



MEMORIAL SERVICE  
IN REMEMBRANCE OF

*Odessa Kincaid*  
FEBRUARY 7, 1934 - DECEMBER 2, 2011

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FRIDAY DECEMBER 9, 2011 @ 3-4PM  
PERRY FUNERAL HOME



# OBITUARY



On February 7, 1934 in Granada, Mississippi a beautiful baby girl was born to Otis Kincaid and Tom Ella Holloway. She was named Tommie Lee Odessa Kincaid. Odessa was the eldest of 4 children; Waymon (Sonny) Holloway (Deceased), Mattie Fudge, and Vivian Brown (Deceased). The family moved to Chicago, IL in the early 1940's and then to Detroit's infamous Black Bottom and Brewster Projects. Odessa was educated in the Detroit Public School system. She met Charles Austin and the couple had 2 children, Yvonne Kincaid and Cedell Kincaid, both preceding her in death. She later met Robert Harris and the couple had 3 children Waymon (Ben) Kincaid, Timothy (Sha-Teak Ahmir Imani) Kincaid and Vivian Kincaid. Odessa worked as a housekeeper for the Renaissance Hotel for a number of years.

Despite many obstacles, Odessa enjoyed life to the fullest and was ALWAYS the life of the party. Her style was like no other. She was most known for her witty mouth, stubbornness, strength and sense of humor. One of her favorite sayings was "I laugh to keep from crying"-- and that she did. Odessa "adopted" many children and grandchildren throughout her life. She meant so much to so many and if ever in her presence, you learned something from her.

She leaves to CELEBRATE her life, children: Waymon (Ben) Kincaid, Timothy (Sha-Teak Ahmir Imani) Kincaid, Vivian Kincaid; sister, Mattie Fudge and brother-in-law Jerome Fudge; grandchildren: Shlundia Kincaid, Marcelus (Demetrius) Cornwall, Cedell Leverette (Deceased) and wife Tamarawa, Waymon Burton, Sha-Teak Kincaid (Stacey Kincaid), and Lia Odessa Bothwell (Julian Bothwell); nieces: Pamela Jean Neely, Tomella Brown, Lela Brown; nephews: Michael Neely, Larkin Neely and Luke Brown; a hosts of great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, extended family and friends.

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# I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard him call;  
Mrs. Odessa Kincaid  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I found that place at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared a laugh, a kiss;  
Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much;  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seems all to brief;  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

~© Linda Jo Jackson~

## MRS. ODESSA KINCAID



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# *Notes from the Family*

"Sista, You were more than my Big Sister, you were more like a mother to me. I will always love you and cherish and remember the fun times we had.

**Love your sister Mattie"**

"Momma, You came, You loved, You fought and lived for your kids and everyone else, that's why you stayed as long as you did.

**Love Always, Your Baby Girl, Vivian"**

"My Auntedessa, One of the coolest aunts I ever met! I will always remember your eyes that spoke to me without words. I will always remember your laugh that I still mimic to this day. I will always remember your unforgettable stories of when you were young and most of all I will remember the valuable times you and I spent together shopping when I was a child. My Auntedessa,

**I will always love you. - Mella"**

"I love you Aunt Dessa, and I will miss you always.

**Love, Matysha."**

"My loving auntie, you were there for me, Larkin and Michael. You were there for Matysha and Mya. You did your best! Now you've been called home to rest. Sleep my loving Auntie, sleep.

**Love Always, your 1st neice Pamela."**

## **1 MORE TIME**

"If I had 1 more time to hug you, 1 more time to kiss your smooth skin, 1 more time to hold your frail little hand, 1 more time to rub your silky hair. These are the thoughts that continue over and over in my head. But I don't have 1 more time. So I will forever hold on to the memory of our last time. Our last hug, kiss, laugh, joke will FOREVER be with me. Thank you for teaching & demonstrating humility, self-reliance and most important patience. I promise I will pass it all to Aubrey.

**I love you Granny. -Lia (your Lil O)"**



# ORDER OF SERVICES


PRAYER

OBITUARY READING:  
TANESHA KNIGHT

REMARKS:  
(2 MINUTES PLEASE)

RECESSIONAL



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*Acknowledgement*

THE FAMILY OF ODESSA KINCAID  
WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE, WITH DEEP APPRECIATION,  
THE MANY COMFORTING MESSAGES,  
FLORAL TRIBUTES, PRAYERS AND MANY  
EXPRESSIONS OF KINDNESS AND CONCERNS  
WERE EVIDENT AT THIS TIME  
WHETHER IN THOUGHT AND/OR DEED.  
A MORE PERSONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT WILL ALSO BE MADE  
AT A LATER DATE.

*Final Arrangements*

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