



## Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert

October 8, 1950 - February 26, 2024

SHUMPERT, Mrs. Bertha - Age 73, passed away Monday, February 26, 2024, at her residence. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, March 9, 2024, at New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church, 1035 E. Carpenter Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Apostle James Glenn, officiating, Pastor Alfred L. Harris, Jr., Host Pastor. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Saturday. Mrs. Shumpert 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 Friday with family present from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM to receive friends. Bertha JoAnn Key entered the world on Sunday October 8th 1950, a beloved daughter to Lawson and Annie Marie Key. She was blessed to grow up in a large musically gifted strong Christian family. She was taught to seek, accept and love Jesus Christ at an early age. As a young child, she discovered a love for various types of music and developed a love of singing. She shared a great bond with her siblings, continuing in traditions set by their mother of singing and cooking. Bertha attended Flint Community Schools graduating from Flint Northern High School.

Early in life, she met and married the love of her life Maurice Shumpert in 1966. To this union were born four children Gina, Shelonda, Maurice Jr. and Darius. Together they enjoyed many adventures, making family traditions of their own; which included vacationing together, Sunday dinners and backyard BBQ's. Bertha took care of her family in the home. However, she worked

outside of her home in various seasons of her life. Some of her places of employment included; Citizens Bank in the 70's, driving School Bus for Flint Community Schools and working for Turning Point Recovery Center. Bertha loved to travel (especially cruising). She would often say "My favorite part of "cruising" is sitting on my balcony early in the morning, spending time with The Lord". She also loved to fish, cook, watch old movies and sew. She was very proud of the quilt she made at St. Luke Center. She had an opportunity to display it at the Flint Public Library last fall. Bertha was a member of Center of Attraction Outreach in Saginaw MI where she served faithfully on the Praise and Worship Team. She was a woman of strong faith and a student of the Word of God. She became widowed in 1996. After which, Bertha began her intense pursuit of the things of God. She became a member of Agape Faith Fellowship in Birch Run, MI for 14+ years. She attended Agape Faith Bible Training Center for 3 years where she graduated in the class of 1999. This class was named "Mighty Men and Women of Valor." Bertha was a praise and worshipper who understood her assignment of ministering in song and enjoyed sharing her gift. She has often said, "I'd rather sing about it than talk about it." She was never intimidated by others with greater singing skills because she knew she had the Greater One (Jesus) in her and when she opened her mouth to sing, He (The Holy Spirit) would show up every time! Bertha had an opportunity to share her gift professionally by participating in a recording with the University of Michigan Flint Gospel Choir; where she was the lead soloist on the "Colorblind" CD track# 14 "I Know He Can". Bertha JoAnn Shumpert leaves to cherish and celebrate her memory: two daughters, Gina (James) Moton Jr. and Shelonda Pray (Demetrius); two sons, Maurice (Lisa) Shumpert Jr. all of Flint, MI, Darius Shumpert Sr. (Noemi) of Holland, MI; Ten grandchildren, Donald Pray (Marissa) of Bay City, MI, Gabrielle (Joshua) Thomas of Farmington Hills, MI, Jasmine Moton, Michael Dixon, Laila Shumpert, Maurice Shumpert III All of Flint, MI, Lazerica Shumpert, Ahlonnda Shumpert, Darius Shumpert Jr., Darius Shumpert III All of Saginaw, MI; three great-grandchildren, Zaniyah Mathis of Saginaw, MI, Noah Thomas

and Nala Thomas of Farmington Hills, MI; five sisters, Vera Styles, Camille Key, Barbara Key, all of Flint, MI, Lenoir (Willie) Owens of Memphis, TN, Charlotte Jones of Saginaw, MI; six brothers, Glen (Bettie) Key, Ronald Key, Arthur Key and James Key All of Flint, MI, Willie (Earnestine) Key of Memphis, TN, James Lee Key of Red Banks, MS; sisters-in-love, Romel Key of Grand Blanc, MI, Debra Watkins, Lerwonia Summers, Sayvil (Christopher) Crain, Sabrial Towns, Elitha Shumpert and Lissa Dillard All of Flint, MI; brother-in-love, Dennis Barker; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends including special friends, Joyce Jamerson, Earnestine Burnette, Lenny & Gwen Hemphill, Pastors Michael & Gwendolyn Washington and Debra Peters, Sister Carol and The St. Luke Center Sewing Group, the Entire OPG/OPB Family and Center of Attraction Outreach Family. Bertha was preceded in death by her husband of 30 Years, Rev. Maurice Shumpert Sr.; parents, Lawson and Annie Marie Key; sisters, Margret Robinson Taylor, Pearlie Mae Jones, Catherine Key O'Neal, Pastor Pamela Lockhart; Brothers: Clarence Key Sr., John Lee Key

