



## Mother Althalene Clark

September 24, 1932 - December 22, 2023

CLARK, Mother. Althalene - Age 91, passed away Friday, December 22, 2023, at Briarwood Manor. Family hour 10:00 AM Friday, December 29, 2023, at Vernon Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 5802 Dupont St., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor Douglas Banks, officiating. Interment Lovedale Memorial Cemetery G-5175 E. Bristol Rd., Burton, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:00 AM Friday. Mother Clark 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 Thursday, with family present to receive friends from 3:00 PM-5:00 PM. Althalene Clark was born on September 24, 1932 to Elmer and Mable Acker in Springfield, Arkansas. She was the second child and only daughter of five children. She spent her early childhood in Conway County in the community of Union Chapel. Althalene Clark, a beloved soul, accepted Christ into her heart at the tender age of twelve and united with Mt. Hebrew CME church under the pastoral care of Rev. S. W. Greer. Her faith was unwavering, and she often found solace at the Greater Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Plumerville, Arkansas, attending services during special programs, alternate Sundays, and when her own church did not meet. Althalene's educational journey took her from grade one through eight at Union Chapel, and she furthered her studies at Conway County Training School in Menifee, Arkansas, where she discovered her passion for Home Economics. As the only daughter, she gracefully embraced the responsibilities of numerous

household duties, showcasing her talent in cooking, cleaning, sewing, washing, and caring for her younger brothers. During her youth, Althalene spent summers and fall months in other towns, tirelessly chopping and picking cotton. It was during one such endeavor in Parksdale, Southeast Arkansas, that she met Otis Clark, a handsome young farmer. Their love blossomed, leading to a joyous union in marriage on January 3, 1951. The couple settled in Dermott on an 80-acre farm, where Althalene showcased her exceptional domestic skills. Early mornings were dedicated to preparing hot breakfasts for her husband, followed by work in the fields. Her days were filled with love as she returned home to prepare hot lunches and suppers. Althalene's dedication extended to providing additional income for her family through winter months, working in Little Rock, Arkansas, doing domestic work for a private family. An active and faithful member of Knox Street A.M.E Zion Church during her time in Dermott, Althalene continued her spiritual journey when she, along with her family, moved to Flint, Michigan, in June of 1967. She joined the Vernon Chapel AME Church under the Pastoral care of Rev. Rueben Russell, remaining a steadfast member until her earthly departure. Her commitment to the church was evident in her active participation in various ministries, including the Senior Choir, Usher Ministry, and the Missionary Society. Althalene's dedication extended beyond the church walls. She worked diligently for 25 years at Chevrolet, retiring in 1996. In her community, she served as President of the Baker Street Block Club for many years, receiving numerous awards for her exceptional service and leadership. A culinary maestro, Althalene's cooking prowess was renowned. Even after retirement, she continued to share her culinary delights with her community for a minimal fee. As her health declined, she persisted in preparing wholesome feasts and holiday meals for her cherished family and friends. In celebrating the life of Althalene Clark, we remember a woman, who many called her Mother, whose legacy is defined by faith, love, service, and a profound commitment to family. May her memory be a source of inspiration and comfort to all who knew and loved her. As the sunset on December 22,

2023, we said our farewells to a woman whose life was a testament to faith, family, love, and commitment. Althalene was predeceased by her husband of 38 years, Otis Clark; parents, Elmer and Mable Acker; grandmother, Daisy Winston Harris; daughter, Lue Ann Newman; brothers, Clifton Clarence Acker and Connie Charles Acker; and grandsons, Christopher Brown, Corey Newman and Jordan "Emoni" Wright. Mourning her loss, yet rejoicing in her purposeful life are: children, Nina Faye Stagger of Little Rock, Arkansas, Charlie C. Clark and wife, Patricia of Flint, Elmer Lee Clark and wife, Linda, of San Antonio, Texas, William Graham and wife Loretta of Dermott, AR; grandchildren, Andrea Canley, Melanie Best and husband Leon, Christal Stagger, Demetria L. Smith and Amekia Newman, Kinda Clark, Kwasi Clark, and Kamal and wife Delilah, Mary Johnson, Brittany Clark and Johnathan and wife Asia; 17 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Willie Acker and Robert Acker, both of Denver, Colorado; brother-in-law, Odell Clark; other sons, Harold Haywood and Eugene "Googa" Harris; and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral service will be live streamed on Facebook live at:  
[vernonchapelchurch.com](http://vernonchapelchurch.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Lovedale Memorial Cemetery

