



## Clara Lucille Daniels

August 8, 1935 - October 13, 2020

Clara Lucille Daniels, 85, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, went home to Jesus on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at her son's home in Topeka, Kansas after a long battle with cancer. Clara was born to the late Madison and Clara (Johnson) Daniels in Cape Girardeau, MO on August 8, 1935. She began her education at John S. Cobb School, where she played basketball, until her senior year of high school when she became the first Black student to receive a diploma from Cape Central High School.

After graduating high school, Clara worked tirelessly for her family--first as a licensed hairdresser and housekeeper and then returning to school to obtain her certification as a nurse's assistant. She finished her working years upon retiring from her career as a CNA at Saint Francis Medical Center.

Clara truly loved Jesus and was a lifetime member of St. James A.M.E. church in Cape Girardeau where she sang in the choir for decades. She served in many roles at the church throughout her life and one of her favorite positions was overseeing the annual Friends and Family Day where she helped create memorable services for all those who came home to St. James every summer. Clara was a longtime member of the Princess Oziel Chapter 101 Order of the Eastern Star, where she was a Past Worthy Matron and Gold Star member. She was always active in her community and volunteered at St. Francis after her retirement. She believed strongly that everyone should

exercise their right to vote and worked the polls every year that she was able. Clara had a true servant's heart and shared whatever she had throughout her life. If something needed to be done or someone needed a place to stay, she was the first to offer.

Clara joins her parents, brother Albert, sister Virginia and infant grandson Joshua Charles in Heaven. Loving survivors include sons, Herbert (Rose) Daniels of Raleigh, North Carolina and Ronald (Julie) Daniels of Topeka, Kansas. She was a proud grandmother to Joy (Barry) Daniels-Brown and Brea Daniels (Raleigh, NC), and Caroline Daniels and Riana Daniels (Topeka, KS), many loving nieces, nephews and cousins and countless friends.

Education was especially important to Clara and she took tremendous pride in the fact that her sons had graduated from college and her grandchildren have graduated (Joy and Brea) or are currently in college (Caroline and Riana).

Visitation will be Friday, October 23, 2020 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel. Funeral service will be Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at St. James A.M.E. Church with Rev. Renita Green and Rev. Wallace Foster officiating.

Burial will follow at Fairmount Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to 18 Fore Life, which provides financial support in the form of love offerings to families who are battling cancer.

The Ben Kruse 18 FORE Life Foundation, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, MO 63841

<https://www.18forelife.com/>

# Cemetery Details

## Fairmount Cemetery

835 Caruthers  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **23**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Service

OCT **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. James A.M.E. Church  
516 North St.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ Ron, Herbert, and family, words cannot express how much your mother meant to me. Her open heart and kind spirit have been etched in my life. I try to duplicate the goodness she expressed to me while I live in Cape Girardeau in my life. I will never forget her and have shared the many wonderful memories we had with my children. May God give you peace in knowing she loved Jesus. We have this hope of the soon return of Jesus, knowing that those who died in Christ will rise first. I look forward to that great getting up morning when we shall see each other again. We are blessed because of Clara Lucille Daniels.

With Love,  
Karen Grinstead McKinnie

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**Karen McKinnie** - October 24, 2020 at 07:08 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clara Lucille Daniels.



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October 23, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ My heart goes out to Herbert and family, Ms Clara was a great woman. I worked with her for years at SFMC and she always talked about her boys. I went to school with Herbert and when I would ask about him she would beam with joy. She was such a wonderful person and a joy to work with. She always took excellent care, physically and mentally with her patient's, The smile in this photo is the one I always saw in person. I'm honored to have know this sweet lady. She will be sadly missed here but I know she is with the Lord and celebrating and patiently waiting for the rest of her family.

*Sincerely Debby Blackwell Schlick*

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**Debby Blackwell Schlick** - October 23, 2020 at 07:59 AM

JS

“ My family has known Clara since the 1960s and she was such a wonderful person. She was always happy, laughing and a pleasure to be around. As a single parent, she did a wonderful job raising her two sons. Our deepest sympathy to Herbert and Ronald and their families for their loss.

*Jane Dunklin Stahly  
Judy Dunklin Hoeh  
Susan Dunklin King*

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**Jane Stahly** - October 22, 2020 at 08:05 PM

KT

“*Mrs. Clara thanks for being a light to this world. My mother (Mary Thatch) always talk about receiving your beautiful Christmas cards every year and our family going to sit with you doing the homecoming parades. You brought a smile to everyone and taught us the importance of always being humble.*

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**Kopper T** - October 22, 2020 at 09:00 AM



“*I remember the church events Clara coordinated. Ice cream socials, Around the World dinners, Miniature weddings (not sure thats what they were called), the easter Fashion shows, Heaven/Hell dinners, etc. All things the church kids were involved in that I remember to this day. I have been a Sunday school teacher for 46 years and I think she's one of the reasons I wanted to work with kids at church. Having just lost my mother, I know how your family is feeling. My prayers are with you all.*

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**Jocelyn Hubbard** - October 21, 2020 at 05:30 PM

