



## Loretta D. Akers

September 11, 1952 - November 29, 2018

Loretta D. Akers was born to the union of Blanche and John Akers on September 11, 1952, in Mount Clemens, Michigan. She was the ninth of ten siblings and was raised in a small bustling house in New Haven, Michigan. Loretta quickly made her mark in the family with her determined spirit and award winning smile. She and her siblings spent their young years creating games and playing outside in the rural fields in town. Her father worked at the New Haven Foundry and her mother was a nurse at St. Joseph, Mount Clemens.

Loretta started her education here in New Haven, graduating from New Haven High School, where she could be found using her endless energy to run track and memorable voice as a spirited cheer leader. Loretta continued her studies at Wayne State University, where she obtained her Bachelor's degree in Communications. During this time, Loretta had the opportunity to travel internationally, which included a journey to Africa, evoking her passion for equality & human rights.

Loretta started her career as an intern at ABC, staying to secure her first professional role as producer of "AM Detroit with Dennis Wholey". She went on to produce & host a variety of shows on ABC, CBS, and WRIF. Eventually, she continued her professional journey into advertisement with WNIC and Clear Channel. After years of professional success, in 2007, Loretta returned to her academic roots to obtain her masters of Communications & Public Relations back at Wayne State University.

Loretta had an energy and spirit that could fill a room and everyone she met remembered who she was. You could always count on her as a shoulder to lean upon and a source of motivation. She enjoyed spending time with people and was known to find moments to bring family and friends together. Being a lover of her home town, she was very active in government and community activities. Like most of the Akers family, Loretta loved music and was often heard playing music and always ready to make a joyful noise!

Loretta passed away on November 29th, 2018, after a brief illness. She was preceded in death by her father, John Akers, Sr., sisters; Claudia and Katherine and a brother, Clifton.

She is survived by her loving son, Leslie "Steven" Hill Jr. of New York, mother, Blanche Akers of New Haven MI, siblings; Reginald Akers of New Haven MI, John Akers Jr., of Los Angeles CA, Nellie (Wendell) Hazley of Detroit MI, Evelyn (Calvin) Green of Detroit MI, Martha (Link III) Howard of Macomb Twp. MI, Warren Akers of New Haven MI, along with the Father of her son, Leslie S. Hill Sr, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Loretta's laughter & spirit will always be remembered in the hearts and minds of her son, family, and endless number of friends and colleagues.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 7, 2018 at 11:00am in the Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church – 58527 Delanie St., New Haven. Pastor Link Howard III will officiate. Burial will be in Centennial Cemetery. Visiting will be Friday from 10:00am until time of funeral, in church. Pallbearers will be; Warren Akers, Len Rogan, Christian Akers, Brett Harris, Robert Akers and Duran Twiggs.

Arrangements entrusted to Jowett Funeral Home – 57737 Gratiot, New Haven.



# Cemetery Details

## Centennial Cemetery

Clark Street  
New Haven, MI

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

DEC 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church  
58527 Delanie Street  
New Haven, MI

## Funeral Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church  
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New Haven, MI

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ My heart goes out to your family, I met you through Martha at a football game and had so much fun with you. Every time I was in your presence after that was always a fun time and your warm inviting smile and hug always made me feel as though we grew up together. Enjoy your mansion with God Loretta.

Joan C. Bliss - December 07, 2018 at 08:46 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loretta D. Akers.



December 07, 2018 at 01:30 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Loretta D. Akers.



December 06, 2018 at 10:58 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loretta D. Akers.



December 06, 2018 at 10:49 AM

MC

“ Metro Detroit Lutheran Gospel Choir purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Loretta D. Akers.



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**Metro Detroit Lutheran Gospel Choir** - December 06, 2018 at 04:45 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loretta D. Akers.



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December 05, 2018 at 10:08 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Loretta D. Akers.



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December 05, 2018 at 12:02 PM

DW

“ Dakeena Jones, Eboni Brown & Donnell Walton purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Loretta D. Akers.



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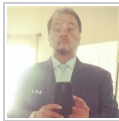
**Dakeena Jones, Eboni Brown & Donnell Walton** - December 05, 2018 at 11:48 AM

MH

“ I’m going to miss my baby sister, because God had plans for her at this time in His Heavenly home. I will always remember the time and things we shared with each other and how we helped mom around the house keeping it together. I know you weren’t ready to go but, take your rest little sister, God knows what’s best for us.




Martha Howard - December 05, 2018 at 06:47 AM



To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord her beautiful smile will be missed but now she is with Jesus!!

Ben Castellano - December 06, 2018 at 01:26 PM



With heavy heart I was always delighted to know that you were in this world....Spreading that beautiful smile to all you met. I love you so much. My friend. whom you sang with told me you were better. I prayed and prayed from afar for you. I just trusted you would be good. What a trick the Angels have played with my heart. They took you before I said goodbye. ..Sincerely with a ..CASSIE AKERS

Joyous Thunder - December 06, 2018 at 03:56 PM

MH

“ I’m going miss my baby sister, because God had other plans for her, and she had to leave us at this time in our lives... I will always remember the good days we shared and the rejoice in them.



Martha Howard - December 05, 2018 at 06:25 AM

KW

“ Hi. I worked with Loretta at the Detroit Opera House in the telesales office. What a terrific person! Great sense of humor. Always had a smile. A people person who uplifted the mood of everyone around her. A pleasure to work with. She'll be missed.

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**Karl Wencias** - December 04, 2018 at 09:48 PM

LL

“ Leslie – our heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the loss of your Mother. Please know that the LVNA Retail Learning team is here to support you. While we did not know your Mother personally, it's clear that her 'kind soul', 'infectious laugh' and other beautiful qualities live on in you.

