



## Ms. Serena Fullen

November 8, 2022

Our beloved SeRena J. “Stinkin” Fullen, transitioned on November 8, 2022.

She was deeply loved, a MIGHTY prayer warrior, a vessel of God, and one that will be truly missed. SeRena was a 1989 Science Hill High School graduate. She worked at Woodland Elementary for years and went on to Emerald Academy in Knoxville, TN, where she was loved by all those who knew her. SeRena had a love for the young people and showed her love to them in many ways!

SeRena, also known as Rena, was unashamed of the Gospel and wanted to tell as many as she could. She loved people in every stage of life and never judged them. SeRena was involved in many ministries; she was the president of the single’s ministry at Grace Temple Church, Prayer Band Leader, renowned author, Entrepreneur, poet, and devoted follower of Christ. SeRena’s legacy lives on in all of us! Her impact is evident and her work is now finished!

She leaves to mourn- her husband, Billy Fullen; her loving parents, Alice Faye (Richard) Richmond and Ronnie (Margaret) Forby; her trusted siblings, Jeff (Jen) Richmond, Margaret Richmond, and DeWayne Forby; Her children who she cherished, Bryson (Asia) Gardner, Darias (Nina McComas) Gardner, and Esanse Gardner; her grandkids, who knew her as “Stinkin,” Cairo Gardner,

Remy Gardner whom she loved dearly, and a grandson on the way! Her nieces and nephews, and a vast number of beloved aunts, uncles, cousins, friends- some of which were Elite, and her beloved sister soldiers.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 5. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Grace Temple Church  
208 Garden Dr.  
Johnson City, TN 37604

## Celebration of Life

DEC 5. 12:30 PM (ET)

Grace Temple Church  
208 Garden Dr.  
Johnson City, TN 37604

## Interment

DEC 5 (ET)

Washington County Memory Gardens  
113 Memory Gardens Rd.  
Johnson City, TN 37615

# Tribute Wall

 Babby Barner

“ Babby Barner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen



Babby Barner - April 15, 2023 at 07:27 AM

AD

“ Angela Davis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen



Angela Davis - December 05, 2022 at 06:59 PM

JH

“ Joey And Diane Hardin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen



Joey and Diane Hardin - December 05, 2022 at 12:45 PM

KT

“ Such an inspiration to many and a smile that lit up the world. She was my birthday twin and I was so blessed to have been able to work with her many years ago at a nursing facility. Prayers to all of her beautiful family!!



Kristi Tester - December 05, 2022 at 09:38 AM

GM

“ Gwendolyn Moore lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen



Gwendolyn Moore - December 04, 2022 at 10:46 PM

MB

“ Truly a ❤️ of gold. God said well done to a good & very FAITHFUL SERVANT. Rest now, your work is finished.



Melinda Bradley - December 04, 2022 at 07:40 PM

ST

“ Shenita Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen



Shenita Thompson - December 04, 2022 at 01:33 PM

JF

“ Jeff Richmond And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen



Jeff Richmond and Family - December 04, 2022 at 11:19 AM

VN

“ Veral Neal lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen



Veral Neal - December 03, 2022 at 11:01 PM

PT

“ Pauletta Thomas lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen



Pauletta Thomas - December 03, 2022 at 04:08 PM

PS

“ I'm so sorry to hear about my sister in the Lord, I loved Serena and we had such a great time at the women's retreat. 🙏🙏 praying God give the family strength, peace and comfort during this time. Rest peacefully in Heaven Serena ☐ 🙏 ☺ ☐ 🙏



panzy Smothers - December 03, 2022 at 03:47 PM

GB

“ G.L. & Trish Bristol lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen



G.L. & Trish Bristol - December 03, 2022 at 01:33 PM

MJ

“ *Mary Ann James lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



mary Ann James - December 03, 2022 at 12:10 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ms. Serena Fullen.*



December 03, 2022 at 11:24 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ms. Serena Fullen.*



