



Mrs. Bertha Fails-Rice

March 23, 1936 - January 11, 2013

FAILS-RICE, Mrs. Bertha - Age 76, passed away Friday, January 11, 2013. Family hour 11 a.m. Saturday, January 19, 2013 at Foss Avenue Baptist Church, 1159 E. Foss Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11:30 a.m. Pastor Reginald Flynn officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11 a.m. Saturday. Mrs. Rice will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12 noon-8 p.m. Friday.

Bertha V. Rice went home to be with the Lord, Friday, January 11, 2013, peacefully in the presence of her loving family. She was born on March 23, 1936 in Jackson, Mississippi and relocated with her family to Flint, Michigan at the age of 4. Bertha confessed her faith in Christ at an early age and was baptized at the Canaan Baptist Church. She later united with the Foss Avenue Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Dr. Avery Aldridge. Bertha was a faithful worshipper and servant within the body of Christ. She was a member of the Trustee Board, Supervisor of the Usher Board, Floral, Kitchen, Deaconess, Finance and Sunday School Ministries. Also Bertha was a member of the Great Lakes District Usher Ministry. She was the beloved wife of the late Deacon William Rice. Bertha retired from Fisher Body Coldwater Road, a division of General Motors~Local 326 as part of the Plant Security Team. She is a daughter, sister, wife, mother, friend, employee companion,

confidant and most important, a child of God. Bertha loved and enjoyed spending time with her family (beating them in any game she decided to master) cooking, music, landscaping her yard and serving the Lord. Her smile and laugh will never be forgotten!

Bertha V. Rice leaves to cherish her sweet memories and life lesson: daughter, Anita (Alfred) Banks; sons, Ronald (Colleen) Fails and Stephen Fails; granddaughters, Keisha, Toya, Kawanis, Patrese, KaRhonda, Antonette, Takeena, Crystal, Lakeya; grandsons, Earl Tipton, Jr. (whom she raised), Ryan, Osby, Anthony Jr. and Kevin; great-grandchildren; sister, Agnes (Charles) Austin; goddaughter, Walette Morse-Williams; godson, Todd Wilson; special friends, Zetan Evans, Annie Jo Blake, Tiny Presnall, Gloria Tucker; and the many generations of nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters in Christ, who are too numerous to and have written this program, you are forever in her heart.

Bertha was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Deacon William Rice; the father of her children, Mr. Osby Fails; daughter, Helene Fails; son, Anthony Fails; mother, Sallie Morgan; grandmother, Emma Coatney; uncles, Richard Gude and Emmett Jenkins; nephew and niece through marriage, Jerome and Elaine Austin.

Cemetery Details

River Rest Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **18**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 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 hour

JAN **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Foss Ave. Baptist Church
1159 E. Foss Ave.
Flint, MI 48505

Service

JAN **19**. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Bertha Fails-Rice*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Kevoni Fails sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bertha Fails-Rice*



Kevoni fails - March 11, 2022 at 03:18 PM



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AA

“ Ashaunde' Austin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha Fails-Rice



Ashaunde' Austin - March 21, 2013 at 09:08 PM

AA

“ Now that your laid to rest my Dad and Mom will have you with them and I know you all are having a Joyous time together. Rest In Peace and We love you Aunt Bertha ..

J. Austin Family

Ashaunde' Austin - March 21, 2013 at 09:05 PM

SJ

“ We are sorry for your loss and we know the Lord will make a way somehow. We knoe "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord", love your North Star Family Members. Bernard & Sonya Jackson Sr. & family



sonya jackson - January 26, 2013 at 09:06 AM

EL

“ Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha Fails-Rice



Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie - January 22, 2013 at 07:32 PM



“ Aunt Bertha was always an encouraging and sincere light in my life. She will be forever loved and missed by me. She kept a smile just for me everytime I saw her. I loved my Aunt. Whether we were talking on the phone or just ran into each other we could never hold a short conversation. She in all her wisdom once asked me for advice about her baby Earl and I was honored that she considered me. I will forever hold on to all we've shared over the years. When had family atherings and I was a little girl she was sometimes wiped my tears away smiling and saying baby its gone be alright now go back and play. You are truly missed.

CaSandra Alexander - January 19, 2013 at 09:02 AM



“ Much love goes to Patrese & Ronald and the rest of the family, Our family truly love you guys. I'm praying for you all.

Gloria J Johnson - January 19, 2013 at 08:17 AM



“ Lisa Cotton-thompson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha Fails-Rice



lisa cotton-thompson - January 19, 2013 at 12:39 AM



“ Praying for your family in the loss of your loved one. Mrs Bertha was a sweet woman with a beautiful spirit and will be missed by all who knew and loved her.



