



Mrs. Alesia R. (Brown) McDaniel

March 20, 1961 - February 9, 2018

UTICA - Mrs. Alesia R. (Brown) McDaniel, age 56, went back to her God who gave her life, when she passed away unexpectedly on Friday, February 9, 2018 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with her loving family by her side. Born in New Hartford on the first day of spring, March 20, 1961, Alesia was the daughter of Matthew D. and Daisy (Smith) Brown. She was a graduate of Utica Free Academy/Class of 1979 and attended the Barbizon Fashion School, the fulfillment of a dream at that time of her life. She also attended Mohawk Valley Community College. On August 8, 1992 she married her best friend, Michael J. McDaniel with whom she shared 25 years. They were always together, and even though they were opposite in personality, they were one in heart.

Alesia began a career in fashion merchandizing as a Retail Manager in several area Department Stores, but eventually she met her true calling of working with children. She began her new vocation at Head Start at the Court Street Children's Center where she worked with school age children, mentoring, nurturing, and teaching them for 14 years. During the past three years, she worked as a Teacher's Assistant in the Utica City School District. For many memorable years, her days were filled with children—even before she got home to her own! Her absence will be a great void to her co-workers and the children, and she will be mourned and missed.

As a matriarch and mentor, Alesia was outgoing, optimistic, and obliging whenever anyone needed help. As a mother, she had expectations for her

children and encouraged them to succeed in their God-given talents. She lived for her children and would do anything for them. They were a work-in-progress, and she was so proud of all their educational achievements, talents, and wholesome personalities. She was their Mom-manager, assisting in their studies and present at all their activities. She was the “other mother” to so many children in this city. Alesia was also her “daddy’s girl” and one of five siblings. She was the one who kept things in order in the house and was the go-to person in her family. She was a counselor to many, a natural at this job because of her desire to help, and she was always on key in knowing what to say. Her advice was sound and sensitive, and her words were helpful and heartfelt. She was enterprising and intelligent, and formed a great foundation for her children and the children she watched over. Many made it through their tough times because of the hope and guidance they gleaned from her. Alesia enjoyed entertaining and her home was warm and welcoming. She was famous for her sweet potato pie, mac and cheese, and banana bread. She was fond of traveling and made it to the Oprah Winfrey Show where she found in Oprah a beautiful, exemplary woman and person. She was also a talented dancer, the life of the party, and the owner of a great laugh. She was jovial and social and “never took anything personal”. She saw the best in people and never doubted that goodness was a virtue in the greater number of people we meet during our lifetime. Alesia truly believed in the Almighty and her faith was seen in her actions. She was an inspiration to her husband and he claimed she was the best thing that ever happened to him. She knew the blessing of a pure life and was a better person because of her spiritual strength. She preached her faith in her home, and she and her husband invited their children to partake, with the hope that they would continue to follow the path in her memory.

Alesia is survived by her husband, Mike; her children, Rachel “Kelly Belly” McDaniel, a graduate of Utica College; Yehudah “HooHoo” McDaniel, a graduate of the New York City Conservatory of Dramatic Arts, Rivkah “Riri” McDaniel, a senior at MVCC, and Hadassah “Dasi” McDaniel, a freshman at

MVCC; her parents, Matt and Daisy; and her sisters and brother-in-law, Joyce Brown, Alice Brown Story, Kim Brown-Barfield, and Audrey and Bruce Crawford. She will also be remembered by her nieces and nephews, LaMarqus, Geoffrey; Chalice, Chas, and Tanisha, Jalyn; Kaela; Jenelle, and Bruce Jr.; great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, a host of aunts and uncles, especially Uncle Mike; in-laws, Rev. Charles McDaniel, Tim and Tasha McDaniel, Gail Scruggs, and Estella. She had many amazing friends from childhood to adulthood, with special mention of Ceketha "Skeet", and Margaret.

