



## Mrs. Etta Mae Harris Gooden

September 4, 1939 - December 26, 2023

Etta was born September 4, 1939 in Natchez, the daughter of Callie Cleveland and Steve Harris. She was educated in the Natchez-Adams School District and was retired from the school district-Natchez Middle School. Mrs. Gooden was a member of Milford Baptist Church where she served on the Mother's Board and in the Senior Choir. She enjoyed cleaning, cooking, talking on the telephone, shopping and working in the yard.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Elijah Gooden; parents; sisters: Mildred Davis, Edna Mae Jackson, Clara Murphy and Debra Harris and brother, Willie Edward Harris.

Etta leaves to cherish her memories: two sons: Elijah Gooden III and Louis Gooden; two daughters: Renza Morgan and Gloria Tensley; five brothers: Melvin "Bo" Harris, Charles Cleveland, James Cleveland, Alton Robinson and Steve Harris; five sisters: Juanita Harris, Maxine Harris, Lillian Harris, Brenda Harris and Velma Myles; eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.westgatefh.com](http://www.westgatefh.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 5. 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

West Gate Funeral Home (Natchez)  
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Natchez, MS 39120  
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## Funeral

JAN 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Milford Baptist Church  
300 Artman Road  
Natchez, MS 39120

# Tribute Wall



“ Shirley Mazique lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Etta Mae Harris Gooden



Shirley Mazique - January 27, 2024 at 11:17 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Etta Mae Harris Gooden.



January 05, 2024 at 04:21 PM



“ Ethel Griffin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Etta Mae Harris Gooden



Ethel Griffin - January 04, 2024 at 11:53 PM



“ Joyce Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Etta Mae Harris Gooden



Joyce Lewis - January 04, 2024 at 11:00 PM

CJ

“ *Carsetha Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Etta Mae Harris Gooden*



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**Carsetha Johnson** - January 04, 2024 at 08:17 PM

WH

“ *West Gate Funeral Home and staff extends our deepest condolences to the Gooden family. May memories of Mrs. Gooden and the love of family and friends surround you and give you strength in the days ahead. We will continue to uplift the family in prayer.*

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**WEST GATE FUNERAL HOME** - January 04, 2024 at 05:37 PM

WH

“ *WEST GATE FUNERAL HOME lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Etta Mae Harris Gooden*



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**WEST GATE FUNERAL HOME** - January 04, 2024 at 05:34 PM

OM

“ *My sister was a caregiver for Ms. Gooden ans she loved her like a mother. She didn't consider her as a job, she was more like family. She talked about Ms. Gooden all the time about the talks they use to have together. Prayers are with your family from Roberta's family....Ollie, Henry, Bobbie and Ada.*

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**Ollie Marsaw** - January 01, 2024 at 10:10 PM

LG

“ *Louis & Antoinette Gooden purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mrs. Etta Mae Harris Gooden.*



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**Louis & Antoinette Gooden** - January 01, 2024 at 01:25 AM

JP

“ *Jacquelyn Posey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Etta Mae Harris Gooden*



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**Jacquelyn Posey** - December 30, 2023 at 09:16 AM

AB

“ *Mrs. Gooden was such a sweet lady. She would tell you what was on her mind with a smile. I remember her always saying Thank God for Jesus. Praying for strength and comfort for her family at this time. God Bless.*



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**April Blanton** - December 30, 2023 at 06:42 AM

OM

*My sister was a caregiver for Ms. Gooden and she her like a mother...she didn't consider her as having a job, she was more like family to her. All her talk was about sitting and talking with Ms. Gooden. Prayers are with the family from Roberta's family. Ollie, Henry, Bobbie and Ada*

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**Ollie Marsaw** - January 01, 2024 at 10:01 PM

BC

“ Bethley Cheryl lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Etta Mae Harris Gooden



Bethley Cheryl - December 29, 2023 at 05:50 AM



“ Red Poinsettia was purchased for the family of Mrs. Etta Mae Harris Gooden.



December 28, 2023 at 09:17 PM

MN

“ Marie Norman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Etta Mae Harris Gooden



Marie Norman - December 27, 2023 at 07:40 PM

RW

“ Ruthie Washington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Etta Mae Harris Gooden



Ruthie Washington - December 27, 2023 at 06:28 PM

RW

“ *Rosie Woods lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Etta Mae Harris Gooden*



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**Rosie Woods** - December 27, 2023 at 03:23 PM

GG

“ *Georgia Green lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Etta Mae Harris Gooden*



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**Georgia Green** - December 27, 2023 at 06:49 AM