G-5175 E. Bristol Rd.  
Burton, MI

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

**DEC 28.** 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Family Present

**DEC 28.** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Family hour

---

DEC 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Vernon Chapel AME Church  
5802 Dupont St.  
Flint, MI

## Funeral Service

---

DEC 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

Vernon Chapel AME Church  
5802 Dupont St.  
Flint, MI

# Tribute Wall

RF

“ Ray Furlow lit a candle in memory of Mother Althalene Clark



Ray Furlow - January 07, 2024 at 05:59 PM

WE

“ Rest well Aunt Althalene. Gerri and I pray God will send the Comforter to bless the entire Clark Family during this time of sorrow.



William and Gerri Earl - January 03, 2024 at 06:59 AM

DP

“ I love you granny/mother I'm going to miss you so much 📍📍📍📍📍📍📍📍📍📍

deonte parks - January 02, 2024 at 06:50 AM

NW

“ Nanak Williams lit a candle in memory of Mother Althalene Clark



Nanak Williams - January 01, 2024 at 05:20 PM

KC

“ *Kimberly Clark lit a candle in memory of Althalene Clark*



---

**Kimberly Clark** - December 30, 2023 at 01:46 PM

BF

“ *Brundidge Family lit a candle in memory of Althalene Clark*



---

**Brundidge Family** - December 30, 2023 at 01:17 PM

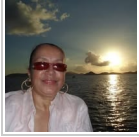
MF

“ *To the Family of Mother Clark:  
Christian sympathy is extended to you for the loss of your beloved Mother. You are to be commended for the care that you gave her. May God continue to strengthen, comfort, and grant you peace during this difficult time. He is able.  
Sincerely,  
Margaret S. Gatson and Family  
Traveling Friends/Pine Bluff, Arkansas*



---

**Margaret S. Gatson and Family** - December 29, 2023 at 10:37 PM



“ *Sending Prayers and Love to the entire Family of Althalene Clark. I remember my visit with you, Otis, Faye, Ann & Charlie in Dermott Arkansas. You always made time to visit Mother when your travels brought you to Union Chapel. You gained your wings on 12.22, and now you're in the loving Arms of our Lord & Savior. Aunt Mable & Uncle Elmer are waiting to welcome you home!!! I Love you!!* 💕💕💕

-----  
**Billie Jenkins** - December 29, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ *Our continued prayers for your family during this difficult time. Aunt Athalene will be truly missed* 🙏



-----  
**Yolanda & Sonja** - December 29, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mother Althalene Clark.*



-----  
December 29, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *COREY PIERCE lit a candle in memory of Mother Althalene Clark*



-----  
**COREY PIERCE** - December 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM

AB

“ Alexis B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mother Althalene Clark.

Alexis B. - December 29, 2023 at 09:48 AM

CF

“ Carol J Foster lit a candle in memory of Mother Althalene Clark



Carol J Foster - December 29, 2023 at 09:29 AM

WG

“ William & Loretta Graham lit a candle in memory of Mother Althalene Clark



William & Loretta Graham - December 29, 2023 at 09:08 AM

LJ

“ Sending my love to the Clark family during this time. I will always remember mother's sense of humor, and beautiful smile. Lanisha James



Lanisha James - December 29, 2023 at 01:23 AM

GH

“ ‘Cousin Althalene’ is what I always called her. Over the years when she and her family would visit from Flint; she would always make time to come and visit with my mother; Mrs Flavia, her aunt. She had a warm, sweet personality and was always smiling. Peace and Continued Blessings to the family. From Genevieve (Neva) Allen House

Genevieve House - December 28, 2023 at 08:38 PM

BB

“ Belinda Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Althalene Clark



Belinda Brown - December 28, 2023 at 08:13 PM

BB

“ Belinda Brown lit a candle in memory of Mother Althalene Clark



Belinda Brown - December 28, 2023 at 08:11 PM

LJ

“ LaGreta Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mother Althalene Clark



LaGreta Johnson - December 28, 2023 at 04:23 PM

FM

“ To Nina and your siblings, children and grandchildren. To God Be The Glory for the 91 years your mom was here on this earth. We know that she is in a better place now, with no more aches and pains! GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

*Frances J. Middleton, Canaan Missionary Baptist Church*

---

**Frances Middleton** - December 28, 2023 at 03:11 PM

VN

“ Veronica Nickens sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Althalene Clark



---

**Veronica Nickens** - December 28, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mother Althalene Clark.



---

December 28, 2023 at 02:12 PM

JS

“ Trust in the Lord with all your Heart and he will direct your paths. Sending heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Nina Stagger and other members of Mrs. Clark's family.