The Family would like to express special thanks to Apostle James Glenn and the Center of Attraction Outreach Church Family, Pastor Alfred & Cimone Harris and the New Jerusalem Full Gospel Church Family, the staff of Compassus Hospice Care and the staff of Lawrence E Moon Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAR 8. 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

MAR 8. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Family hour

MAR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church  
1035 E. Carpenter Rd.  
Flint, MI 48505

## Service

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MAR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church  
1035 E. Carpenter Rd.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - March 11, 2024 at 10:56 AM

BW

“ *My sincere condolence to the family she gained her wings now she can fly freely gone but never ever will be forgotten*

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**Barbara Watkins** - March 16, 2024 at 06:45 AM



“ *Use the link below to view the live stream of the Homegoing Celebration Service of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert.*

*<https://www.youtube.com/live/I3Cuy9G91kU?si=cq6DrPnLmUAXsAdu>*

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**Gina Moton** - March 11, 2024 at 05:11 AM

BF

“ *Praying for the family may God give you all strength to take one day at a time and may he comfort each and every one of you all*



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**Birtie Forster** - March 10, 2024 at 11:37 AM

EW

“ *Elder and Ava Weston lit a candle in memory of Bertha Shumpert*



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**Elder James and Ava Weston** - March 09, 2024 at 07:41 PM

SB

“ *sharon Burnett lit a candle in memory of Bertha Shumpert*



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**sharon E Burnett** - March 09, 2024 at 01:13 PM

PR

“ *Patricia Roberts lit a candle in memory of Bertha Shumpert*



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**Patricia Roberts** - March 09, 2024 at 01:04 PM

SW

“ *Shirie Wade lit a candle in memory of Bertha Shumpert*



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**Shirie Wade** - March 09, 2024 at 11:53 AM

RB

“ *Rosa Burnett lit a candle in memory of Bertha Shumpert*



Rosa Burnett - March 09, 2024 at 08:53 AM

FA

“ *Flint Public Health Youth Academy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert.*



Flint Public Health Youth Academy - March 07, 2024 at 07:05 PM

FA

“ *Flint Public Health Youth Academy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert.*

Flint Public Health Youth Academy - March 07, 2024 at 07:05 PM

IH

“ *Ira Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert*



Ira Hunter - March 07, 2024 at 07:02 PM

DH

*May God be with you.  
Darlene (Hunter) Harris*

**Darlene (Hunter) Harris** - March 08, 2024 at 02:22 PM

IH

“ *Ira Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Bertha JoAnn Shumpert*



**Ira Hunter** - March 07, 2024 at 04:02 PM

SQ

“ *St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center Quilters purchased  
the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family  
of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert.*



**St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center Quilters** - March 07, 2024 at 03:20 PM

SQ

“ *St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center Quilters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in  
honor of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert.*

**St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center Quilters** - March 07, 2024 at 03:20 PM

IH

“ *My family from oak park a lot of memories* ”



Ira Hunter - March 07, 2024 at 02:48 PM

IH

“ *My prayer are with the family from Ira and Tonya Hunter* ”



Ira Hunter - March 07, 2024 at 02:38 PM



“ *She was definitely heaven sent to us* ” 🍷💕



Valentine Jones - March 06, 2024 at 10:14 PM

DG

“ *Delois Marie Cook Gill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert* ”



Delois Marie Cook Gill - March 06, 2024 at 08:12 PM

DG

“ *Shelonda, Gina and the entire Shumpert and Key family...Your Mom was a God sent when my dad passed and she helped me so much with that process. I am praying that God comfort your heart and ease the pain as only he can*  
*I love you all. Marie Cook ( Delois Gill)* 🙏🙏🙏🙏

**Delois Marie Cook Gill** - March 06, 2024 at 08:12 PM

VS

“ *Victoria Spottsville lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert*



**Victoria Spottsville** - March 06, 2024 at 07:43 PM

JW

“ *Jerri Winfrey-Carter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert*



**Jerri Winfrey-Carter** - March 06, 2024 at 12:19 PM

SS

“ *One of my favorite pictures of my favorite Girl...My Mama. I Love You Mama and I'll see you on the other side.* 💕💕



**Shelonda Shumpert-Pray** - March 06, 2024 at 11:16 AM

TM

“ Theresa McQuiddy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert



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**Theresa McQuiddy** - March 06, 2024 at 11:14 AM

TL

“ Toni Adams @ Mary Lyle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert



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**Toni Adams @ Mary Lyle** - March 05, 2024 at 08:48 PM

TO

“ Shumpert and Key Family.

