



## Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves

January 24, 1930 - October 14, 2024

REAVES, Mrs. Abigail Florence - Age 94, passed away Monday, October 14, 2024, at McFarlan House. Family hour 10:00 AM Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3502 Lapeer Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor Rabon Turner, officiating. Family and friends will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Wednesday. Mrs. Reaves will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Tuesday with family present from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM to receive friends. On October 14, 2024, Abigail Florence Reaves received her wings, and flew with the an-gels to heaven. She was 94 years old.

Ms. Abigail Florence Reaves was born June 24, 1930 on a farm in Monroe, North Caro-lina. She was the eldest of three girls (Clara Mitchell, Glenda LeFlore) from the parents of John Wesley McCain, and Hattie Stokes-McCain. Abigail moved to Flint, Michigan in 1941 with her family, and soldiers during the war where her father obtained employment with Buick Motor Company, a division of General Mo-tors Corporation. While residing in Flint, Gail attended the 9th grade at Lowell Jr. High School, and Flint Central High School for the 10th and 11th grade. Abigail eventually com-pleted her final year of education at Carver High School in Kannapolis, NC. Continuing Abi-gail's journey in Flint, MI she met a man by the name of Lendy Reaves whom she married in 1947 at the mature age of 16. This union brought forth a son, John Wesley Reaves II on No-vember 30, 1953 in Ann Arbor, MI.

Abigail's main form of employment was in the food industry. She was employed for several years at Winchester Hospital, and Genesee Memorial Hospital as a dietitian for 20 plus years, and then retiring in 1983. After retirement Abigail migrated back to Kannapolis, NC to care for her mother in which she secured employment with the HBCU Barber Scotia College in Concord, NC where she was able to exercise her skill as the lead kitchen supervisor.

Abigail lived her life to the fullest, where it was filled with happiness, love, care, and most important forgiveness. Gail loved to travel with family, and friends while listening to her favorite genre of music, smooth jazz as birds followed her on her travels. As much as she loved to travel, her profession sprinkled on to family in her preparations of fine cuisines for family dinners, and gatherings. She would often watch, and leave her television on the food network channel as she prepared meals for family.

Abigail was preceded in death by, John Wesley McCain, Hattie McCain; twin daughters, Shirene and Denise Reaves; sister, Glenda LeFlore; and former husband, Lendy Reaves.

Gail leaves to mourn her passing; son, John & Tujunana Reaves (Flint, MI); grandson, Nicholas Reaves (Douglasville, GA); sister, Clara Mitchell (Charlotte, NC); special cousin, Warner McCain (Jacksonville, FL); special nieces, Wanda Smyers, Sheila Wilson, Rhonda Wilson, and Little Marge; special nephews, Gregory Renick, Michael Price and John Arthur Mitchell; special friends, Charlene Wooldridge, Carmileta Tofya-Jones, Jimmye Maxwell, and Elginne Johnson; and God-daughter, Tamera Johnson-Roy. The family would like express a special thanks to the caregivers of Western Hills Assist-ed Living, McFarlan Villages and Heartland Home, Health and Hospice.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

OCT **22**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present

OCT **22**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
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## Family hour

OCT **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church  
3502 Lapeer Rd.  
Flint, MI

## Service

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OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church  
3502 Lapeer Rd.  
Flint, MI

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ *Johnnie, thinking of you as God has called your Mom home. God bless you and your family with peace and strength.* ”



**Crystal Williams** - October 29, 2024 at 01:34 PM



“ *Joya Embry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves* ”



**Joya Embry** - October 23, 2024 at 06:55 PM

CJ

“ *Colleen Jenkins-Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves* ”



**Colleen Jenkins-Roberts** - October 23, 2024 at 01:31 PM

KR

“ *Kendall E Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves* ”



**Kendall E Reaves** - October 23, 2024 at 12:40 PM

TE

“ *Therena, Ian, Henderson, Wallace Elliott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves*



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**Therena, Ian, Henderson, Wallace Elliott** - October 23, 2024 at 07:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves.*



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October 22, 2024 at 09:01 PM

TF

“ *The Price Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves.*

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**The Price Family** - October 22, 2024 at 09:01 PM

JP

“ *Jennifer F. Parker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves*



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**Jennifer F. Parker** - October 22, 2024 at 10:04 AM

SF

“ Sheila J. Fowler lit a candle in memory of Abigail Reaves



Sheila J. Fowler - October 21, 2024 at 03:05 PM

JA

“ I lost my last and my favorite Aunt. My Aunt Gail, the one who taught me how to drive and sold me my first car, dirt cheap. My love of plants and sense of style came from her too. She was the BEST and will always be loved and remembered. My deepest sympathy to John, Tujunana and Nicholas, a warm light has gone out of our family.

John Arthur - October 21, 2024 at 01:11 PM

KC

“ Kathy Cleveland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves



Kathy Cleveland - October 21, 2024 at 12:46 PM

YA

“ Your Nephew, John Arthur purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves.



Your Nephew, John Arthur - October 21, 2024 at 12:42 PM

YA

“ Your Nephew, John Arthur planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves.