Sincerely,  
Joy Springer  
Arkansas State Representative  
Little Rock, Arkansas



---

**Joy Springer** - December 28, 2023 at 01:55 PM

GJ

“ Sending love, prayers and flowers in honor of my sweet Aunt Althalene. I appreciate all the love and encouragement she gave me. I especially thank her for making sure I knew my family. She will forever be loved and cherished. I love you Aunt Althalene, no way you could love me more!!!! Gail and family



---

**Gail & Melford Jackson** - December 28, 2023 at 12:39 PM

CW

“ CAVHS Geriatric Clinic and SWS Workgroup purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mother Althalene Clark.



---

**CAVHS Geriatric Clinic and SWS Workgroup** - December 28, 2023 at 09:49 AM

WF

“ Willie, John, Roy Paige and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mother Althalene Clark.



---

**Willie, John, Roy Paige and Family** - December 28, 2023 at 09:19 AM

WF

“ Willie, John, Roy Paige and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mother Althalene Clark.

---

**Willie, John, Roy Paige and Family** - December 28, 2023 at 09:19 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mother Althalene Clark.



---

December 28, 2023 at 08:29 AM

RB

“ Richard & Crecendra Boone planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mother Althalene Clark.

---

**Richard & Crecendra Boone** - December 28, 2023 at 08:29 AM

DD

“ Debra Davis lit a candle in memory of Mother Althalene Clark



Debra Davis - December 28, 2023 at 07:58 AM

TA

“ Auntie, missing you already.



Tanya D Acker - December 27, 2023 at 10:31 PM

MT

“ Martha Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mother Althalene Clark



martha Taylor - December 27, 2023 at 06:44 PM

LH

“ LaFaytia Hairston lit a candle in memory of Mother Althalene Clark



LaFaytia Hairston - December 27, 2023 at 03:20 PM

TJ

“ Tracy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mother Althalene Clark



Tracy Johnson - December 27, 2023 at 03:00 PM

MT

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Mrs. Cynthia Tine - December 27, 2023 at 09:10 AM

MF

“ Mother Athalene Clark was a virtuous Women, and a mother to Our Vernon Chapel Church 🏛️ family... She will be missed by all those who knew Her... 🌹❤️📖Merdice & Van

Merdice & Van Coleman and family - December 27, 2023 at 08:59 AM

MF

“ Merdice & Van Coleman And Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Althalene Clark



Merdice & Van Coleman and family - December 27, 2023 at 08:52 AM

NW

“ *Nana Williams lit a candle in memory of Mother Althalene Clark*



---

**nana williams** - December 27, 2023 at 03:16 AM

MW

“ *Maggie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mother Althalene Clark*



---

**Maggie Williams** - December 27, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mother Althalene Clark.*



---

December 26, 2023 at 08:32 PM

CT

“ *My Aunty is my MOTHER. Kind, Sweetheart, and Loving.  
You will be missed Dear. TAKE YOUR REST..*



---

**Cynthia Tine and Birama Tine** - December 26, 2023 at 08:13 PM

MJ

“ I grew up with the Clark family on Baker St and have known them for almost 55 years after I returned to Flint Michigan in 2012 I was blessed to discover the love of family and friends had not dissipated and so much more I realized I was blessed with a 2nd mother her home was my home we often spent time talking, eating, laughing and just enjoying each others company i used to take her to get her nails done, shopping to buy new clothes and whatever else she needed or wanted I became her advocate and counselor but moreso she became mine, I thank for blessing me with such a beautiful spirit and a wonderful woman of God I could all my own she truly will be missed ❤️❤️❤️

---

**Minister Eugene Harris Jr** - December 26, 2023 at 05:31 PM

DD

“ Sending my deepest heartfelt condolences and prayers to Mrs. Clark entire family.



---

**Denise Dixon-Weatherspoon** - December 26, 2023 at 03:51 PM

CT

“ Carolyn Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mother Althalene Clark



---

**carolyn Taylor** - December 26, 2023 at 03:07 PM