



Mrs. Claristeen O. Beard

August 12, 1939 - August 7, 2025

Claristeen was born August 12, 1939 in Hillsborough, MS, the daughter of Gladys Harper Odom and Isodore Odom. She was a graduate from Jackson State University, and was a teacher in Concordia Parish. Claristeen was a member of Zion Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where she enjoyed singing in the choir.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Prezell Odom; and sister, Doris Brewer.

Claristeen leaves to cherish her memories: daughters, Dana Nicole Christopher and Melanie Beard Conner; sisters, Dr. Aruby Odom White and Luevennie Bridges; grandchildren, Elijah, Chloe, Claire, and Caleb; and many beloved nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Midway Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery

5860 Midway Odom Road
Forest, MS 39074

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 21. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

West Gate Funeral Home (Natchez)
409 N Martin Luther King Jr Street
Natchez, MS 39120
(601) 445-2008
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<https://westgatefuneralhome.com>

Funeral

AUG 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Chapel A.M.E Church
228 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street
Natchez, MS 39120

Burial

AUG **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Midway Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery
5860 Midway Odom Road
Forest, MS 39074

Tribute Wall

EN

“ *Nicole and Melanie, please accept our deepest and most heartfelt condolences. May your memories of her wit and spirit live on forever.*

Eugenia Williams-Navarre and family



Eugenia Navarre - August 22, 2025 at 12:52 PM

AT

“ *I never met Mrs. Claristeen in person. We met online through FaceTime. I was introduced to her by Kisha Flowers-James, her caregiver. Once we met we became instant friends. Kisha would call and we would talk and laugh about all types of things. I know she loved to sing along with gospel songs and like with me I believe she connected with the people she met. Sweet Mrs. Claristeen is smiling down on all of us. I extend my deepest sympathy to the family and pray for your comfort as you remember her and smile back.*

Alda Thomas - August 22, 2025 at 08:24 AM

MR

“ *Maxine Railey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Claristeen O. Beard*



Maxine Railey - August 21, 2025 at 07:55 PM

DM

“ *Debbie Myles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Claristeen O. Beard*



Debbie Myles - August 21, 2025 at 06:00 PM

AJ

“ *Condolences to the family.* 🌸



Alma Johnson - August 21, 2025 at 05:23 PM

RC

“ *Ryan & Kadesha Connor purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Claristeen O. Beard.*



Ryan & Kadesha Connor - August 21, 2025 at 10:39 AM

AA

“ *Alton and Lynn Fitzgerald Alexis purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Claristeen O. Beard.*



Alton and Lynn Fitzgerald Alexis - August 20, 2025 at 07:21 PM

LF

“ *Lorraine Fleming Franklin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Claristeen O. Beard*



Lorraine Fleming Franklin - August 20, 2025 at 12:16 AM

YB

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Mrs Claristeen O. Beard*



Yvonne Blanton Bell - August 19, 2025 at 07:30 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Claristeen O. Beard.*



August 19, 2025 at 04:23 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Claristeen O. Beard.*

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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Claristeen O. Beard.

August 19, 2025 at 02:37 PM



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“ The West Gate Family extends our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Family of Claristeen Beard.

May Memories of Claristeen and the Love of Family surround you and give you strength in the days ahead.



West Gate Funeral Home - August 19, 2025 at 09:48 AM



“ Elizabeth Dunham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Claristeen O. Beard



Elizabeth Dunham - August 18, 2025 at 05:40 PM

GG

“ *Georgia Green lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Claristeen O. Beard*



Georgia Green - August 16, 2025 at 10:22 AM