Glenda Alexander - January 18, 2013 at 09:32 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy in the passing of your mother, and grandmother. May God bless and keep your family. From June Stocker, Alice and Vivian Rushing

Vivian Rushing - January 18, 2013 at 07:34 PM



“ Debra Jennings (Jenkins) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha Fails-Rice



Debra Jennings (Jenkins) - January 18, 2013 at 07:15 AM



Leo and I light a candle to Bertha and her life.

To my Family: In Phillians 4:8 it speaks of thinking on whatsoever things are lovely - when I think of lovely, I think of Bertha. Think on the good times and all the joy she bought to your lives and know she is in a better place. This will help you through these tough times - "weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning". She will surely be missed.

Love you, Leo and Debra (Jenkins) Jennings

Debra Jenkins-Jennings - January 18, 2013 at 07:43 AM



“ Angilena Davis-Lindsey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha Fails-Rice



Angilena Davis-Lindsey - January 17, 2013 at 11:12 PM

DJ

“ *Delois Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha Fails-Rice*



delois jackson - January 17, 2013 at 09:07 PM

HC

“ *Hettie Collins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha Fails-Rice*



Hettie Collins - January 17, 2013 at 07:15 PM

S(

“ *Sandra Rice (Brand) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha Fails-Rice*



Sandra Rice (Brand) - January 17, 2013 at 06:12 PM

LU

“ *LULU lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha Fails-Rice*



LULU - January 17, 2013 at 10:37 AM

VJ

“ *Virdean Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha Fails-Rice*



Virdean Johnson - January 16, 2013 at 08:27 PM

FM

“ *Sorry for your loss, Ron and Collean with the rest of the family*

Freddie McCoy - January 16, 2013 at 06:20 PM

DF

“ *Bertha is Gone*

*You can shed tears that she is gone,
Or you can smile because she lived,
You can close your eyes and pray that she will
come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she
has left behind for you to remember.*



*Your heart can be empty because you can't see her face or see her
smile,
Or you can be full of the love that she gave and shared,
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.*

*You can remember Bertha and only that she is gone
Or you can cherish her memory and let the memories live on in your
heart,
You can cry and close your mind be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what she would want: smile, open your eyes, love
and go on, only to know we will meet again.*

Love, Desiree and Willie Fouse

Desiree A. Fouse - January 16, 2013 at 03:47 PM

JS

“ *Jenia, Umeika, Meico, Unique, N Sh'Rayia lit
a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha Fails-Rice*



Jenia, Umeika, Meico, Unique, n Sh'Rayia - January 16, 2013 at 01:01 PM



“ Donald Andrietta (Jenkins) Dicks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha Fails-Rice



Donald Andrietta (Jenkins) Dicks - January 14, 2013 at 06:19 PM



To my family, we are so sorry for the loss of Bertha. May God be with you and our prayers will certainly be with you all at this time. Love you all so much.

your cousin, Andrietta

Donald Andrietta (Jenkins) Dicks - January 14, 2013 at 06:24 PM

EM

“ Eddie & Paulette McGhee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha Fails-Rice



Eddie & Paulette McGhee - January 14, 2013 at 06:51 AM

VA

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Vildred V Austin - January 14, 2013 at 04:53 AM

CC

“ James 4:14 says it best. It reads: "For you are a mist appearing for a little while and then disappearing. No matter how long we live in God's eyes our life span is no longer than us taking a water bottle and spraying it and the mist that comes out is our life span in His eyes. Even though we only live a short span. The bible helps us to appreciate that one day we will live forever on a paradise earth and death will be no more. Psalms 37:29 says: "The righteous themselves will possess the earth. And they will reside forever upon it." I would like to leave you with this scripture also. It is found at Isaiah 25:8: "He will actually swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will certainly wipe the tears from all faces." I hope that these scriptures will comfort you as they did me. I have left my email address if you would like to know more Again I am deeply sorry for your loss.

Celeste' M. Clausell - January 13, 2013 at 07:28 AM

DW

“ Doreen Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha Fails-Rice



Doreen Williams - January 13, 2013 at 06:47 AM

DW

To the Fails Family you have my deepest sympathy

Doreen Williams - January 13, 2013 at 06:48 AM

YC

“ *Yolonda And Jeffrey Cross lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha Fails-Rice*



Yolonda and Jeffrey Cross - January 12, 2013 at 04:18 PM

DS

“ *Dixie Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha Fails-Rice*



Dixie Smith - January 12, 2013 at 04:17 PM

TF

Our prayers are with you and your family.

The Weems Family - January 18, 2013 at 05:22 PM