December 03, 2022 at 08:38 AM

ML

“ *Mary Latham sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



Mary Latham - December 02, 2022 at 09:23 PM

GR

“ *Gina Rhyans lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



Gina Rhyans - December 02, 2022 at 06:58 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Serena Fullen.*



December 02, 2022 at 06:25 PM

EV

“ *Estelle Vaughan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



Estelle Vaughan - December 02, 2022 at 05:36 PM

PG

“ *Sending prayers of strength, comfort and peace to Serena 's family from the Murphy/ Garcia family may she dance with the angels*



pilar garcia - December 02, 2022 at 04:18 PM



VP

“ *Viola Patton sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



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**Viola Patton** - December 02, 2022 at 04:00 PM

AH

“ *Alberta Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



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**Alberta Harris** - December 02, 2022 at 03:36 PM

LP

“ *Lori Parks lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



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**Lori Parks** - December 02, 2022 at 03:09 PM

RS

“ *Rev. Christine Scurry lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



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**Rev. Christine Scurry** - December 02, 2022 at 03:01 PM

CW

“ Carol R Woodard lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen



Carol R Woodard - December 02, 2022 at 09:30 AM



“ Memories on chilhowie love u and u will be missed until we meet again give my mom hugs for me



Monique Mathes - December 02, 2022 at 05:44 AM

RH

“ Renea Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen



Renea Hall - December 02, 2022 at 01:28 AM

GS

“ Gwendolyn Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen



Gwendolyn Smith - December 01, 2022 at 04:45 PM

SG

“ *I'm rarely at a loss for words as you well know. But this has left me speechless. I'll miss you, take your rest Sis .*



Stephanie Goode - November 30, 2022 at 07:51 PM

DK

“ *Dr Marcella Kinard lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



Dr Marcella Kinard - November 29, 2022 at 09:58 PM

TW

“ *Toi Willaims lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



Toi Willaims - November 29, 2022 at 05:03 PM

DF

“ *Debbie Foster lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



Debbie Foster - November 29, 2022 at 08:49 AM

RM

“Rodney L Merriweather lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen



Rodney L Merriweather - November 29, 2022 at 08:17 AM

MS

“Martha Sanders lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen



Martha Sanders - November 24, 2022 at 05:13 PM

LB

“Lynn & Rayetta Bachman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen



Lynn & Rayetta Bachman - November 24, 2022 at 04:56 PM

JB

“Joey & Diane Bradley-Hardin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen



Joey & Diane Bradley-Hardin - November 23, 2022 at 01:36 PM

MD

“ Our talks, your prayers, your smile, a true angel indeed that I will never, ever forget! Praying for your family, friends, grandchildren, and especially your children. I love you and will so miss you! Fly high, Serena. Fly high!

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**Marcie Driver** - November 22, 2022 at 04:21 PM

MD

“ *Marcie Driver lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



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**Marcie Driver** - November 22, 2022 at 04:13 PM

MJ

“ *Mary Ann James lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



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**Mary Ann James** - November 21, 2022 at 08:41 PM

EV

“ *Estelle Vaughan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



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**Estelle Vaughan** - November 21, 2022 at 02:57 PM

BH

“ *Rest in Paradise Beautiful Lady* ❤️



Brandie Haynes - November 17, 2022 at 02:31 PM

ET

“ *Such a beautiful soul.I will always remember our talks and your encouragement.Rest well my friend* ❤️❤️

Elouise M Taylor - November 17, 2022 at 11:40 AM

RO

“ *Raymond & Carol Oxendine lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



Raymond & Carol Oxendine - November 16, 2022 at 10:29 PM



“ *Paulette Robinson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



Paulette Robinson - November 16, 2022 at 01:02 PM



“ *Linda Workman sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



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**Linda Workman** - November 16, 2022 at 10:59 AM



“ *Janice Phillips lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



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**Janice Phillips** - November 16, 2022 at 08:54 AM



“ *Marchelle Fields lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



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**Marchelle Fields** - November 15, 2022 at 08:30 PM



