

Fannie Lewis-Darden

Fannie Lewis-Darden was born in Fort Pierce, Florida, on December 24, 1919 to father Alfelton Lewis and mother Fallie Lewis. She is one of six children and attended school at Lincoln Park Academy. During her time in Fort Pierce, she met her lifelong partner, Mac Darden, and bore nine children. She has been a life-member of Saint Paul A.M.E Church and spent her career working as a homemaker for the Willis family on Delaware Avenue.

Fannie is kind and warm; the type of woman who never met a stranger and treated everyone like an old friend. She is giving and compassionate, frequently opening her home to those in need. She holds the most remarkable propensity for forgiveness and leads with love always. What's more, she has a great sense of humor!

As a centenarian, she has lived through a host of historical moments from the Great Depression, several wars, Civil Rights movement, the introduction of color television, the election of the first Black president, and a world-altering pandemic. Today, she spends her days gardening, reading her daily newspaper, and spending time with friends and family on 29th street, where she's lived for more than 50 years. She has always invested in her mental and physical health; hence, she takes pride in remaining relatively independent.

She is the matriarch of a host of thriving children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Her offspring's have gone on to lead successful lives, some of their accomplishments include a son that recently completed his 26-year tenure as Command Sergeant Major with the US military, a son in the American Culinary Federation Hall of Fame, a grandchild who works as the Human Resources Coordinator for Fort Pierce's City Hall, a grandchild who competed in the Miss America pageant, two-grandchildren completing doctoral degrees, and a host of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren working in health care, architecture, education, real estate, and the police force.