, 2021 at 02:33 PM

AF

“ *Arnold Fields And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele*



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**Arnold Fields and Family** - January 22, 2021 at 12:40 PM

NC

“ *Breshell Chavis Porter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Peele.*

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**Nancy Chavis** - January 22, 2021 at 12:02 PM

Jerry  
Fussell

“ My condolences to the entire Peele family and all those who will grieve this lost. I met Mrs. Peele about 20 years ago and she welcomed me with a warm smile and open heart. Our conversations were always filled with amazing guidance, wisdom and always ended with a laugh. I am honored to have been welcomed into her family and her light will transcend and burn bright for generations. Jerry Fussell Jr. "Jay"



Jerry Fussell - January 22, 2021 at 11:16 AM

LR

“ Lillian Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele



Lillian Reaves - January 22, 2021 at 01:01 AM

LR

“ Mae Carolyn was an incredibly intelligent, generous and giving person. I feel honored to be a part of her family and will never forget her.

Lillian Reaves - January 22, 2021 at 01:01 AM

GL

“ Gwendolyn Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele



Gwendolyn Lloyd - January 21, 2021 at 08:47 PM

WL

“ *Walter & Yulonda Latham purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele.*

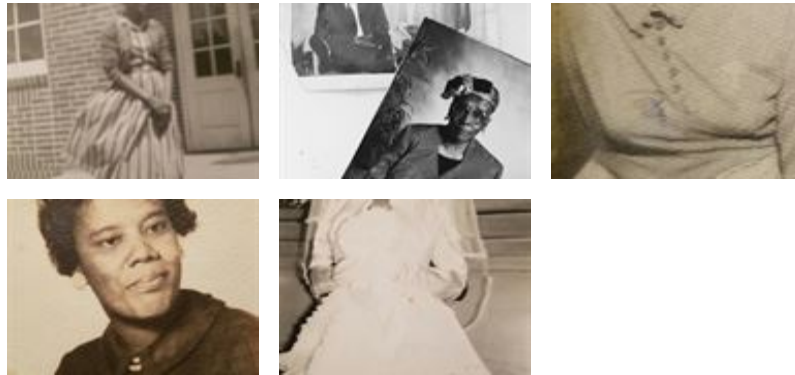


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**Walter & Yulonda Latham** - January 21, 2021 at 06:34 PM



“ *113 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Congleton Memorial Mortuary** - January 21, 2021 at 06:07 PM

BF

“ *Our sincerest sympathy on the loss of Mother Peele. Our thoughts and prayers to you, family as mourn your loss...but her passing is Heaven's gain. Belmont MB Church*



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**Belmont Church Family** - January 21, 2021 at 12:53 PM

RF

“ *Rev. Reginald High/ The Beavers Chapel CC Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele.*



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**Rev. Reginald High/ The Beavers Chapel CC Family** - January 21, 2021 at 12:19 PM

KW

“ *Condolences to the family!* 🙏🙏



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**Kenneth and Cathy Wallace** - January 21, 2021 at 11:43 AM

PB

“ *Pastor Antonio & Lady Yetta Bradley purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele.*



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**Pastor Antonio & Lady Yetta Bradley** - January 20, 2021 at 05:58 PM

YB

“ *Your loving Brothers purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele.*



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**Your loving Brothers** - January 20, 2021 at 10:06 AM

GC

“ I was saddened to learn of the sudden passing of one of my favorite cousins, Carolyn. Like many others, I too can speak on the many ways she touched not only my life but the lives of my family as well. When my siblings and I left the area and only my dad remained, Carolyn was always there for him. I will never forget all she meant to me in my life. RIP cousin and receive the crown you've earned.

To her family, may God's grace comfort you during these difficult times.

*Galvin & Stephanie Chance & The Chance Family*

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**Galvin Chance** - January 19, 2021 at 11:33 PM

DH

“ Daylene Highsmith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele



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**Daylene Highsmith** - January 19, 2021 at 08:44 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele.



