



Mrs. Detress Lashune Gross

March 11, 1968 - December 6, 2025

Detress Gross was born on March 11, 1968, in Canton, MS to Matilda Sutton-McElroy and the late Owen McElroy, Jr. She grew up in Canton and attended Canton High School, where she formed lifelong friendships and created cherished memories.

In 1991, she married her sweetheart, Jessie Gross and together they built a beautiful life filled with love and laughter. From this union came three beloved children: Jessica, Jameria, and Jennifer, who were the joy of her heart.

Detress was baptized early in life at Harvey Chapel M.B church in Canton, MS. Her faith was the foundation of her life. In 1992, she joined Word of Life, where she served faithfully as a volunteer in the preschool ministry and as a greeter.

After several years of working for First Student, Detress retired and embraced her favorite roles, wife, mother, and Gigi. She poured her heart into caring for her home and family. Her grandchildren, Braylen, Chloe, Christian, Bailey, and Isabella, were her pride and joy and she never missed an opportunity to spoil them with love.

Detress loved traveling and spending time with family and friends and never missed an opportunity to tell others about the love of God. She was a living

testimony of resilience and faith, a true example of when life throws challenges your way, you never give up nor lose your faith in God. Her strength, kindness, and unwavering positivity touched countless lives. You rarely saw her without a smile and her laughter was contagious.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her mother, Matilda Sutton-McElroy, her devoted husband, Jessie Gross, her children: Jessica Gross, Jameria Gross, Jennifer Gross; five precious grandchildren: Braylen, Chloe, Christian, Bailey, and Isabella: her siblings: Mary, Matilda, Jeannette, Pearlie, Minnie Pearl, Anthony, Larry, Keith, and Sirlento, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other beloved friends.

She is preceded in death by her father, Owen McElroy, Jr, her brother Jerry McElroy.

Detress will forever be remembered as the sunshine in the lives of those who knew her, a woman of faith, love, and resilience. Her legacy lives on in the hearts of those who were blessed to know her.

Cemetery Details

Lakeland Place Garden Park Cemetery

6004 Hwy 25
Flowood, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home
745 Highway 468
Brandon, MS 39042
(601) 825-3884
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Homegoing Service

DEC 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Word Of Life Church
5401 Lakeland Dr.
Flowood, MS 39232

Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Detress Lashune Gross*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - December 11, 2025 at 05:35 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family. I appreciate every prayer she covered us with when we were growing up. Her love and faith left a lasting imprint on my life.*



Tabitha White - December 13, 2025 at 10:13 AM



“ *Family/my family. My heart ❤️ is definitely heavy today. Being the second oldest cousin of the Sutton siblings, I truly loved Detress. She was a mild mannered young woman who was always smiling and ready to assist and help Family and anyone she came in contact with. Hun 🥺 I am glad you are not in pain, but I truly miss you.*

My prayers are with Jessie and the family. Praying God will strengthen each of you during this time. Love ❤️ y'all.

Cousin, Doris Hart Luckett

Doris Hart Luckett (a cousin) - December 12, 2025 at 01:32 PM

ML

It saddens our hearts to have heard the news of the passing of our childhood friend / sister/Detress Gross . Detress knew God and didn't mind letting anyone know . She will be truly missed . Her affectionous laugh and her beautiful smile. May God comfort each of you ,family and friends at this most difficult time. Rest in love ,our dear friend /sister. Melinda Bouldin-Lewis, and Carol Harris and family.🕊️❤️❤️🕊️

Melinda Lewis - December 12, 2025 at 08:54 PM

KG

“ Praying immensely for her family, loved ones and friends! May God be with you in the days ahead! ❤️

Keyah Grant - December 12, 2025 at 12:34 PM

TB

“ Such a beautiful sprit inside and out

Tina Beal - December 12, 2025 at 12:08 PM

EA

“ Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Detress Gross



Eddie Ainsworth - December 11, 2025 at 11:09 PM

AC

“ We, the members of the 1987 graduating class of Canton High School, wish to express our profound sorrow upon the loss of our dear friend and classmate, Detress. We remember with affection and appreciation the impact she had upon each of our lives as we mourn her passing and yet celebrate her life. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, friends, and all who knew and loved her. May cherished memories bring you comfort.
With love, Angela Carson, President, Canton High Class of 1987

Angela Carson - December 11, 2025 at 09:43 PM

LS

“ Love your Sister-friends purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Detress Lashune Gross.



Love your Sister-friends - December 11, 2025 at 03:13 PM

CS

“ I would like to offer my condolences to the Gross family. I was saddened to hear of the recent transition of Mrs. Detress Gross. I had the opportunity to talk to her over the last year, and she was a precious lady, a God fearing woman, that spoke strongly about her faith and spiritual walk. We talked about her love of her children and how proud she was of them. May God comfort you all during this difficult time. Thinking of you Jameria...



Cedric Smith - December 10, 2025 at 10:58 AM

LB

“ *Sending love and condolences to Detress's family during your time of bereavement. Praying and knowing that God will provide you with the strength and understanding to face the days ahead. Love, Kathy Harris Brown*

Leila Brown - December 10, 2025 at 09:37 AM