The family is grateful to the First Responders, and the staff of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center, from the Emergency Room to the Intensive Care Unit, for their compassion, kindness, and unrelenting attempts to revive her.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 4:00-6:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Alesia's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Tuesday evening at 6:00 at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation with Rev. Charles McDaniel officiating the ceremony. Interment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 13. 6:00 PM (ET)

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932 South Street
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Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Alesia, my cousin, my friend, I am truly going to miss you. Thank you for always being who you are Alesia my love. I've always enjoyed the summers that you and your family spent together with me. You will be missed my cousin. Love you always.*

Sheila walker simpson - February 25, 2018 at 04:23 PM

CW

“ *My deepest sympathies, Condolences and Prayers go out to the Brown & McDaniel Family believe I was around 8 or 9 yrs old when I first met Alesia. We attended and graduated from Junior High & High School together. She was always a kind and gentle Soul. One of the most genuine persons I've ever known. The last few times we spoke, she was writing a children's book to help the youth. I've got great memories of her to help keep me inspired in this World we live in. May God Bless, Guide and Comfort you at this time and always.*

*Love,
Clyde E. Ward*

Clyde E. Ward - February 19, 2018 at 04:00 PM

NS

“ *Mike and family- Alesia had a beautiful service and a tribute to the type of woman she was. I am so glad I was able to be there. "When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure"*

Nurse Susan - February 16, 2018 at 09:54 AM

NS

“ *Alesia touched my life as she did countless others. We talked at Thomas Jefferson almost daily. When she peeked her head in my room she shone brightly despite how she was feeling. When my car was in the shop, Mike and Alesia picked me up for school on more than one occasion. I was privileged to have had her make me her famous sweet potato pie. We would pray as well. She fed my body and spirit. I miss her. May she rest in peace and know she was so loved. Susan Martellotto Januszewski, RN " Nurse Susan"*

Nurse Susan - February 16, 2018 at 09:53 AM

NS

“ *Nurse Susan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alesia R. (Brown) McDaniel*



Nurse Susan - February 16, 2018 at 09:48 AM

EK

“ *With deepest sympathy from the Kessler Family.*



Emma Kessler - February 15, 2018 at 04:47 PM

ML

“ *Please accept my heartfelt condolence during this difficult time. Mary Griffin Landry, Pittsburg, CA*

mary landry - February 13, 2018 at 10:40 PM

OD

“ *My prayers & sincere sympathy goes out to the Brown & McDaniel family. I'll always remember the conversations we had. She was a beautiful person. R.I.P*
ozzie davis

ozzie I davis - February 13, 2018 at 05:43 PM

CH

“ *Chalky Haden*

My deepest sympathy goes out to the family. I have known Alesia since childhood we all grew up together. We have shared a lot of memories, her family and mine. Uncle Brown and Aunt Daisy were like second parent's. Through this time of sorrow my prayers are with the families.

Chalky Haden - February 13, 2018 at 03:49 PM

JD

“ *Alesia and I grew up together. One of the most genuine and kind individuals I know. The Brown family always welcomed Jody and I and we felt like family. My prayers, sympathy, and love to the Brown and McDaniel's family*

Jai Dorsey

Jai Dorsey - February 13, 2018 at 02:14 PM



“ *My deepest heartfelt condolences to Mrs. McDaniel's family. My son was one of her students at Jefferson for the past three years. I cannot express how much she means to my son and our family. He loves her so much. He even wanted to marry her💜 Your mother, wife, daughter, sibling, and friend is a beautiful person. We will miss her and cherish her memory. Sending prayers and love to you all.-*
Jodi Ann and Jaxon Lafluer

Jodi Ann Lafluer - February 13, 2018 at 12:09 PM

PW

“ *Mike and children, you have my deepest condolences,*

patsy whitener - February 13, 2018 at 10:54 AM

WL

“ *To Brown Family & McDaniel Family*

Please accept my deepest condolences for your family's loss!!
From the Steven , Winnie, Ruthie Lyman



Winnie Lyman - February 13, 2018 at 09:42 AM

MB

“ *Words can't express how saddened I was to learn of Alecia's passing. Please accept my most sincere and heartfelt condolences. She was a kind, loving, and compassionate daughter, wife, mother and friend. I'm sure she will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know her.*
You are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you.