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January 19, 2021 at 07:03 PM

LH

“ Mrs. Peele will always be remembered by the students, teachers and staff of East End Elementary School as great teacher and friend. She had a beautiful soul and a beautiful soul is never forgotten. She is no longer by our side, but forever in our hearts. Her family will remain in our thoughts and prayers.



Lillie and Walter M. Harris - January 19, 2021 at 03:17 PM

HR

“ Praying for your family during this difficult time. May God’s loving presence comfort your family and his promise of eternal life sustain y’all during this season.  
Cousin Herbert Linwood Reaves and Family



Herbert Linwood Reaves - January 18, 2021 at 09:12 PM

PB

“ A mother's love is always with her children. Her goodness, her caring and wisdom live on like a legacy of love that will always be with you. May that love surround you now and bring you peace.

Zebulon First Baptist Youth Choir  
Pamela Blake, Pam Gibbs, Stanley Kurney

Pamela Blake - January 18, 2021 at 07:58 PM

PB

“ *Pamela Blake lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele*



Pamela Blake - January 18, 2021 at 07:48 PM

JF

*Cousin Mae Carolyn, Thank you for leaving us a wonderful legacy in caring, guidance and faith... You will forever remain in our hearts.*

Jackie & Kelli Brown, Kristina Foley - January 19, 2021 at 12:03 PM

TM

“ *Mrs. Peele was my 4th grade teacher. Praying for the family.*



Tonette Hudgins McNeil - January 18, 2021 at 07:14 PM

RS

“ *You gave to so many , you touched all our hearts , you will never be forgotten. God Bless you all, Mrs. Mary Peel's Entire Family. We will be praying for you All.*



Rev.Milton Staon&Family - January 18, 2021 at 06:52 PM

JP

“ *May the Blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ give the family of Mary Carolyn Peele strength needed to help you through this difficult time. My Condolences and Prayers are with you.*

*With Deepest Sympathy,  
Uncle Julius and the Peele Family*

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**Julius Peele** - January 18, 2021 at 05:22 PM



NW

“ *Nelson & Ethel Wallace lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele*

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**Nelson & Ethel Wallace** - January 18, 2021 at 04:59 PM



AR

“ *A. Razor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele*

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**A. Razor** - January 18, 2021 at 04:32 PM



SW

“ *She will always call me her boy. I always looked forward to seeing her during my visits to our home church St. Mark Everetts. She was very special to many people. Love you!!*

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**Steve Wallace** - January 18, 2021 at 04:19 PM

CM

“ Carolyn And Jamesha Marshall sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele



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**Carolyn And Jamesha Marshall** - January 18, 2021 at 10:55 AM

RF

“ Rev. Reginald High/The BCCC Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele



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**Rev. Reginald High/The BCCC Family** - January 18, 2021 at 10:53 AM

CM

“ Carolyn & Jamesha Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele



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**Carolyn & Jamesha Marshall** - January 18, 2021 at 10:51 AM

SL

“ Shelia Little lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele



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**Shelia Little** - January 17, 2021 at 11:40 PM

AG

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Angela Grantham - January 17, 2021 at 11:22 PM

HP

“ Howard Earl Peele & Cori Dollette Peele purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele.



Howard Earl Peele & Cori Dollette Peele - January 17, 2021 at 10:34 PM

CI

“ Carole Jackson Ingram lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele



Carole Jackson Ingram - January 17, 2021 at 09:06 PM

JB

“ Juanita Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele



Juanita Brown - January 17, 2021 at 04:41 PM

PF

“ *Our prayers are with Sister Angela Grantham and the family. May the Lord continue to provide His peace and His comfort.*

**Pastor High & the Beavers Chapel Family** - January 17, 2021 at 03:15 PM

DC

“ *Rest in Peace my fellow Elizabeth City State University Viking.*



**Donte Crowell** - January 17, 2021 at 12:10 PM

JS

“ *Jarvis And Angelene Purvis Stokes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele*



