



## Bennie Brown-Hairston

April 1, 1931 - March 21, 2010

BROWN-HAIRSTON, Mrs. Bennie J. - Age 78, passed away Sunday, March 21, 2010 at her residence. Family hour 10 a.m. Monday, March 29, 2010 at Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, 317 E. Hamilton Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m., Rev. James Hill officiating, Rev. Michael Pettigrew presiding. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Monday. Mrs. Hairston will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday. Mrs. Bennie J. Brown-Hairston was born April 1, 1931 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, to Dimple White and Clifton Motley. Bennie was raised by her step-father, Ivory White. She met and married Thomas James Brown and to this union was blessed with six wonderful children. In 1953, the family moved to Flint, Michigan. Bennie received her certification as a Medical Transcriber/Receptionist from Mott Community College and retired from F.O.H. (Flint Osteopathic Hospital). In 1982, she married Aaron Hairston. She was a member of Canaan Baptist Church and later a faithful member of Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church for over 50 years under the leadership of the late Dr. Leroy Shelton. Mrs. Hairston served on various auxiliaries: current Sunday school teacher, President of the General Mission and Mother's Board. Her affiliations were many among them were: The 1st Vice-President of Great Lakes Baptist District Association, Vice-President of Wolverine State Baptist Women Auxiliary, Coordination of District President for the National

Convention U.S.A. Inc., and she also served as Administrative Assistant for Great Lakes Baptist District Congress of Christian Education, Chairperson of Michigan State United Sisterhood and member of The Elnora Townsen 191, Int'l Masons of Flint, MI. Mrs. Bennie Jean Brown-Hairston leaves to cherish her memory: 2 daughters, Bevely (Calvin) Roberts of Northville, MI and Paula (Lester) Fykes; 3 sons, Bernard "Vernon" (Erika), Johnny "Bayray" (fiancée, Crystal) and Thomas "Puny" Brown, all of Flint; 15 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; loving sister, Fay Clay of Chicago, IL; daughter-in-law, Barbara Brown of Mt. Morris, MI; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Mrs. Brown-Hairston was preceded in death by her husbands, Thomas Brown and Aaron Hairston; son, Carnel Brown; parents; and sister, LaRose Cummings.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bennie Brown-Hairston*

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October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Paula and family! Your mother was a beautiful lady and she will be missed at Christ Fellowship. We pain for the separation, but God is rejoicing for her celebration in heaven! Be encouraged and strong in the Lord! Love, Leon, Barbara, Ebony, Shantele and the kids.*

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**Barbara Jean Parket** - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *We would like to express our sincere sympathy to the family. We pray that God will comfort all of you with pleasant memories.*

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**Mr. & Mrs. Melvon Williams** - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *To the Hairston Family,*

*So sad to hear of the loss of a great committed, dedicated, woman who not only loved Jesus, but loved serving and doing the Lord's work throughout this community, and abroad whenever called upon.*

*I'm sure she was an exceptional mother, wife, sister, aunt, and also known by many as "The Ticket Lady" also striving to sell tickets for a worthy cause in the kingdom of God.*

*Working very closely with Bennie during the Annual Session, I was grateful that she thought of me as her adopted daughter and welcomed me in her home and during the time she graced me with a beautiful lap cloth. She would always say "Your Young" and we need more help in the congress and you would do a wonderful job" Each year I would rehearse my graduate presentation to her and she would attentively listen, and was told if there was no funny look then I did a wonderful job.*

*Finally, to the Hairston family once again your mother was a fine blessed lady, I can just visualize her in heaven saying "I got my ticket"*

*May God Bless You during this difficult time.*

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**Loria Corder** - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *This note is to express our deepest sorry for your loss. At this time it is very hard to cope. But in the Bible Jesus gave us a sure hope of everlasting life from DEATH. At (John 5:28,29) Jesus states; All those in the grave will hear his voice and come out. Just as he proved when he raised Lazarus in the eleventh chapter of John. Again my family and I are very sorry.*

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**Mr. & Mrs Elliott Traeye** - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ TO THE BEST MOTHER-IN-LAW IN THE WORLD!

*Mama Bennie, when your son first introduced me into your life, I admit I was a little nervous, maybe a little fright :)*

*Wearing a serious expression, looking at me with stern eyes, you said to your son, "oh, she's cute!"  
And here I thought my goose was cooked!*

*You gave me a hug and said "sit down child, I know that my boy wouldn't dare bring ANYONE home to me who's wild.*

*Tell me where you come from, family, church and friends, because this is Flint, and I might just know them."*

*After marrying into your family and blessed you with grandkids, I was embraced by acceptance, devotion and love. Such profound love, this felt like a tiny piece of heaven graced from Our Lord above.*

*This hasn't changed at all over the years, Mama Bennie dear. Because of you, precious Mama, no matter how sad, huge or traumatic the drama, you steadfastly held it down with a strong Christian faith, always the same. Always, always Mama Bennie, forever your name. Your name means love, wisdom, and strength. Encouraging all you love to persevere, challenge to excel and go that extra length.*

*My mother by marriage, I am grateful to say, that we are forever family, come what may.*

*Love, Barb*

*(Presented and read to Mama Bennie on December 29, 2009).*

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**Barbara Brown** - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ Barb, my friend and sister in Christ; just wanted you to know that you and your family are in my prayers. God Bless you for truly being there for your mother-in-law. You made her last days full of joy, so carry that memory in your heart.

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**Vanessa M. Haley** - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ To the Family of Sister Bennie Hariston, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of transition. It was my pleasure to have worked with Sister Bennie in the Wolverine State Convention and the National Baptist Convention USA Inc. I will keep many precious memories of her in my mind. May God be with you and keep you in perfect peace today and in the days ahead. Know that she is serving her Christ in heaven just as she served Him here on earth. Blessings, Sis. Paula Davis

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**Paula Davis** - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Bennie will be greatly miss by her smile, teaching, and as a true friend. She always gave her last to anybody. She worked until the job was completed.  
You will be miss, but now you are at peace with the Lord. My prayers are will the family.

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**Ceylon Wms-Bettis** - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ RIP...now you are with my daddy. God Bless.

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**Todne Moody Fulcher** - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ On behalf of the Women's Auxiliary, Metropolitan Baptist District Association we wish to express our condolences to the family of Sister Hairston. She worked tirelessly over the years providing outstanding Christian leadership and service. We will truly miss her. To the family of Sister Hairston, know you are never alone and that our Father is there to comfort your heart and to fill you with His peace.

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**Bernice Toles, President** - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ So sorry for your lost, I am keeping your family in my prayers

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**Deborah Green-Norris** - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ To Bev and your entire family, Of course my family and I share the loss of your Mom. I loved her with all my heart and soul! She was a remarkable woman and a great Saint. Although we will not be able to attend her home going, our hearts will always be with the Family. My sincere sympathy to everyone and especially to those I haven't seen in years!

*Best Regards and Love,  
Travis Roberts & Family*

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**Travis Roberts & family** - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ God is good God is great Lord I thank you for Bennie being a part of my life I will miss her but she is in a better place.

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**Merceil E. Burkhalter** - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM