



Mother Bessie Lee Beard

November 7, 1933 - January 13, 2024

BEARD, Mother Bessie Lee - Age 90, passed away Saturday, January 13, 2024 at her residence. Family hour 10:30 AM Saturday, January 20, 2024 at Foss Avenue Baptist Church, 1159 E. Foss Avenue, with service commencing at 11:00 AM. Pastor Brian Frelix, officiating. Interment Lovedale Memorial Cemetery, G-5175 E. Bristol Rd., Burton, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 AM Saturday. Mother Beard 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. Mother Bessie Lee Beard was born November 7, 1933 in Crystal Springs, Mississippi, the daughter of Eddie and Mary Wade. She graduated from Utica High School in Utica, MS. Mother Beard was a resident of Flint, Michigan for 72 years. She was married to Leslie L. Beard Sr. for 50 years. Mother Beard attended Foss Avenue Baptist Church, where she served as an Usher and Mother of the Church. She worked at Sawyer Convalescent Home and later became a devoted homemaker. Mother Beard enjoyed reading her Bible, going to church, family events and shopping. One of her favorite names to say was "Suga Lump". Mother Bessie Lee Beard leaves to cherish her memory: 2 daughters, Michelle Gates and Meladie (Charles) Johnson, all of Flint; son, Leslie (Cynthia) Beard Jr. of Dallas, TX; grandchildren, Geral Singleton of Dallas, TX, LaTrisha (DeAndre) Chilton Sr. of Flint, Kevin (Shawn) Johnson of Detroit, MI, Mario Johnson of Atlanta, GA, Glenn Colen and Sharde' Scott, both of Flint; 9 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; sister, Mary E. Terry;

a host of nieces and nephews; 2 sisters-in-law, Helen Wade of Rochester, NY and Dorothy Olden of Tulsa, OK; a host of other relatives and friends including special friends, Velma Silk, Veronica Mastin, Raynetta Lovett, Michelle Young and Vivian Miller.

Mother Beard was preceded in death by her husband, Leslie L. Beard Sr.; sons, James Beard and Glenn Beard; granddaughter, Dewanda Deloney; grandson, Matthew Colen; mother, Mary Wade; father, Eddie Wade; sister, Justine Hattison; brothers, Wilbert Brent and Arthur Wade; and mother-in-law, Ruth Martin.

The family would like to express special thanks to Foss Avenue Baptist Church, Pastor Brian and Dr. Tya Frelix, Heartland Hospice and Dr. Katneni, Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and staff.

Cemetery Details

Lovedale Memorial Cemetery

G-5175 E. Bristol Rd.
Burton, MI

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN **19**. 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 hour

JAN **20**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AO

“ Alice Odneal lit a candle in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard



Alice Odneal - January 22, 2024 at 04:16 PM

LW

“ Lucretia Williams lit a candle in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard



Lucretia Williams - January 22, 2024 at 01:37 PM

IH

“ Ivy Herron lit a candle in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard



Ivy Herron - January 20, 2024 at 10:04 PM

MH

“ Mother Wilma Herron lit a candle in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard



Mother Wilma Herron - January 20, 2024 at 10:03 PM

DB

“ Deacon Emerson & Carol Boles lit a candle in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard



Deacon Emerson & Carol Boles - January 20, 2024 at 01:43 PM

NB

“ Neysa Hodges Burns lit a candle in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard



Neysa Hodges Burns - January 20, 2024 at 01:42 PM

C(

“ Condolences and Prayers to The Family. Mrs. Beard was a Beautiful Person inside and Out! May God give You Comfort and Peace!



Carol J Andrews (Gates) - January 20, 2024 at 01:12 PM

JD

“ Jean Durrettt lit a candle in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard



Jean Durrettt - January 20, 2024 at 03:07 AM

BA

“ *Sincerest condolences and prayers to the Beard family. May God strengthen and comfort you during this time of bereavement.* ”



Bert and Angie Adams - January 20, 2024 at 02:04 AM

CG

“ *Chris And Keisha Gates sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard* ”



Chris and Keisha Gates - January 20, 2024 at 01:17 AM

IB

“ *My condolences to the family of Mother Bessie Lee Beard. In our Sunday School Class she was always ready with a praise report. She will truly be missed at Foss Avenue. May your precious memories and the sympathy of caring friends help to comfort each of you at this time.* ”

Ivy Blount - January 19, 2024 at 02:13 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mother Bessie Lee Beard.* ”



January 19, 2024 at 12:53 PM

SP

“ *Sheila Parnell lit a candle in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard*



Sheila Parnell - January 19, 2024 at 12:46 PM

RT

“ *Rose Topps lit a candle in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard*



