

# *I'm Free*

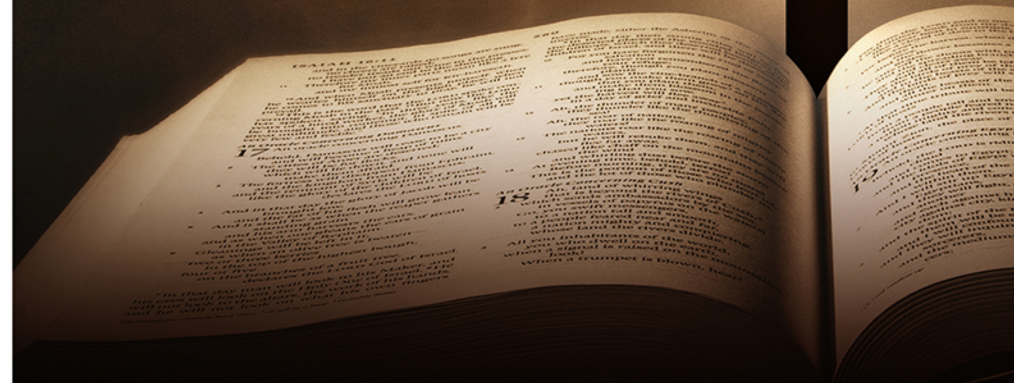
Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day  
to laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks undone must stay that way.  
I found that peace at 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've savoured much,  
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and share with me  
God wanted me now:  
He set me free.



*In Loving Memory*  
*Mairidee Fern Davis*

*June 17, 1944*

*September 09, 2020*

*In Memory Of*  
Marridee Fern Davis

Marridee Fern (Garrett) Davis, age 76 of La Plata, Missouri passed away Wednesday, September 9th, 2020 at Northeast Regional Medical Center in Kirksville, Missouri.

She was born at home in rural Memphis, Missouri, on June 17, 1944 to Charley Elson and Jaunita Fern (Long) Garrett. She was a graduate of Gorin High School in Gorin, Missouri, in the class of 1962. On June 30, 1962 in Schuyler County she was united in marriage to Marvel (Lavon) McNary and to this union two children were born; Michael Lee and Teresa Lynn. On September 4, 1985 she married Sammie Davis.

Marridee is survived by her children, son Michael Lee McNary and daughter, Teresa Lynn Barnes, and her husband Richard, all of La Plata MO; a very special granddaughter Lexi Brianna Barnes, also of La Plata; One brother, Raymond Garrett and his wife , Pixie of Orion, IL, two sisters Arleta Miller of Lancaster, MO, and Marilyn Wilson and her husband, Robert of Springfield, MO; a brother-in-law, Glen Clark of Kirksville, MO; and sister-in-law, Denise (Garrett) Wheeler of Memphis, MO; a special gift sister Dorothy Wilson of Springfield, MO; two gift boys she raised, Donald and Bobby Derickson and their families; several nieces, nephews, other family and many good friends. Marridee is preceded in death by her husband in 2015; her parents; one sister, Sharon Clark; and four brothers, Charles Jr, Gary Dean, Clifford Wayne, and Terry Leon Garrett.

Marridee came to know and accept Jesus at a young age. At her passing, she was a member of the La Plata Christian Church. Marridee had an amazing bond with her mother. She was the oldest girl in her family so caring, nurturing, and taking care of everyone else came second nature to her. She was a wonderful and loving mother, a good mother-in-law, and occasionally too indulgent "Grams." She had many kids that called her Mom, Aunt, and Grandma and she loved them all. She and Sam loved over 125 foster children in their home. She loved spending time with her family and friends. She loved to work, dance, and listen to her gospel music. She loved to tell a good story, sometimes the 10th retelling was miles away from the first version, but her stories never got old. She never knew a stranger and always gave to anyone in need, even if she did not have much to give, she gave it anyway. She loved her lord and life itself.

*Date of Birth*  
June 17th, 1944

*Date of Death*  
September 9th, 2020

*Service*  
First Christian Church of LaPlata  
Laplata, Missouri

*Clergy*  
Pastor Scott McNay

*Pallbearers*

Davis Wayne Clark  
Robert Wilson  
Trisstton Wilson  
Dalton Wilson  
Robert Miller  
Billy Florea  
Donald Derickson  
Bobby Derickson

*Honorary Pallbearers*

Alvin Sheppard  
Dallas Byler

*Place of Interment*  
Park View Memorial Gardens  
Kirksville, Missouri