“ *Rest In Paradise Queen 🙏 and Fly High Beautiful Angel Serena 🙏🕯️🕊️💜 Praying for your children, grandchildren, mother, sister, brother, nieces, nephews, your entire family and loved ones!!!! Love You Always, Shelea💛*



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**Shelea Birks** - November 15, 2022 at 08:03 PM

SS

“ *Sandra Sylvers sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



Sandra Sylvers - November 15, 2022 at 02:53 PM

CT

“ *Connie Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



Connie Thompson - November 15, 2022 at 09:00 AM



“ *Michelle Johns lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



Michelle Johns - November 14, 2022 at 03:52 PM

MD

“ *Melvin Drumgoole sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



Melvin Drumgoole - November 14, 2022 at 05:40 AM



AH

“ *Alberta Harris lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



Alberta Harris - November 14, 2022 at 05:33 AM

AH

“ *Alberta Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



Alberta Harris - November 14, 2022 at 05:32 AM

PF

“ *Peppie Font lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



peppie font - November 13, 2022 at 03:30 PM

PF

*May GOD comfort your hearts in this time of sorrow.*

peppie font - November 13, 2022 at 03:31 PM

VR

“ *Van Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



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**Van Rollins** - November 13, 2022 at 07:40 AM

MH

“ *Mary Jackson Harris lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



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**Mary Jackson Harris** - November 13, 2022 at 07:01 AM

PT

“ *Pauletta Y Thomas lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



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**Pauletta Y Thomas** - November 12, 2022 at 10:32 PM

KF

“ *We worked together at BRMC. She made such an incredible impact on my life. I will miss my friend dearly but know she is rejoicing with Jesus!*

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**Kristy Fugate** - November 12, 2022 at 10:18 PM



“ *Pamela Renea sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



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**Pamela Renea** - November 12, 2022 at 09:20 PM

TC

“ *TIERRA A COLLIE lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



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**TIERRA A COLLIE** - November 12, 2022 at 05:41 PM

AD

“ *Angie Duffield lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



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**angie duffield** - November 12, 2022 at 05:13 PM

GR

“ *Gina Rhyans sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



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**Gina rhyans** - November 12, 2022 at 03:12 PM

“Those who know me know that I am rarely at a loss for words; however, the news of the departure of my dear friend and colleague has left me searching for words that can adequately reflect shock and heartbreak.



Following my retirement from teaching at Science Hill, where I had the privilege of teaching Esanse, I thought I was finished with that season of my life. Ironically, God had another Plan because I found myself missing so many aspects of my profession so I began substituting, and finally, of all places, accepting a full time position at Liberty Bell where Serena had also accepted a position. It was almost at the very beginning that we meshed! Although I knew many members of her family from my own childhood growing up in Washington County and remembered when Serena was born, it was as though she was an “old soul”. Her smile lit up the room, her love for the students was so comforting and consoling to even the most difficult behaving child, her ability to tune in on anyone going through a struggle was phenomenal. She and I shared stories of our calling to follow Christ and how we found ourselves faced with decisions that we had to determine how to navigate. Serena always gave me the perfect scripture and I found myself looking forward to the daily messages and prayers that she shared with me in person and by text on the weekends. We simply “clicked” and I became her biggest “cheerleader” when she asked me to pray with her over her decision to accept her new position as she left Liberty Bell to expand her evangelism and how excited she was to have the opportunity to travel to South Africa. So, although those of us who loved her are feeling a tremendous loss, we know that our loss is Heaven’s gain. How her radiant smile must have been as bright as the brightest star the eye could see when Jesus welcomed her with those words “Well done, my good and faithful servant”. To her children, grandchildren, siblings, parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family and friends, please accept my condolences and know that the world is a better place because of her time here and May all of us who knew her strive to live our lives in such a manner that we, too, can do as she did by “preaching her own eulogy every

*day that she lived.” Take your rest, my sweet friend, until we meet again in that “sweet by and by”.*

**Clara “ Faye” Hart Rutledge** - November 12, 2022 at 12:39 PM

PC

“ *Paula Cavin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



**Paula cavin** - November 12, 2022 at 10:17 AM

JB

“ *May you rest in peace momma! Thank you for letting me be your adopted son! You will truly be missed.*