**Jarvis and Angelene Purvis Stokes** - January 16, 2021 at 10:40 PM

HD

“ *Hazel Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele*



**Hazel Davis** - January 16, 2021 at 07:50 PM

BD

“ We will missed you dearly I will missed all our conversation. I'm going to missed my god fearing But I know God has you all in his arms now you shall rest with him.  
*Bria and Jonas*

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**Bria Davis** - January 16, 2021 at 06:46 PM

WF

“ *William Freeman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele*



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**William Freeman** - January 16, 2021 at 06:17 PM

LC

“ *Linda Carter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele*



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**Linda Carter** - January 16, 2021 at 03:47 PM

JF

*Cousin Mae Carolyn, you will be missed ...Whenever we had family or church gatherings, you would always share your words of wisdom, as only you could, with that luminous smile. Thanks for exhibiting your love of God. The memories of you will forever remain in our hearts.*

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**Jacqueline & Kelli Brown, Kristina Foley** - January 17, 2021 at 10:34 PM

OP

“Wow! Have so many memories. The best memory I will cherish is the time she and her sister Dorothy rode with me and my mom to my mom’s birthday celebration in Rocky Mount. Oh what a joyous time we had. I will never forget you Mother Peele nor the conversations we had. RIP love you💙🕊️



Odessa Keel Pugh - January 16, 2021 at 03:40 PM

DO

“Remembering my loving, caring, God fearing aunt.  
Love,  
Darius&Sade

Darius&Sade Outlaw - January 16, 2021 at 03:35 PM

CS

“Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - January 16, 2021 at 01:28 PM

KW

“Karen & James R. Wallace lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Carolyn Reaves Peele



Karen & James R. Wallace - January 16, 2021 at 12:36 PM

BD

*God bless you Family at this time of bereavement. Love, Brenda, Traci and Tobias*

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**brenda daniels** - January 16, 2021 at 04:59 PM

VS

*Condolences to the family. I love this wonderful lady. May you rest in peace.*

*Vivian Slade*

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**VIVIAN SLADE** - January 16, 2021 at 11:43 PM

KL

*Never can forget my fourth grade teacher. Many years later she taught one of my son's. A great teacher and friend. To the family, she is receiving her rewards. Blessings to all of you.*

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**Kathy Little** - January 18, 2021 at 08:39 AM

MA

*Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Mrs. Peele, a wonderful neighbor and friend will be truly missed.*

*Minnie Andrews and The Boyd Family*

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**Minnie Andrews** - January 18, 2021 at 02:47 PM

MA

*Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Mrs. Peele, a wonderful neighbor will be truly missed.*

*Minnie Andrews and The Boyd Family -January 18 at 2:55 PM*

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**Minnie Andrews** - January 18, 2021 at 02:56 PM

LC

*Tammy and Angela your Mom left a great legacy behind. Keep [t moving, Thanks to her for crossing our paths. Lula Council. Jasper Jr. and Brent.*

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**Lula Council** - January 18, 2021 at 10:18 PM

AM

*My sincerest condolences to the Peele and Reaves families. Mrs. Peele was an excellent educator and impacted many lives, she will be missed by many.*

**Amy Marshall-Brown** - January 19, 2021 at 02:07 AM

EL

*From the St. Mark's Women Ministry to the Peele and Reaves family our thoughts and prayers are with you. As a mother of the church she gave us as young ladies much wisdom concerning our lives. We will truly miss her. Her memories of her humbleness and kindness will always remain in our hearts. Elder Joyce Leary and the women of the church ministry*

**Elder Joyce Leary** - January 22, 2021 at 09:59 AM

TC

*Thinking of you at this time and praying that God will give you comfort now and in the days to come. Thomas and Nancy Chavis*

**Thomas & Nancy Chavis** - January 22, 2021 at 03:38 PM

SH

*My deepest condolences go out to the Peele family. What a beautiful mother you were blessed with, Angie and Tammy! I know the deep and lasting value of that and so glad you have such a beautiful legacy to carry on! Angie P, best roommate ever, you will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. Mama Peele, rest in your heavenly peace!*

**Sharlene Horton** - January 23, 2021 at 08:38 AM