*Beauty, grace and loveliness describes Bertha. What a wonderful example of a phenomenal woman. What a loss to the family and the Community.*

*You have my condolences.*

*Terinza Gibson Osborne*

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**Terinza Osborne** - March 05, 2024 at 01:09 PM

FP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



frances palmer - March 05, 2024 at 11:43 AM

MH

“ Sending my prayers and condolences to the family. I will miss you. Rest well Mrs Shumpert. Until we met again. I Love you. Miracle Hearn



Miracle Hearn - March 05, 2024 at 12:58 AM



“ MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP THE KEYS AND SHUMPERT FAMILY WITH LOVE RENEE( HAWKINS) MASSEY.

Renee Massey - March 04, 2024 at 04:40 PM



“ Renee Massey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert



Renee Massey - March 04, 2024 at 04:37 PM

DN

“ DuWan Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert



DuWan Nelson - March 04, 2024 at 01:37 PM

ES

“ Sending My Deepest Condolences to My Family of My Beloved and Beautiful Sister n Law! Rest in Heavenly Peace! You've earned Your Wings, ANGEL! 🙏❤️🙏



Elitha Shumpert - March 04, 2024 at 02:30 AM

VS

“ Vera Styles sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert



Vera Styles - March 03, 2024 at 07:30 PM



“ My auntie Bertha was a beautiful black woman, inside and out. A Graceful daughter of God ❤️ She will forever be missed 🙏

Valentine Jones - March 03, 2024 at 07:01 PM

SB

“ *Stephan Buckler lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert*



Stephan Buckler - March 03, 2024 at 06:29 PM

LS

“ *Larry & Kim Sykes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert*



Larry & Kim Sykes - March 02, 2024 at 08:52 PM

JB

“ *Joann Brown purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert.*



Joann Brown - March 02, 2024 at 10:35 AM

WS

“ *To the Key Family:*

*We extend our condolences to your family and pray that God grants you peace and comfort during this time. We love you.*

*Wayne, Bettie, Teri, and Tawanda Austell, Georgia*



Wayne and Bettie Shumpert - March 01, 2024 at 09:52 PM

WS

“ *Gina, Shelonda, Maurice, and Darius:*

*We send our deepest sympathy. Bertha was a beautiful woman with a warm smile and we will miss her. Praying for your peace and comfort during this difficult time. We love you all.  
Wayne, Bettie, Teri, and Tawanda  
Austell, Georgia*



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**Wayne Shumpert** - March 01, 2024 at 09:50 PM

KJ

“ *Khris Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert*



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**Khris Johnson** - March 01, 2024 at 08:03 PM

KJ

“ *My condolences to her daughters, sisters, brothers, nieces, and nephews. Aunt Bertha was a sweet lady with a beautiful smile. My prayers is that God will give you the strength to lead you all the way. I love the family*

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**Khris Johnson** - March 01, 2024 at 08:03 PM

DS

“ *Missing you auntie Bertha love you*



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**Deborah Smith** - March 01, 2024 at 06:31 PM

FP

“ *Frances Palmer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert*



frances palmer - March 01, 2024 at 05:09 PM

HM

“ *My prayers Goes out To the Family of the Late of Ms Bertha She will Be Missed By All that knows her to shelonda Gina Tina The Lord will be with you all Love Heather Mims from Columbus Ohio*



Heather Mims - March 01, 2024 at 03:33 PM

TB

“ *Tracy Brown lit a candle in memory of Bertha Shumpert*



Tracy Brown - March 01, 2024 at 03:15 PM

YO

“ *Yolanda lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert*



Yolanda - March 01, 2024 at 02:42 PM

DA

“ Love You Aunties Bertha.  
You will be greatly missed



Darwin - March 01, 2024 at 02:36 PM

SF

“ Prayers and condolences extended to the  
families.



