



Mrs. Alice W. Rutherford

October 2, 1934 - February 18, 2021

RUTHERFORD, Mrs. Alice - Age 86, passed away Thursday, February 18, 2021 at her residence. Family hour 10:30 AM Thursday, February 25, 2021 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with Funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Funeral Home, 10:30 AM Thursday. Mrs. Rutherford will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from 12:00 PM-6:00 PM, with family present to receive friends from 3:00 PM-6:00PM, Wednesday. Alice Mae Whiteside Rutherford was born in Fletcher, North Carolina on October 2, 1934 to John Whiteside. and Eliza Holbert Whiteside. Mrs. Rutherford graduated from Stephens Lee High School, "Class of 1954" in Asheville, North Carolina. She later attended Mott Community College where she received certifications as a Home Health Aide, Nursing Assistant, and M.A.C.A Certified Child Care Worker. Mrs. Rutherford married her husband, Herphon Rutherford Sr. on February 10, 1958. From this union, they were blessed with three children. Mrs. Rutherford accepted Christ as her personal savior in her early childhood. She joined Vernon Chapel AME Church over 40 years ago under the pastoral leadership of the late Pastor Reuben Russell. Mrs. Rutherford was an active member of Vernon Chapel AME Church and served as a member of the Senior Choir, Cook Missionary Society, The Lay Organization, Sunday School, and Bible Study until her health declined. Mrs. Rutherford was very active in her community. She held positions as President

of the North Bonbright Street-East Genesee Street Block Club, Treasurer of King Coalition Neighborhood Association, and Assistant Treasurer of Church Women United. Mrs. Rutherford was also honored as an ABC-12 Not-For-Profit Woman of Achievement in 2001. Mrs. Alice Mae Rutherford leaves to cherish her memory: three children, Gertrude "Trudy" Rutherford, Geneva (Pastor Melton) Harvey, all of Flint and Herphon Rutherford Jr. of Ann Arbor, MI; brother, Daniel (Inez) Whiteside Sr. and special nephew like a brother, Larry (Martha) Whiteside of Asheville, NC; grandchildren, Melton Harvey II, Jamelco Harvey, both of Port Gibson, MS, Genice (Koleon) Prescott, of Belleville, MI, Alexis Harvey of Grand Blanc, MI, Vickayla (Marvin) Pope of Virginia Beach, VA, and Adrian Rutherford of Flint; great-granddaughters, Khloé and Kali Prescott, both of Belleville, MI; god-sons, Jeron Washington of Charlotte, NC and Pernal Parsons Jr. of Flint; grand-god-daughter, Stephanie Franklin-Bartley of Mt. Morris, MI; sisters-in-law, Juanita Rutherford of Flint and Beverly Beauford of Philadelphia, PA; special friend, Alma Hardy; a host of other relatives and friends too numerous to name. Mrs. Rutherford was preceded in death by her husband, Herphon Rutherford Sr.; parents, John and Eliza Whiteside; sisters, Sarah Lampley, Alberta Farrow, Rachel Coleman, Eloise Ray, Victoria Allen, and her twin, Phalice Whiteside; brothers, Russell Whiteside, Massey Whiteside Sr., David Whiteside Sr., Clifton Whiteside and Willie Whiteside; sisters-in-law, Christine Rutherford and Lottie Rutherford; brothers-in-law, George Rutherford and Carlton Rutherford. The family would like to thank The Medical Team Hospice and caregivers Alma Hardy, Wilma Okonofua and Chenita Jones, Pastor Douglas Banks and the Vernon Chapel AME Church family, Pastor Morris A. Collins Sr. and the Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church Family, and Pastor Melton Harvey and the Vessels of God Church Family.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 24. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
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lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family Present

FEB 24. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Family hour

FEB **25**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Alice W. Rutherford*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - February 25, 2021 at 11:02 AM

DC

The service was beautiful

Diane Crain - February 25, 2021 at 12:36 PM



“ *Mrs. Alice W. Rutherford*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

SB

“ *Mrs. Rutherford was a Beautiful Woman of God and integrity. She possessed the qualities that we should all strive for. Her kindness and strength she showed shown in her daily walk. She always had a smile and a kind word. To her Family, Trudie, Geneva and Herphon I send love and prayers. Rest In Glory Mrs. Rutherford* ❤️

