



## Ida Mae Black

May 14, 1924 - September 14, 2023

Ida Mae Black was born on May 14, 1924, to the union of Velma and John Kilgore. She was the oldest of three children. Bessie, Dorothy, and her parents preceded her in death. She received her education in Mississippi. Her hobbies were singing in the choir, bike riding, cooking, walking, and gardening. Ida worked in the cotton field in Mississippi where she would sing while she picked cotton. One day, she didn't feel like singing, the boss didn't like it, she told him she would never sing again and left with her .32¢ went to the train station and asked how far she could go on .32¢. the train would take her as far as Chicago. She got a job doing laundry, was a cashier, and a model for the first black magazine. When she came to Saint Louis, she did daywork and retired from Immacolata Catholic Parish in Richmond Heights, Missouri where she worked as a cook and did their laundry.

Ida was a true example of a follower of Christ meaning she took the word of meaning God literally, she didn't try to change it to make it fit her situation whatever that may have been, whether she was being miss used, miss treated, talked about, she always showed the love of Christ. One of her favorite verses was found in Luke But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. Luke 6:27-28 I believe that is why the Lord Honored her with a long life. Allowed her to see 4 generations (not one was lost) kept her in her right mind until he took her Home now she is at

total rest and peace. waiting for each of us. If we will serve the God that she served and follow His commandments, follow her example she left for all to see..

Ida leaves behind: her loving children Arletha Richardson, Anita Chatmon, Howard (Lutricia) Calvin Larkins III; nineteen grandchildren, five great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and stepchildren.

# Cemetery Details

## Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

2900 Sheridan Road  
Saint Louis, MO, MO 63125

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Eddie Randle & Sons Funeral Home  
4600 Natural Bridge Ave,  
St. Louis, MO 63115  
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<https://www.randlefuneralhome.com>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *My great Aunt Ida Mae was my grandmother Bessie's sister. I remember talking to her about her life and growing up with my grandmother in Etta, Mississippi with their grandparents. She was just a nice and sweet person. We got to visit her in St. Louis and she would come and visit us in Louisville.*

James Johnson(Keon) - October 06, 2023 at 02:12 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Joseph Kilgore - October 06, 2023 at 01:59 AM



“ *Joseph K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ida Mae Black.*

Joseph K. - October 06, 2023 at 01:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ida Mae Black.*



October 05, 2023 at 02:27 PM



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