Rose Topps - January 18, 2024 at 09:04 PM

AM

“ *Acquanita Martin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard*



Acquanita Martin - January 18, 2024 at 04:13 PM

JW

“ *Jerri Winfrey-Carter lit a candle in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard*



Jerri Winfrey-Carter - January 18, 2024 at 03:35 PM

AM

“ *Acquanita C Martin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard*



Acquanita C Martin - January 18, 2024 at 03:13 PM

EM

“ *Eddie And Paulette McGhee lit a candle in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard*



Eddie and Paulette McGhee - January 18, 2024 at 10:39 AM

KM

“ *My condolences to the family. Mrs. Beard was a beautiful woman, who i come to know over the years, she's always smiling, and I will miss her laugh.*

Kim Glover (Dr. Katneni, MD) - January 18, 2024 at 07:53 AM

MW

“ *Michael, Elaine & Corliss Warner lit a candle in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard*



Michael, Elaine & Corliss Warner - January 17, 2024 at 10:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mother Bessie Lee Beard.*



January 17, 2024 at 08:38 PM



“ *Kelvin & Allison Wright Sr lit a candle in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard*



Kelvin & Allison Wright Sr - January 17, 2024 at 12:13 PM



“ *Virginia McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard*



Virginia McDaniel - January 17, 2024 at 06:22 AM



“ *Gail LaFleur lit a candle in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard*



Gail LaFleur - January 16, 2024 at 09:47 PM

SW

“ Sarah Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard



Sarah Wheeler - January 16, 2024 at 09:46 PM

JA

“ Jerome Adams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard



Jerome Adams - January 16, 2024 at 08:12 PM

JJ

“ Jovita Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard



Jovita Johnson - January 16, 2024 at 06:49 PM

LJ

“ Lorean Holmes & Abby Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard



Lorean Holmes & Abby Johnson - January 16, 2024 at 05:39 PM

EC

“ My Condolences to the family. Mother Beard was a Real Mother! She had a special way of showing her love, to all of us. We each felt we were really, the special one. Mother was a Praying Woman 🙏💙 You had to hear her pray, to appreciate what I'm saying. I know her prayers made it to heaven, and were answered. RIH Precious One, take your rest. I'm going to miss you, but God knew best 💔



Evangelist-Dr. Carolyn Davis & Children - January 16, 2024 at 03:51 PM

MH

“ Our condolences and prayers to the family.



Menden & Patsy Holder - January 16, 2024 at 01:41 PM

IH

“ Iris Hare lit a candle in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard



Iris Hare - January 16, 2024 at 01:18 PM

MS

“ *My love and God's blessings for your strength during this difficult time.*



Mary Ann Stewart - January 16, 2024 at 09:51 AM

EM

“ *Sending my condolences and prayers to the family.
Mother Beard was a lovely and beautiful person
Take your rest in Heaven mother.*



Earline McFadden - January 15, 2024 at 09:11 PM

MD

“ *Montena Davis lit a candle in memory of
Mother Bessie Lee Beard*



Montena Davis - January 15, 2024 at 08:42 PM

HW

“ *Herbert And Linda Winfrey lit a candle in
memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard*



Herbert and Linda Winfrey - January 15, 2024 at 07:58 PM



“ Vernadette Davis lit a candle in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard



Vernadette Davis - January 15, 2024 at 07:54 PM

OC

“ I have known the Beard Family most of my life. My thoughts and prayers go out to this family. Mother Beard has a beautiful soul and she is beautiful.



ORA CARTER - January 15, 2024 at 03:46 PM

PR

“ To the Beard Family:

I was sorry to hear about the passing of your loved one. Death is liken to a thief that comes and takes away our love ones. Or due to old age and sickness we lose that precious quality of life that leads to death.

However, have you ever asked: Is death the end of it all? Or is there something else after death? The bible clears up any question we might have about death. It also shows that there ism a real hope for persons who have faith.

*Yours truly,
Patricia*



Patricia A Rison - January 15, 2024 at 11:20 AM



“ *Pandoretta Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard* ”



Pandoretta Jackson - January 15, 2024 at 07:44 AM



“ *Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Bessie Lee Beard* ”



Aileen Spence - January 15, 2024 at 12:52 AM



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AS

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SS

“ *So very sorry to hear about your loss. Mrs.
Beard will be truly missed.*



Stephanie Sampson - January 14, 2024 at 07:39 PM

CW

“ *I'm am sorry for your loss our prayers are with
you.*

Cleophas White



Cleo White - January 14, 2024 at 10:49 AM