



## Lorraine Staples

January 9, 1938 - June 25, 2016

Lorraine Staples was surrounded by all her children as she made her heavenly transition on Saturday, June 25, 2016.

She graced the world with her beautiful presence.

Lorraine Staples was born January 9, 1938 in Jackson, Mississippi. She was born to Julius and Lucille Portier. She was a graduate of the Kankakee High School. She confessed to Christ at an early age at Tri-Union Baptist Church in Mississippi. She later became a member of the House of Prayer, under the leadership of Pastor Ella Davis.

She married Charles Staples in 1954. She leaves to cherish her beautiful memory two daughters, Judy Staples and Arletha (Joseph) Harris; four sons, Charles (Joyce) Staples, of Memphis, TN, Kenneth (Marlana) Staples, Leroy (Barbara) King, and Leon (Darlene) King; 12 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; 5 Godchildren, Mary Martin, Danyelle Johnson, Sylvia Murrell, Edward Wilkins, and Samuel Jefferies; and a special sister, Fruitsy Gathings. Lorraine was employed at Manteno Mental Health until her retirement.

Lorraine has a beautiful spirit and was loved by all.

Lorraine was a positive role model for all of the community children, taking all of the kids to baseball and football games.

She loved and expressed love to everyone.

Lorraine enjoyed cooking and gardening and loved being outside. Her grandkids were the love of her life.

She leaves a host of cousins, family, and friends.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her mother, Lucille; her father, Portier; a son, Michael Staples; a grandson, Aris Lamar Staples; aunts; uncles; and a host of cousins.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, July 5, 2016 from 9:00 AM until the 11:00 AM funeral service at Second Baptist Church in Kankakee. Her son, Kenneth Staples, will officiate. Burial will follow at Mound Grove Cemetery in Kankakee. Memorials may be made to Staples Family Foundation.

# Cemetery Details

## Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 933-6726

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Second Baptist Church  
Kankakee, IL 60901

## Funeral Service

JUL 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Second Baptist Church  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Tribute Wall



“ *The Dixon family send our condolences to the Family. My sister Debbie and I will always have those memories of Wildwood and Oak and Evergreen.*



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**Mary Gant** - July 05, 2016 at 09:40 PM

DF

“ *Arletha and Brandon, We extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Praying that our Lord grant you all much needed comfort, strength and peace during this difficult time. Love Shirley McClain-Douglas & family, Shelia McClain & family and Raphael, Reese & Denise Smyly*



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**Denise Smyly and Family** - July 05, 2016 at 10:37 AM

MR

“ *Melita Randolph lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Staples*



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**Melita Randolph** - July 05, 2016 at 10:36 AM

CW

“ *My condolences for the family. Ms. Cheryl Wilson and family*

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**Cheryl Wilson** - July 03, 2016 at 10:06 AM

LW

“ Miss Judy.

*Please accept our most heartfelt condolences for the loss of your Mother, who I know you loved so much. We are holding you, and your family in our thoughts and prayers in this time of sorrow. Much Love to you, and yours, my dear.*

*Leland and Diana Webster  
Sheldon, IL*

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**Leland Webster** - July 02, 2016 at 03:31 AM

EP

“ *Ms Lorraine was a neighborhood mom when I was growing up....she was one of the sweetest women in the village...she sat out on the porch everyday and not only invited your visits but loved and enjoyed your company....Heaven took hold of another great one...she is one to be missed*

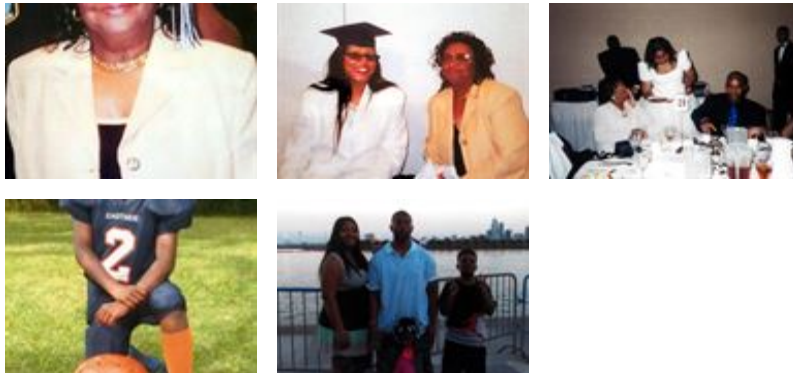


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**Edith Prowell-Jasper** - July 02, 2016 at 12:27 AM