Scott Bard-Mansur - February 27, 2021 at 02:57 PM

WS

“ We extend our deepest sympathies in the loss of our church member and friend Mrs Alice Rutherford. May she Rest In Peace.
Reta and Woodrow Stanley

Woodrow Stanley - February 27, 2021 at 11:36 AM

AR

“ Anthony Rutherford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice W. Rutherford



Anthony Rutherford - February 26, 2021 at 10:13 PM



“ Corliss Gaines lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice W. Rutherford



Corliss Gaines - February 25, 2021 at 05:56 PM

BB

“ I WILL always remember MOTHER RUTHERFORD'S BEAUTIFUL SMILE AND GENTLE SPIRIT. My prayers are with each of YOU as we forever CHERISH her memories. with heartfelt sympathy-
Barbara Bracey

Barbara Bracey - February 25, 2021 at 12:44 PM

LR

“ *Lorraine Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice W. Rutherford*



Lorraine Robinson - February 25, 2021 at 12:36 PM

DE

“ *Delonda lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice W. Rutherford*



Delonda - February 25, 2021 at 12:34 PM

TW

“ *Cousins,*

I stand in continuous prayer and solidarity with you. Although, my heart is sad, my spirit rejoices knowing that Aunt Alice is with the Lord. The love she had for all of us will keep us comforted in the days to come. We will continue to celebrate her life and smile each time we remember her laugh. I simply say "see you later" Aunt Alice. I love you all.

Tymeka

Tymeka Y. Whiteside - February 25, 2021 at 10:30 AM

MS

“ To Our Nieces & Nephews,

Words cannot express the feelings we have right now. We know that our hearts are heavy yet we rejoice knowing my dear sister has gone on to be with the Lord. We have so many wonderful memories to hold on to and stories to share. Weeping for us may endure for the night but the joy for AI has come. We are in this together and we will continue to hold one another close because that is what Alice would want. Although we cannot physically be there, you all are forever in our hearts and always in our prayers.

Uncle Dan & Aunt Inez Whiteside

Mr. & Mrs. T. Daniel Whiteside, Sr. - February 25, 2021 at 10:25 AM

BB

“ To my dear nieces and nephews you have my deepest sympathy. May the Lord hold you in His hand and comfort your spirit during your time of need.

Death brings pain only time can heal. No words could ever heal what you truly feel.

But with God your mother's joy is eternally sealed. Cherish her memories (as I will) that death cannot steal. Lift up a smile for she is already in heaven.

May God peace be with you and all of the Rutherford and Whitehead families.

Beverly Beauford - February 25, 2021 at 10:10 AM

JN

“ *Jeron and the Washington Family, Charlotte, NC purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Alice W. Rutherford.*



Jeron and the Washington Family, Charlotte, NC - February 24, 2021 at 03:45 PM

BV

“ *Bloomfield Orchard Villa purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Alice W. Rutherford.*



Bloomfield Orchard Villa - February 24, 2021 at 02:12 PM

TA

“ *We'll, miss your sweet spirit and your excitement for life! Our, love and sincere prayer's are with your beloved family. God's peace & comfort to you all 🙏🙏🙏*



Teresa Anthony - February 24, 2021 at 01:00 PM

RH

“ *RWL-Tina, Mary, The Wells family, Steph, Heather purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Alice W. Rutherford.*



RWL-Tina, Mary, The Wells family, Steph, Heather - February 24, 2021 at 12:10 PM

SP

“ *Sandra P lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice W. Rutherford*



Sandra P - February 24, 2021 at 09:01 AM

VS

“ *Valerie C Southall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice W. Rutherford*



Valerie C Southall - February 24, 2021 at 03:01 AM

WO

I will miss my morning coffee with Aunt Alice. She was a breathe of fresh air every day. She saw the good in every challenge. I miss her dearly

Wilma Okonofua - February 25, 2021 at 10:39 AM

KW

“ *Kim Watson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice W. Rutherford*



Kim Watson - February 23, 2021 at 10:29 PM

RB

“ *Ricardo Brandon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice W. Rutherford*



Ricardo Brandon - February 23, 2021 at 09:13 PM

LP

“ *Lawana Price lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice W. Rutherford*



Lawana Price - February 23, 2021 at 02:04 PM

CD

“ Alice Rutherford was the Rock of Block Clubs and Crime Watch Groups in Flint Michigan. She was a leader amongst leaders within the City. Alice always kept her street clean and made sure the Community/Police Relations was held accountable.