Margaret Beck

margaret beck - February 13, 2018 at 09:20 AM

JB

“ I want to send my condolences to Mike, their children, Uncle Brown, Aunt Daisy, the sisters and family. I have known Alesia for years we have shared lots of memories. Although, we both went our separate ways. When I came home I would always stop to see her. Until this day, if I told her something concerning me I never heard it repeated. She was truly a friend. She was strong and determined to see her family make it. She always was a hard worker. No matter what she would tell me when I was wrong and never took sides. I remember when she met Mike, she used to cook spaghetti, and take it to his house. They would bring in the sabbath together. I can go on and on about my friend. I just know that she will be truly missed. I know right now the pain is strong but as time goes on it will ease up. Remember God will wipe all tears away and someone so dear will never be forgotten...love Janie B



Janie Barnes - February 13, 2018 at 06:32 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Alesia R. (Brown) McDaniel.



February 12, 2018 at 08:01 PM

RW

“ *To the McDaniel and Brown family
I was so saddened to hear of the passing of Alesia. Growing up on
Harding Place as next door neighbors, we shared so many great
times. I can remember Alesia trying to teach us all of her modeling
moves back in the day. Words can't even express what I am feeling
right now,
Alesia, you have your wings, soar high, you will be missed, but
NEVER forgotten, your memory will live on.*

Rhonda M Wells

Rhonda M Wells - February 12, 2018 at 06:19 PM

JD

“ *Words cannot express the sadness we all share in the passing of
Alesia. Sincere condolences to Alesia's
family and Children. My sympathies to Mrs. Brown and Mr. Brown
and to the entire immediate Family.
So many wonderful childhood memories at the Brown household.
Alesia is the best and will continue to be the best through her
Children.
Peace and Blessings
Jody Dorsey and the Dorsey Family*

Jody Dorsey - February 12, 2018 at 03:48 PM

RR

“ *To the McDaniel Family*

Alesia was a ray of sunshine when she entered a room or a school. She was a breath of fresh air and always had a smile. Loved by All and will be missed by All. Always grateful for her kids, her husband, her life, but most of all for her Lord. If there ever was an Angel, it is Alesia. I was so blessed to have her in my life. Thank you Alesia for being my friend.

My heartfelt condolences to her family.

Love

Rosann, Jefferson School Secretary

Rosann Rolchigo - February 12, 2018 at 11:45 AM

LC

“ *Love, Catherine, Sarah and Carina purchased the Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy for the family of Mrs. Alesia R. (Brown) McDaniel.*



Love, Catherine, Sarah and Carina - February 12, 2018 at 11:14 AM

NC

“ *Mrs. Alesia, as well as everyone else this was very sad news to hear. Thank you for all you have done to care for Blake . You will be missed. Thoughts and prayers to Miss Rachel, Miss Hadassah and the rest of the family in this difficult time.*

With love, Nicole, Shawn & Blake Caouette

Nicole Caouette - February 12, 2018 at 10:19 AM

DR

“ Dear Mike, Rachel, Yehudah, Rivkah, and Hadassah,
Our hearts are very heavy today as my family has lost a beautiful woman, friend, and Mom. We can only imagine the heart loss you feel. Please know you are all in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers at this very difficult time. We will always remember Alesia's beautiful smile and sense of humor.

With our love,
Debbie, Alexis, Jacob, and Michaela Rivera

Deborah Rivera - February 12, 2018 at 09:47 AM



“ Thank you for taking care of my boys, you were such a great, positive happy person.
xoxox Love Jessica, Jonathan, Mason & Colton Davies.



Jessica Ziobro Davies - February 12, 2018 at 09:37 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mrs. Alesia R. (Brown) McDaniel.



February 12, 2018 at 09:00 AM

JM

“ *Julia Mendez lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alesia R. (Brown) McDaniel*



julia mendez - February 12, 2018 at 08:44 AM

DP

“ *Brother Mike, Rachel, Yehudah, Rivkah, And Hadassah. My heart, love and prayers go out to you. Alesia was loved from those near and far. I remember when we lived next door to one another. It felt so good to be close to my spiritual family. When Rachel and Chaya played with one another..Alesia inspired me with her faith. She was such a good friend. I cried when you guys moved because it was such a empty space of void when you two were no longer there. Her loss has left a larger void, but I know our Heavenly Father is a healer. I pray for healing and comfort for you and the children. May our loving Father Yah bless you and keep you all, and may He give you peace. Love you ❤️ Sister Ahabah (Sis Darlene)*

Darlene Patterson - February 12, 2018 at 08:30 AM

YC

“ *With much sadness and disbelief! We will miss our high school friend, the joy we shared will never be forgotten. Prayers for the entire Brown and McDaniel families. Yvonne (Michele Carter) Campbell*