“ 101 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - July 01, 2016 at 04:04 PM



“ *Mrs. Fields Nibblers® Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Lorraine Staples.*



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July 01, 2016 at 03:32 PM



“ *Arletha, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, may you always have special memories of you and your mother, our sympathy., love Missy and Jim Haworth*



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**melissa haworth** - June 30, 2016 at 07:14 PM



“ *Annie Moody & Family lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Staples*



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**Annie Moody & Family** - June 30, 2016 at 04:33 PM



“ *To this very special family you all have my Sympathy your mother were very dear to me.*

*Renee Stewart family*

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**Renee Stewart** - June 30, 2016 at 03:27 PM

DS

“ *Davina Stewart lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Staples*



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**Davina Stewart** - June 30, 2016 at 01:15 PM

CJ

“ *Catherine Jackson lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Staples*



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**Catherine Jackson** - June 30, 2016 at 12:18 PM

VM

“ *Vanessa A. Holden-St. Paul, MN lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Staples*



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**Vanessa A. Holden-St. Paul, MN** - June 30, 2016 at 10:07 AM

TR

“ *Terry Robicheaux-Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Staples*



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**Terry Robicheaux-Lloyd** - June 30, 2016 at 08:29 AM

LF

“ *My condolences to the family.*



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**Lataira Harris and Family** - June 30, 2016 at 12:20 AM

DF

“ *Rest in peace Miss Staples.*

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**Denise Flessner** - June 30, 2016 at 12:11 AM

BW

“ *Lorraine (Reesie) Staples was truly a special person to me. She was exceptionally beautiful, inside & out. Always had a compliment & word of encouragement. We both shared a love for purses. Had the privilege of sitting on her porch sharing some memories in the past couple years. I know Pam & my grandchildren will miss her. She was a kind & loving person. Sleep Lorraine. We love you, But GOD loves best.*

*To the family, cherish your memories. Bernice Watson*

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**Bernice Watson** - June 29, 2016 at 10:23 PM

LB

“ *Judy ! You have my "DEEPEST SYMPATHY",but time will pass and the pain will lessen but "MEMORIES" will be forever present of someone who was so " VERY SPECIAL" to you'll "AMEN !!!!*

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**Laura Etta ( Tate ) Bolar** - June 29, 2016 at 10:11 PM

LB

“ *Laura Etta ( Tate ) Bolar lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Staples*



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**Laura Etta ( Tate ) Bolar** - June 29, 2016 at 10:00 PM

YT

“ *Judy, I'm stunned and sadden by this news,Lorraine always made me feel loved and a part of the family as child and throughout my life. I've always felt a special bond with her,I'm truly truly sorry for the family loss,she will truly miss. Heaven has gained another angel*  
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**Yolanda Taylor** - June 29, 2016 at 09:37 PM

BB

“ *Barbara Bennett&Family lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Staples*



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**Barbara Bennett&Family** - June 29, 2016 at 08:10 PM

IO

“ *May God give you strength and comfort in the loss of your beloved Mother.Ike Odeneal & Family*

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**Ike Odeneal** - June 29, 2016 at 07:43 PM

IF

“ *May God give the family strength and comfort in the loss of your mother.*

Ike Odeneal & Family - June 29, 2016 at 07:40 PM

PM

“ *My deepest condolences to my extended family! I had the privilege to work with your Mom back in 1976 at Americana Nursing Home! She was a very lady! Praying that God will continue to hold you all tightly in his loving arms! RIP Mrs. Staples! Mz. Phyllis McNeal.*



Phyllis McNeal - June 29, 2016 at 07:30 PM

PP

“ *My condolences to the Staples family*

Pamela Paynes - June 29, 2016 at 06:58 PM



“ *Mary Gant lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Staples*



Mary Gant - June 29, 2016 at 05:55 PM