



Mrs. Tennie Sudduth Self

March 10, 1926 - April 19, 2023

Tennie Sudduth was born to Sam and Essie Rush Sudduth on March 10, 1926, in Oktibbeha County, Mississippi and was educated in the racially segregated public school system of Oktibbeha County. She married David Cornelius Self and to this union five children were born: Audrey Wilburn, Olenza Elaine, Howrhu Marcus, David Cornelius, and Juan Ray.

Tennie had a passion for cooking and providing nourishment to the masses. She was especially known for her homemade rolls. She worked many years at Coahoma Junior College and Agricultural High School as the college dining hall manager and the high school cafeteria manager. Breaking racial barriers even in the 1960s, she became the first black dietary manager at Coahoma County Hospital.

Tennie was a life member of the NAACP and an active behind-the-scenes participant in the Clarksdale/Coahoma County civil rights movement from the mid-1950s until well into the 2000s. She was also a member of The Versatile Club and The American Legion. She was a dedicated member of First Baptist Church, serving in its choir and as The Missionary Society's president for many years. She was completely in charge of the church's kitchen. She was a compassionate community team player who cared deeply for the youth and the improvement of Clarksdale even to the point of transporting and feeding underprivileged children out of her own purse - seeking nether credit nor

recognition.

In 2015 she was featured in “Southern Living” magazine and the book, “DELTA JEWELS – In Search of My Grandmother’s Wisdom” by Alysia Burton Steele.

Tennie passed away peacefully at Apple Grove Assisted Living and Memory Care in Memphis, TN surrounded by loved ones. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, David C. Self; brother, Frazier; sisters, Bertha, Willena and Allie; and daughter, Audrey.

Left to cherish her memories are children: Olenza (Leroy) McBride of Memphis, TN; Howrhu (Carolyn) Self of Cherry Hill, NJ; David (Melvina) Self of Tallahassee, FL and Juan (Chardell) Self of Memphis, TN; sister, Lavoria Caldwell of Philadelphia, PA; grandchildren: Viveca, Henry, Marcus, Roderick, Leroy, Corey, Kirsten, Howrhu, Asha, Ramsey, Bernice, Joshua, David, and Israel and a host of extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made on behalf of Mrs. Tennie Self to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital: <https://www.stjude.org/>

Cemetery Details

Heavenly Rest Cemetery

Highway 61
Lyon, MS 38645

Previous Events

Wake

APR 25. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Stringer Redmon Funeral Home
119 Martin Luther King Dr.
Clarksdale, MS 38614

Visitation

APR 26. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
115 Martin Luther King Dr.
Clarksdale, MS 38614

Celebration of Life

APR 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Tennie Sudduth Self*

October 05, 2023 at 01:51 AM



“ *To my beautiful, funny Aunt Tennie. I have fond memories of you & Uncle David. I also remember my mama referring to you & Aunt Jan as the lighter sister in laws. 😂 We will miss you. Sending love to our family. Y'all's Phoenix Self family! 🙏💜*

Rosalyn Ray - April 25, 2023 at 09:44 PM



“ *What a devastating loss. I know God is moving in His own direction and in His own time. However, it is so painful to know that physically she will no longer be here on earth, but it is rewarding to know that her spirit, inspiration, and encouragement will live forever in my heart. I will always hold her memory close to me.*

Emma Simpson - April 25, 2023 at 03:20 PM



“ *Praying for and with the family for comfort and strength.*
Glenda Ross

Glenda Ross - April 25, 2023 at 12:25 PM



I am so sorry for the loss of your beautiful mother, grandmother and everyone that Mrs. Self such an beautiful inspiration to everyone . You will truly be missed love you

Vanasser Lampkin - April 25, 2023 at 03:04 PM

AS

“ *Sending comforting thoughts and prayers to her beloved family, as we remember the remarkable and courageous Mrs. Self. We adored her and are so blessed to say we knew her. Rest in heaven, queen.*

Alysia & Bobby Steele - April 25, 2023 at 12:12 PM

CW

“ *Praying for the Family*



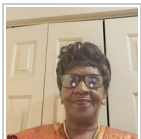
Carnita Williams - April 25, 2023 at 11:51 AM

JT

“ *My sympathy goes to the family. praying for strength.
Mrs. Jan Thymes..*



Jan Thymes. - April 24, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ *Wilburean Benard lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Tennie Sudduth Self*



Wilburean Benard - April 21, 2023 at 11:07 PM

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“ *Linda Foreman lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Tennie Sudduth Self*



linda Foreman - April 21, 2023 at 11:46 AM