In the year of 2021 after I lost a father who trained me to honor all elders and those of authority, it is my honor to say good-bye to a wonderful woman who looked out after her neighbors and community. For years we worked hard to build communities by marking them with signs known as Block Club.

Mrs. Alice Rutherford was one of the only community leaders that did not freeze when the City came to take down her Block Club sign. she fought with all her heart. Her heart was fixed on LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, LONGSUFFERING, GENTLENESS, GOODNESS, FAITH, MEEKNESS AND SELF-CONTROL. as Alice practiced the GODLY Fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5) KJV - she made it evident that Crime was the enemy of all of our SOULS.

I want to thank Alice at the same time say Good-Bye and see you later. I love you and your family as the Flint Police Department valued every minute of your time during the most successful times of our lives. I am glad you were here to see PEACE transpire as the Agency and Block clubs slowed down the criminal elements permeating the City.

David R. Dicks, Former Leader

Chief David R Dicks - February 23, 2021 at 01:46 PM

CD

“ Chief David R Dicks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice W. Rutherford



Chief David R Dicks - February 23, 2021 at 01:37 PM

LW

“ To Geneva and the rest of the Rutherford Family, my family offer their deepest sympathy in the lost of your mother. My the memories you have be comforting to you in the days to come.

Linda F Winfrey - February 22, 2021 at 09:50 PM

WF

“ Trudy, Geneva, Herphon, and the Rutherford family, we share your grief at this difficult time. We have precious memories of your Mom and know that you will miss her very much. We are praying for comfort and strength. With love, Jeron, Tony, Rhonda and Lila.



Washington Family - February 22, 2021 at 02:37 PM

LJ

“ Lucille James lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice W. Rutherford



Lucille James - February 22, 2021 at 12:47 PM

VS

“ *My prayers are with your family.*”



Valdene Sims - February 22, 2021 at 10:54 AM

LF

“ *Love, The Denson Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Alice W. Rutherford.*”



Love, The Denson Family - February 22, 2021 at 08:13 AM

DB

“ *Thanks for your SERVICE to OUR Community!
"The Neighborhood Roundtable"*”

Dr. Lee Bell - February 21, 2021 at 06:03 PM

DB

“ *Dr. Lee Bell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice W. Rutherford*”



Dr. Lee Bell - February 21, 2021 at 05:57 PM

CP

“ COREY PIERCE lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice W. Rutherford



COREY PIERCE - February 20, 2021 at 08:22 PM

GL

“ Our heartfelt prayers to the Rutherford family. We will always remember Mrs Rutherford as a dear neighbor and a very good Block Club President. God Bless you all through this time.



Gene, Freda Leverette - February 20, 2021 at 11:00 AM

SD

“ Sandra Douglas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice W. Rutherford



Sandra Douglas - February 19, 2021 at 09:36 PM

DS

“ Dorothy Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice W. Rutherford



Dorothy Simmons - February 19, 2021 at 08:51 PM

MD

“ Maurice & Tammy Denson



Maurice & Tammy Denson - February 19, 2021 at 08:00 PM

KH

“ Trudy, Geneva, Herphon, and all the Rutherford family, you have our deepest sympathy. We will keep you in prayer during this most difficult time. May the peace of God surround you with comfort that is beyond understanding.



Kenneth & Brenda Harrison - February 19, 2021 at 04:53 PM

JK

“ Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice W. Rutherford



Jesse Kirksey - February 18, 2021 at 10:49 PM

CB

I will miss you and i ❤️ you Rest On dear

Carolyn Bell - February 19, 2021 at 02:46 PM

ST

Trudy, I send my sincere condolence to you and your family. You will remain in my prayers.

Shelia Tucker - February 22, 2021 at 10:36 AM

CD

David Dicks Letter of Thank You Under Chief D. Dicks, NOT R Dicks.

Chief David R Dicks - February 23, 2021 at 01:48 PM

AR

Trudy, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.

Andrea Rossi - February 23, 2021 at 02:23 PM

AA

Trudy, Herphon and Geneva. Freda and I send our love and prayers. Aunt Alice will be missed. Anthony and Freda

Anthony & Alfreda - February 26, 2021 at 10:10 PM