We're here for you.

*The LVNA Retail Learning Team*

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**LVNA Retail Learning** - December 04, 2018 at 10:21 AM

SS

*Thank you team for this beautiful note. I love you all greatly*

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**Steven Hill- Loretta's Son** - December 05, 2018 at 10:18 AM

SS

*Steven, please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of your mother, Loretta. During my past years at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, I remember your mother as being a strong, vibrant, opinionated but kind woman. You were your mother's pride and joy, her gift from heaven and she made no secret of how very proud she was of you. May the compassion of those who care surround you, the memories of the joys that you shared with your mother encourage you and the warmth of God's love embrace you and your family.*

*Sincerely,  
Shiela Sipes, Retired DPS  
Choral Music Director.*

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**Shiela Sipes** - December 05, 2018 at 05:23 PM

AH

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the entire Akers family. 🙏🙏

April Howard - December 02, 2018 at 07:48 PM

GS

We are sending our deepest condolences to the Akers family Sham and Naima Shamborguer .

George and Naima Shamborguer - December 04, 2018 at 09:19 AM

JJ

“ Loretta and I first met in Chemistry, she was in 11th and I was in 10th. We became friends. She was a very kind soul. We recently reconnected on Facebook and shared some good memories. I am very sorry to hear of her passing, but she is surely in Gods choir. I know she will be missed by many and my heart goes out to all her family and friends.

John Johnson - December 02, 2018 at 10:49 AM

SP

My prayers go out to the entire family God Bless

September Price - December 04, 2018 at 08:01 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loretta D. Akers.



December 02, 2018 at 01:33 AM

TS

“Loretta and I met back in the 70's not long after the riots of 67. Blacks were starting to get good jobs and leadership positions. Loretta had just graduated from Wayne State and got a position with one of the local TV shows called AM Detroit with Dennis Wholey. She absolutely loved this position. As a black woman I was very proud of her. I can see her now literally running down the halls of Channel 7 like a worldwind trying to meet her deadlines. She knew everything and everybody. Loretta took her job very seriously and did an excellent job at her position. She was always trying to better herself by going back to school. I liked that about Loretta. She worked hard and played hard. Loretta and I frequent a club called Boggie Down in the 70's. We lived up to that name. Oh my God, you would of thought we were auditioning for Soul Train. We would shake everthing we had until 2. We had so much fun. We could laugh about almost anything. And when Loretta start laughing with that infectious laugh, i couldn't stop laughing. And there we were laughing so hard we were falling on the floor. I believe we left our footprints at Boogie Down for the next couple of generations. If you knew Loretta you knew she never met a stranger. She could talk to a complete stranger like she had known them forever. Even though I didn't see her, or talk to her all the time, when we did talk, we talked like we had just talked yesterday. Sorta like sisters.

*As I sit here with tears coming down my cheeks and with a broken heart I will never ever forget what our friendship has meant to me. Thank you for the good times. It is so hard to say goodbye to a friend who truly made a mark on this world in many ways with her wit, smile, and laughter. Good friends are hard to find as you know, but I was fortunate to have found one in her.*

*Forever your friend,*

*Teresa Smith*

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**Teresa Smith** - December 01, 2018 at 07:31 PM

SS

*Hi Teresa! Thank you for sharing this memory. Hope to see you on Friday.*

*Her Son,  
Steven*

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**Steven Hill- Loretta's Son** - December 02, 2018 at 06:22 PM



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December 01, 2018 at 03:37 PM

DA

“ It really breaks my heart that Im even writing this right now...

*Ugh! Aunt Loretta... my godmother...  
oh the memories we share! The talks, the laughter, the hugs. Your  
infectious laugh! Its definitely been ringing in my ears the last few  
days. I love you, I cherish you and you'll forever be on my mind and  
in my heart. I always felt we had a special connection.*

*Im so glad Ashton got to know you and spend time with you and he  
has memories with you. Going to the Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit  
with you is something Im sure he'll never forget! We had so much  
fun that day!*

*My lil Collin didnt have the opportunity to get to know you but you  
two share something very special in common... your birthdays are  
on the same day. I plan on telling him all about you as he gets older.*

*We love, we will miss you, you will forever be in our hearts. Xoxo*

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**Denee Akers** - December 01, 2018 at 12:41 PM

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*Yes, we will make sure that Collin knows all about her. Love you Cuz!*

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**Steven Hill- Loretta's Son** - December 02, 2018 at 07:26 PM

DE



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**Denee** - December 03, 2018 at 11:32 PM

CA

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Aker Family. Loretta was my best friend. As Christians we talked about Jesus and last day prophecy's. I know she is in the land of the Living praising Our Savior . You are home Loretta ! Love Corinne*

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**Corinna Aguilar** - November 30, 2018 at 08:40 PM

RA

*To my auntie you gave me a lot of first ,like driving on Clark Street, my first record player. Me singing you light up my life to we shall behold him to been around the world and I can't find my baby, you supported what ever I wanted to try .  
I remember your TV shows P m. Magazine and in the know... The dare telethon.. I will remember your laugh ..all the local events you took us to ....you will be missed and never forgotten you were the baby auntie everyones RETTAGAL..love your neice RaChelle M.Akers.. aka (Reshellay)*

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**RaChelle Akers** - December 02, 2018 at 01:19 AM

SS

*Love You Reshellay!*

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**Steven Hill- Loretta's Son** - December 02, 2018 at 07:27 PM