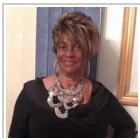
Sharon Fleming - March 01, 2024 at 01:57 PM

EB

“ Eddie Booth lit a candle in memory of Bertha  
Shumpert



Eddie & Linda Booth - March 01, 2024 at 08:34 AM



“ Lula Lewis sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Bertha Shumpert



Lula Lewis - March 01, 2024 at 12:10 AM

JT

“ *Jerome Tonedia Threlkeld lit a candle in memory of Bertha Shumpert*



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**Jerome and Tonedia Threlkeld** - February 29, 2024 at 09:12 PM

SD

“ *My condolences to the Key family. Bertha was such a special and wonderful person. Shelton*

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**Shelton Davidson** - February 29, 2024 at 03:58 PM

SD

“ *Shelton Davidson lit a candle in memory of Bertha Shumpert*



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**Shelton Davidson** - February 29, 2024 at 03:54 PM

MS

“ *Marilyn Simmons sent a virtual gift in memory of Bertha Shumpert*



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**Marilyn Simmons** - February 29, 2024 at 03:09 PM

FP

“ *Felisia P. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert*



Felisia P. - February 29, 2024 at 12:51 PM

SF

“ *I've never met a more loving family. This beautiful woman embraced me as family as did the rest of the family. Heaven has gained yet another of the best flowers from earth, God's garden! Love you all!*



Sonceria Ford - February 29, 2024 at 12:34 PM

TJ

“ *Tanya Jefferson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert*



Tanya Jefferson - February 29, 2024 at 10:29 AM

EW

“ *Earnestine Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert*



Earnestine Williams - February 29, 2024 at 10:07 AM

DG

“ *My Condolences to the family* ❤️



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**Duane Gibson** - February 28, 2024 at 07:17 PM

DB

“ *From the family of Ethel Pearl Shelton-Dukes  
we love y'all*



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**deaigo brown** - February 28, 2024 at 03:46 PM

RU

“ *Ronald C Urquhart lit a candle in memory of  
Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert*



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**Ronald C Urquhart** - February 28, 2024 at 01:50 PM

FP

“ *Frances Palmer sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert*



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**frances palmer** - February 28, 2024 at 10:34 AM

LP

“ *Linda Ann Pritchett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert*



Linda Ann Pritchett - February 28, 2024 at 10:08 AM



“ *Sincere Prayers and Condolences from Rev. Hank and Carmen Thompson* 🙏❤️🕊️



Renee Thompson-Jones - February 27, 2024 at 09:24 PM

IH

“ *Sending condolences and prayers to the family of Bertha Shumpert one of our Oak Park Friend.*



Ida Harkless-Gibson - February 27, 2024 at 09:18 PM

TI

“ *A beautiful soul!*



Tiffany - February 27, 2024 at 04:47 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Cleveland lit a candle in memory of Bertha Shumpert*



Kathy Cleveland - February 27, 2024 at 01:58 PM

KI

“ *Kimberly Itson lit a candle in memory of Bertha Shumpert*



Kimberly Itson - February 27, 2024 at 12:54 PM

CS

“ *Much love to my OPB FAMILY!!! My condolences 🙏🙏🙏*



Cliffon Sykes - February 27, 2024 at 12:27 PM

DD

“ *Debra Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Bertha Shumpert*



Debra Davis - February 27, 2024 at 12:18 PM

EW

“ *Bertha was 1 of my best friend from elementary to junior high to high school we laugh tighter we cried togther and we fought together. I give my condolences to the family God be with you . Much Love !!!*



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**Earnestine Williams** - February 27, 2024 at 11:49 AM

DE

“ *Debra Evans*



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**Debra Evans** - February 27, 2024 at 11:12 AM

NO

“ *NaRotha Ogden lit a candle in memory of Bertha Shumpert*



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**NaRotha Ogden** - February 27, 2024 at 10:35 AM

GP

“ *Oh My God No Family.*



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**GPennymon** - February 27, 2024 at 10:32 AM

MM

“ *Mayrene C McGruder lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bertha JoAnn Shumpert*



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**Mayrene C McGruder** - February 27, 2024 at 09:53 AM

DJ

“ *Was so saddened to hear of Sis Bertha passing. I'm remembering her anointed voice of praise as she sang for the Lord. Prayers go out for all her family at this difficult time.*

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**Diane Jemerson** - February 27, 2024 at 09:16 AM