Yvonne Campbell - February 12, 2018 at 08:22 AM

EF

“ To The Brown Family My Deepest Condolence I'm at A Loss for words. I grew up with All of you girls and this is so unexpected. May you All find Comfort with each other through this trying time ❤️ Elisa Fail & Family

Elisa Fail & Family - February 11, 2018 at 11:19 PM

SS

“ I was so sorry to hear of Alesia's unexpected passing. I remember her smiling face and enthusiasm every time I saw her in Jefferson's halls. She will be missed. My heartfelt condolences to all of you.

Sandy Spina - February 11, 2018 at 09:41 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Alesia R. (Brown) McDaniel.



February 11, 2018 at 08:42 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mrs. Alesia R. (Brown) McDaniel.



February 11, 2018 at 08:13 PM

SM

“ *Shirl Myers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alesia R. (Brown) McDaniel*



Shirl Myers - February 11, 2018 at 07:31 PM

CL

“ *I am truly at a loss for words...I will cherish the memories of your friendship. To Mike and children, and to the Brown Family you have our deepest sympathy....Blessed are they that mourn:for they shall be comforted.*

With love, Crissy and Rondu

Christine & Kerry Lockwood - February 11, 2018 at 06:22 PM

JM

I love you Alesia and will miss you greatly. You've made it to the one that we are all striving to see. Rest happily in his loving arms. Condolences to Michael and family. Prayers are being sent up for all of you.
Julia Mendez

julia mendez - February 12, 2018 at 12:53 AM

CL

“ *Christine & Kerry Lockwood lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alesia R. (Brown) McDaniel*



Christine & Kerry Lockwood - February 11, 2018 at 06:11 PM

CN

“ Coromato Nicole lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alesia R. (Brown) McDaniel




Coromato Nicole - February 11, 2018 at 05:31 PM

KW

“ This day Our hearts sadden. The entire Brown family is family to us all. Alesia was a kind gentle spirit. We will never forget her. To the Brown family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May Gods grace see you through. We love you- The Webb's- Memphis

Keith & Angela Webb - February 11, 2018 at 02:15 PM

 Paula Fail-Baynard

“ My heart is heavy, and I am truly in a state of disbelief. Alesia (and all of the Brown's) were truly a significant part of my life. The memories are far too many share. We shared a lot of dancing, laughter, and personal times together. My love and condolences to the McDaniel's and Brown Family.

Paula Fail-Baynard - February 11, 2018 at 01:50 PM

DW

Praying for the brown and McDaniel families 🙏🙏🙏 RIP my Friend till we meet again on the other side 💕💕

Dolores Workman - February 11, 2018 at 04:08 PM

BF

“ Words cannot express the loss of our beloved. Praying for you all. I love you Brenda Fudge Columbia, S.C.

Brenda Fudge - February 11, 2018 at 01:43 PM

AD

“ Alicia Dingle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alesia R. (Brown) McDaniel



Alicia Dingle - February 11, 2018 at 01:22 PM

AB

“ Gonna miss you my friend, I believe God didn't allow you to say so long until I heard your voice to share with you my next endeavour, and I'm so blessed he did! Tearfully and confused but I know he has plans for us that are good and not evil. My faith is stronger than the pain of ones going home and I BELEIVE all is well and will be Well, you left a mark in your families lives that won't ever be erased, I know that a sent from here is present with The Lord, hug and kiss my love ones for me, every once in awhile let me hear your laugh and see our dance routines, see ya later~ ❤️❤️

arniece baynard - February 11, 2018 at 01:00 PM

CF

“ Cleon A & Patricia A Frazier lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alesia R. (Brown) McDaniel



Cleon A & Patricia A Frazier - February 11, 2018 at 11:32 AM

MS

“ *Alesia I have plenty of Good memories with my first cousin was like a sister to me yes you will be truly missed the Lord gained another Angel this is very hard I still can not believe it but to All my Family in Utica stay strong because the Lord and the Angels is right with you all My Condolences sorry I could not be there but I am sending this message and my Love to everyone and most of all to my Aunt Daisy & Uncle Brown.*

Michelle Smith - February 11, 2018 at 09:52 AM