Your Nephew, John Arthur - October 21, 2024 at 12:42 PM

PP

“ PJ & Glenda Pointer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves



PJ & Glenda Pointer - October 21, 2024 at 11:25 AM

CS

“ Cathy Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves



Cathy Sanders - October 20, 2024 at 11:29 AM

VW

“ Velma Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves



Velma Williams - October 20, 2024 at 10:51 AM

VB

“ *Vanessa, Lloyd, Kameron and Kellen Brackins*



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**Vanessa Brackins** - October 19, 2024 at 06:48 PM

TB

“ *Therese Robinson- Barbee lit a candle in memory of Abigail Reaves*



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**Therese Robinson- Barbee** - October 19, 2024 at 02:56 PM

MG

“ *My sincere condolences to the Reaves family.*



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**Melissa George** - October 19, 2024 at 02:35 PM

CH

“ *Cynthia Higgins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves*



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**Cynthia Higgins** - October 19, 2024 at 10:49 AM

AP

“ *Sending our prayers for the Reaves Family  
Deacon Shelton and Anna Pinnix*



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**Anna Pinnix** - October 18, 2024 at 09:37 PM

RW

“ *To the Reaves family; I have nothing but fond memories of Gail. We traveled a lot together and enjoyed lots of laughs and lots of meals! Nothing but peace and blessings to all of ypu.*

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**Roz Walker** - October 18, 2024 at 08:06 PM

PW

“ *Pam Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Abigail Florence Reaves*



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**Pam Williams** - October 18, 2024 at 07:36 PM

PV

“ *Penny Vickers lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Abigail Florence Reaves*



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**Penny Vickers** - October 18, 2024 at 05:57 PM

WP

“ *Wanda Patrick-Lynn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves*



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**Wanda Patrick-Lynn** - October 18, 2024 at 05:06 PM

TW

“ *Tony, Mitch, and Julian Wright purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves.*



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**Tony, Mitch, and Julian Wright** - October 18, 2024 at 03:36 PM

TW

“ *Tony, Mitch, and Julian Wright planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves.*

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**Tony, Mitch, and Julian Wright** - October 18, 2024 at 03:36 PM

AF

“ *Mrs. Reaves was a very virtuous woman, former sister-in-law and friend - whom I had the pleasure to share many happy and pleasurable times with. May she rest in Heavenly peace. God bless the Reaves family*

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**ARCHIE Delano LE FLORE** - October 18, 2024 at 02:03 PM



“ *Sheila Johnson-Toins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves*



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**Sheila Johnson-Toins** - October 18, 2024 at 01:25 PM



“ *Gary Chick lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves*



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**Gary Chick** - October 18, 2024 at 11:21 AM



“ *Walter & Michell Henry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves.*

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**Walter & Michell Henry** - October 18, 2024 at 11:14 AM



“ *Walter & Michell Henry purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves.*



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**Walter & Michell Henry** - October 18, 2024 at 11:14 AM

JM

“ Sincere condolences to John, Tujunana, and Nick in the transition of your beautiful Mother/Grandmother. Our prayer is for you and the extended Reaves family to experience peace and comfort in your precious memories of her.  
Much Love, The Manuel family

Johnny/Sheena Manuel - October 18, 2024 at 12:06 AM

MH

“ Deepest Condolences to you all.....



MS. RENEE HILL-SYKES - October 17, 2024 at 08:35 PM

DJ

“ Derrick Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves



Derrick Jones - October 17, 2024 at 03:31 PM

RK

“ Our sympathy and condolences 🙏



Russell & Diane Kirksey - October 16, 2024 at 06:50 PM

CW

“ *Charlene Wooldridge lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves*



Charlene Wooldridge - October 16, 2024 at 12:04 PM

BR

“ *My deepest condolences to my cousin, John and the family. Keeping you all in prayer. Much Love!!*

Blake Reaves - October 16, 2024 at 09:29 AM

BR

“ *Brett Reaves Msgt USAF RET. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves*



Brett Reaves Msgt USAF RET. - October 15, 2024 at 09:10 PM

RD

“ *Rita Doyle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves*



Rita Doyle - October 15, 2024 at 02:00 PM



“ *Jimmye Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves*



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**Jimmye Maxwell** - October 15, 2024 at 11:40 AM

BK

“ *Brenda Kimble lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Abigail Florence Reaves*



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**Brenda Kimble** - October 15, 2024 at 11:35 AM

FT

“ *Sincere and loving sympathy is extended to John, Tujunana and Nicholas. Mrs. Reaves was a beautiful mother and had a welcoming smile whenever we neighbor boys visited our playmate at their home, growing up in the 1950s and 1960s.*

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**Fred Tarver** - October 15, 2024 at 10:50 AM

TJ

“ *John, Tujunana, & Nick,*

*Our deepest condolences and prayers to you. Mama Reaves was a beautiful soul and will always be remembered in our hearts.*

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**Tyrone Jordan** - October 15, 2024 at 10:00 AM

VR

“ Aunt Gail, take your rest from life disappointments and shine in GOD'S GLORY. FOREVER LOVE! VICKI REAVES



Vicki Reaves - October 15, 2024 at 09:42 AM

DW

Hello Vicki it's been since we've seen one another. But I'm sending you and your family my condolences. May your loved one RIH. 🙏❤️

Doris Wyatt - November 19, 2024 at 10:19 AM

VR

“ Take your rest from life's disappointments, and shine in GOD'S GLORY! FOREVER LOVE, Vicki Reaves



Vicki Reaves - October 15, 2024 at 09:17 AM

TF

“ Theresa /James Wesley Family lit a candle in memory of Abigail Reaves



Theresa /James Wesley Family - October 14, 2024 at 05:49 PM

CP

Rest Peacefully in heaven Abigail

cheryl Price-Dickson - October 15, 2024 at 09:33 AM