PM

“*Our deepest condolences to you and your family, Ron. We never had the pleasure of meeting your Mother, but simply reading these few words tells us all we really need to know...she was a loving and caring Mother, she was kind and giving, and most importantly, there's a blessed assurance that she now rests in the loving arms of Jesus Christ. God's richest blessings to you and all her loved ones. In Him...Phil and Linda Miller*

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**Phil and Linda Miller** - October 21, 2020 at 02:12 PM

BS

“ Herbert and Ronald, I regret the passing of your mother. Clara was truly a kind and compassionate lady. I saw her a few years ago in the cancer hospital. We talked about the past and I shared a scripture with her. She was so touched by the visit that a tear came from her eye. We look forward to a time when all those in the grave will hear his voice and come out. May the God of all comfort be with you and your loved ones at this difficult time. Ben Stafford

Ben Stafford - October 21, 2020 at 01:49 PM

BD

“ Brenda Duncan lit a candle in memory of Clara Lucille Daniels



Brenda Duncan - October 21, 2020 at 10:48 AM

GS

“ No words can describe how sorry I am for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy. Gwendolyn E. Squires, PhD

Gwendolyn Squires - October 20, 2020 at 11:59 PM



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October 20, 2020 at 10:41 PM

CT

“ I am sorry for the loss of this beautiful woman. I worked with her for years at Saint Francis. She was a sweet, spirited, caring woman.

Cathy Tenkhoff - October 20, 2020 at 08:28 PM

NE

“ My father was in the hospital in 1993 and he had major surgery. The following morning, the nurse came in and said he had to take a shower. My father, known to be a little hard headed, flatly refused her request. The nurse fired back “yes you are.” My father, with the nurse’s assistance, got out of bed and took the shower. The nurse ended up as wet as my father. After the shower, my father started feeling better and began his road to recovery. Over 30 years 100’s of nurses later, the only nurse’s name he ever remembered was Clara, his favorite nurse. May God bless her and her family. Neil

Neil - October 20, 2020 at 05:48 PM

BB

“ Our sincere sympathy to the Daniels family, We are family my blood. Clara’s father was my uncle. Clara met my husband, Oscar, early in our dating we when picked her up at the airport in St. Louis and drove her Cape. Travel in the car was talk-talk: the trip to Memphis for a birthday party, The trip to Willow Springs, MO , and the times I picked her after visiting with her sons and drove her to Cape, Precious memories! O the times we cried until Mom would allow us to spend the night at Lucille’s and Aunt Clara’s.

*I can see Clara Lucille singing in that heavenly choir. She had a great alto voice.*

*Her smile was bright and warm like the sun.*

*Remember and smile!*

Bonnie Bell - October 20, 2020 at 05:09 PM

GW

“ Herbert: I was sadden to hear of the loss of your mother. I understand this experience and will keep you and your family lifted up in prayer. I know you mother to be a strong woman of faith; therefore there is tremendous joy in knowing she will rise again.  
Gretchen Haynes Woods

Gretchen Woods - October 20, 2020 at 04:26 PM

MS

“ In this time difficult time, Ron & Julie, your family is wished peace, love and comfort from memories!  
Prayers for you from,  
Marcy Sandberg



Marcy Sandberg - October 20, 2020 at 02:02 PM

AB

“ My deepest sympathy to Clara's loved ones. She was a wonderful and gracious lady who always gave the very best care to her patients. Always had a smile on her face for everyone and her work ethic was stellar. I am blessed to have known her during her career at SFMC.

Amy Brentlinger - October 20, 2020 at 07:46 AM

DM

“ My heart is broken to know that Ms. Lucille has transitioned. I remember her as a hard worker, incredible mother, a loyal friend, and a wonderful mentor. She will sorely missed. Sending hugs to Herbert and Ronald. You were our big brothers growing up. I love you. In Him, Deb Moss

deb moss - October 20, 2020 at 05:57 AM

GD

*Prayer and condolences. I remember her smile and encouraging words as I was her paperboy. She always was encouraging.*

**Gregory Dennis** - October 20, 2020 at 11:19 AM

LM

*“ I will always cherish my memories of Mrs. Lucille she has touched so many lives. She will be forever in my heart. Love you all may God give you the strength to carry on.*



**Lynn Moss** - October 20, 2020 at 01:16 AM

LW

*“ Ms Clara was a loving and caring woman I'm going to miss her. Well done good and faithful servant. Love you.*

**Leslie Anne Washington** - October 20, 2020 at 12:06 AM

BH

*“ Clara was one of the finest individuals I have ever known. I was privileged to know her as a friend. Sending prayers and best wishes to all her family. --Bob Hamblin*

**Bob Hamblin** - October 19, 2020 at 11:27 PM

DJ

*“ Dr. Willie Goins Jr, lit a candle in memory of Clara Lucille Daniels*



**Dr. Willie Goins Jr,** - October 19, 2020 at 04:04 PM

DJ

*May the love of God and the peace of His of Holy Spirit rest and abide in the Daniels family.*

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**Dr. Willie Goins Jr.** - October 19, 2020 at 04:07 PM

PJ

“ *Patricia Jones lit a candle in memory of Clara Lucille Daniels*



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**Patricia Jones** - October 18, 2020 at 07:55 PM