



## LaVernie Ruby Chaka

October 27, 1931 - September 13, 2016

LaVernie Ruby Chaka, 84, of Georgetown and formerly of El Campo, was taken by Gods' angels to her eternal home on Sept. 13, 2016. She was born Oct. 27, 1931 to Joe and Annie Myers Maretka.

She is survived by her sisters, Lillian Zabodyn of Austin, Patty Grizzle of Panama City, Fla.; brother, Gene Maretka and wife Elizabeth of Bay City and numerous nieces and nephews.

LaVernie was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ernest Chaka and sisters, Geraldine "Jenny" Smith and Shirley Ann Maretka and brother, Joe "Butsy" Jr. Maretka.

LaVernie lived her life serving God from teaching Bible School, working in the church and always serving others for many years. She was a great teacher of life. She enjoyed gardening, playing guitar, piano, drums, etc. The community knew her as the "ironing lady" with an in-home business with many clients.

Two years ago, she moved in with her niece/caregiver, Marsha Hudgins of Georgetown, who cared for her until her time on Earth was done.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Saturday Sept. 17 at the Garden of Memories in El Campo with Pastor Dan Roberts officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to your local Parkinson's support group or animal rescue.

Special thanks to the caregivers of Hearthstone Senior Center and Altus Hospice.

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP **17**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Garden of Memories  
US Business 59 and CR 358  
El Campo, TX 77437

# Tribute Wall



“ *Happy Birthday Nee Nee...  
I'll be bringing you flowers soon!  
Hard to believe it's been just over a year now,  
since you went away.  
Missing you much!!!*



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**Marsha Hudgins** - November 20, 2017 at 04:29 AM

RZ

“ *In love memories of my sweet  
Aunt Nee Nee, I will miss all of your wisdom, your laughter & being  
silly, the smell of your perfume. I will keep all of our precious  
memories in my heart. Every time I see a Cardinal fly by I know you  
came by to visit me. I love you & you will be missed. Now you are  
with God & your family looking down upon us. Love always your  
Niece Rebecca (Becky) Zabodyn of Austin, Tx*

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**Rebecca Zabodyn** - September 17, 2016 at 06:04 AM

DS

“ *I love you Aunt Née Née and you well be  
missed very much. I have my memories of  
you  
Always! Your Niece, Deborah Kay Sherrouse*



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**Deborah Sherrouse** - September 16, 2016 at 06:51 PM



Chris Mattingly

“ *Sis Chaka, was a pillar in our church. She was a prayer warrior and she had lots of wisdom to share. There was never a time where when I would look over the congregation during worship and she would be sitting there with her hands raised in worship. She will be truly missed.*

Chris Mattingly - September 16, 2016 at 04:56 PM

MA

“ *Marsha lit a candle in memory of LaVernie Ruby Chaka*



Marsha - September 15, 2016 at 10:15 PM

MA

*My Nee Nee...what can I say? Thank you, for giving me the honor to care for you in you time of need. I learned a lot in the 2 years you lived with me. Wish I could say more, but the moment is still to emotional. I'm so very blessed I was able to have been there for you 24 hours a day. once again, those final days. I love you and miss you immensely. I light this yellow candle in memory of you and one of the first songs you ever taught me...this little light of mine...I'm gonna let it shine let it shine let it shine.....*

Marsha - September 15, 2016 at 10:23 PM

KH

“ *Karen & Sheldon Holub lit a candle in memory of LaVernie Ruby Chaka*



Karen & Sheldon Holub - September 15, 2016 at 09:29 PM

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Karen & Sheldon Holub - September 15, 2016 at 09:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of LaVernie Ruby Chaka.*



September 15, 2016 at 04:44 PM

BZ

“ *Becky Zabodyn lit a candle in memory of LaVernie Ruby Chaka*



Becky Zabodyn - September 15, 2016 at 12:44 PM

LL

“ *Sister Chaka has always been a precious faithful friend of our family. She has always been a wonderful woman of God. She knew how to pray and encourage others. I am thankful that God placed her in my life.*

*Laura Love*

Laura Love - September 14, 2016 at 09:50 PM

SR

*So many great memories with this precious lady...  
I loved to see her get excited in the Spirit. She loved the Lord!  
We used to go to the nursing home to sing and Sis. Chaka would share  
a message and the Word.  
She taught multiple generations in Sunday School - teaching for over  
50 yrs. Some of the children couldn't say Chaka - it came out sounding  
like "Sister Chocolate".  
And she loved to have fun and laugh.  
She used to be my traveling buddy going to the women's rallies all over  
the section...what good times we had!  
She played guitar and sang one year portraying a character known as  
"Choo Choo Chaka" for Pastor Appreciation. The name stuck...many  
called her Choo Choo after that.  
At one point we were without a drummer...she said "I think I can do  
that" and she did! That was sooo like her...she would step up wherever  
there was an unfulfilled need.  
Oh how I miss you Sis Chaka! I am so blessed to have had you in my  
life!  
You were here in the church when we came over 20 yrs ago and we've  
worked together for the Lord all these years. What a blessing you have  
been to so many!*

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**Susan Roberts** - September 14, 2016 at 10:28 PM

BK

*We can't wait to see you again Chooch...  
Love you and appreciate the legacy you left ...I pray I can be the  
woman of God you reflected to many ..  
# Amazing Grace how sweet the sound # :)*

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**Brenda Kosanke** - September 14, 2016 at 11:37 PM

LA

*Sister Chaka was a great woman of faith. Im sad that you arent here  
but in my heart the memories that you and i had talks about and  
shared will always be in my heart. You are with God and let you let your  
light shine. You are missed and we will see you again. Loves you Sis  
Chaka.*

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**Lana Aguirre** - September 15, 2016 at 04:16 AM

AM

*Dear cho we had so many times of talking about these young kids and what we would had done things.oh my friend you taught me about the LOrd .IT was you that help me when I lost my billy.many talks .you were thier on Tuesday nites with those cakes for the all to eat and have coffee.all that knew you never forgot you .love you miss you but I'll see you one day .oh what a day it will be .*

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**ada morris** - September 15, 2016 at 06:48 AM

RK

*So many good memories of Laverne and Ernest Chaka.When we pastored in El Campo they were such a blessing to us. They kept the church yard so well groomed, they were such hard workers. We had many wonderful meals at their home.Sis Chaka made the best kolaches! She was a good friend, We think of her often. One day we will have a wonderful homecoming.*

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**Rev Elbert and Kathy Kinard** - September 15, 2016 at 08:56 AM

CB

*Sis Chaka was my 1st Sunday school teacher when we moved to EC in the mid 1960s. She was an inspiration to me all her life & I cherish all the memories I have of her. She was a diamond, a true treasure & I feel blessed & honored to have known her. Our deepest sympathy!*

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**Carol Barker** - September 16, 2016 at 07:56 PM