**Jovan Bass** - November 12, 2022 at 09:13 AM

ML

“ *Mary Latham sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



**Mary Latham** - November 12, 2022 at 06:51 AM



“ *Buddy Bradley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



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**Buddy Bradley** - November 11, 2022 at 10:08 PM

KO

“ *Kevin Odom lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



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**Kevin Odom** - November 11, 2022 at 10:03 PM

NR

“ *Such a beautiful and sweet spirit. Praying for the family.*



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**NaKeisha Y Rollins** - November 11, 2022 at 09:56 PM

DA

“ *Hearing Serena talk about her new ventures in life-her excitement about what God is and was doing!*



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**Dana** - November 11, 2022 at 09:04 PM

SS

“ *Shelia Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



**Shelia Smith** - November 11, 2022 at 08:24 PM

MR

“ *Prayers for The Family* 🙏🙏



**Mary Rollins** - November 11, 2022 at 06:25 PM

GS

“ *Gwendolyn & Ronald Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



**Gwendolyn & Ronald Smith** - November 11, 2022 at 06:22 PM

BB

“ *Becky Barner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



**Becky Barner** - November 11, 2022 at 01:12 PM

PR

“ *Your family have my prayers*



**Pate Rhea** - November 11, 2022 at 01:10 PM

 Babby  
Barner

“ *Babby Barner lit a candle in memory of Ms.  
Serena Fullen*



**Babby Barner** - November 11, 2022 at 01:08 PM

HB

“ *Henry And Mariea Ball lit a candle in memory  
of Ms. Serena Fullen*



**Henry and Mariea Ball** - November 11, 2022 at 01:06 PM

HB

*My condolences to the family* 🙏🙏🙏❤️

**Henry and Mariea Ball** - November 11, 2022 at 01:07 PM



HL

“ *Serena was a dear soul and a very special friend to me. Her radiant personality blessed me daily when I was able to work with her at Liberty Bell. I'm am praying for peace and comfort for the entire family!*

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**Heather Lonon** - November 11, 2022 at 12:37 PM

BS

“ *My prayers and love to the family of this precious lady. Serena and I would visit every day when we lived on Chilhowie Avenue. I will never forget the talks and memories we had.*

*May God give you comfort in the hour of your need.*

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**Bobbie Smith** - November 11, 2022 at 11:28 AM

SD

“ *Words are inadequate to express our condolences to the family of this Beautiful Queen, gone but never forgotten! Praying strength, comfort, understanding & peace especially for Faye, her children, grandchildren & family. May your spirit & Biblical Teachings multiply in the many hearts you have touched! M/M Robert Davis & Family*



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**Sandra Davis** - November 11, 2022 at 11:01 AM

JJ

“ *Jaymon ,edna and Adeline*



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**Jaymon Johnson** - November 11, 2022 at 10:18 AM

SL

“ *My condolences to the entire family & friends. I Love you, Mama Faye, Bryce, Darius, Esanse, I'm praying for comfort and peace during this time of loss. ~ Pep*



Sharron Livingston - November 11, 2022 at 10:14 AM

CA

“ *Crystal Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



crystal anderson - November 11, 2022 at 10:00 AM

JS

“ *My dearest cousin you will truly missed but never forgotten. I hold this lit candle in forever remembrance of your sweet spirit. Love you, Rena... your cousin, Jacinda (Jai Jai)*



Jacinda Senior - November 11, 2022 at 08:52 AM

TW

“ *Rest in Heaven 🙏*



Teddy Wilson - November 11, 2022 at 07:32 AM

TR

“ *Rest Beautiful One!* 💜💜💜



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**Tiffany M Ryans** - November 10, 2022 at 07:51 PM



“ *Carolyn Fain lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



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**Carolyn Fain** - November 10, 2022 at 07:45 PM

DD

“ *Delores Ann Delaney lit a candle in memory of Ms. Serena Fullen*



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**Delores Ann Delaney** - November 10, 2022 at 06:56 PM