



First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy

February 19, 1948 - October 9, 2019

SEARCY, Mrs. Bessie - Age 71, passed away Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at Heartland Health Care Center-Fostrian. Family hour 10:30 AM Saturday, October 19, 2019 at Joy Missionary Baptist Church, 670 E. Carpenter Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor Warwick Goodwin, officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 AM Saturday. First Lady Searcy will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 2:00 PM-8:00 PM Friday, with family present to receive friends from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM.

Was born February 19, 1948 in Lisbon, Arkansas. She is the daughter, and 1 of 15 children to the union of Calvin Ross and Mealand Johnson Ross. Bessie graduated from Flint Northern H.S. in 1966. Upon graduation she worked more than 20 years at General Motors Fisher Body, Flint, MI. She was a loving and supportive wife to the late Pastor James E. Searcy who preceded her in death just 3 months prior on July 4, 2019. She loved talking on the telephone with her siblings across various parts of the country, she was a gifted interior decorator, she loved singing, shopping and she could coordinate an outfit from head to toe, she loved the Lord, her family and Joy Missionary Baptist Church.

Those remaining to cherish her memory... loving mother-in-law Mary Alice

Barnes, 5 daughters and 4 sons: Pastor Warwick Goodwin (Rosilyn); Marcus Goodwin (Martina), Myla Searcy-Napier (William), James Searcy III (Valerie), Houston, TX; DeAndre Searcy (Ruthell), Houston, TX.

Grandchildren: Kayla, Karim, Asia, Andraya, Andrew, Shayla and Mike, Symone, Dominique, Dontre, DeAndre Jr., Destiny, Erica.

Great Grandchildren: Kier, KiAхни, Mya.

Brothers: W.C. Ross, Flint, MI; Freddie (Jewel) Ross, Flint, MI; Eddie (Fundia) Ross, El Dorado, AR; Julius (Gloria) Ross, Flint, MI; Charles (Elizabeth) Ross, Smackover, AR; Ben (Effie) Ross, Atlanta, GA.

Sisters: Earlean Dunn, Smackover, AR; Vera Jones, Mt. Holly, AR; Joann Ross, Englewood, CA; Pearlie Ross, Louann, AR.

Deceased Siblings: William (Bay) Ross, Milton Ross, John Ross and Calvin (Scobie Ross), Jr.

A host of nieces, nephews family and friends will cherish her memory & influence.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT 18. 2:00 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 Present

OCT 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Family hour

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Joy Missionary Baptist Church
670 E. Carpenter Rd.
Flint, MI

Service

OCT 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *To the Searcy and Ross family, you have our sincere condolences and prayers.*



Sandra L. Ferguson - October 18, 2019 at 09:23 PM



“ *Michelle Brock lit a candle in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy*



Michelle Brock - October 18, 2019 at 03:40 PM



“ *Claudette Kennedy lit a candle in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy*



Claudette Kennedy - October 18, 2019 at 09:54 AM

MS

“ We send our sincere condolences and prayers to the Searcy and Ross families. God Bless.

Benny & Mae Vern Spence

Marietta Ga.



Mae Vern Spence - October 17, 2019 at 11:11 PM

VK

“ Vivian Kelley lit a candle in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy



Vivian Kelley - October 17, 2019 at 11:04 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy.



October 17, 2019 at 06:20 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy.



October 17, 2019 at 06:13 PM

TC

“ Tamika Cox lit a candle in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy



Tamika Cox - October 17, 2019 at 05:10 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy.



October 17, 2019 at 01:13 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy.



October 17, 2019 at 11:03 AM

LE

“ Love you.... Tim and Shawn Edwards purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy.



Love you.... Tim and Shawn Edwards - October 17, 2019 at 10:47 AM

NI

“ Sorry for you loss and just know I will truly miss her as well. Just know she is in a better place and with her love the Lord. Stay strong. Your friend Neil



Neil Ingram - October 17, 2019 at 08:09 AM

SG

“ Sandra Goodwin-Hampton sent a virtual gift in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy



Sandra Goodwin-Hampton - October 17, 2019 at 04:32 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy.



October 17, 2019 at 04:26 AM

VJ

“ Rest In Peace cousin Bessie.



Veronica Jenkins - October 16, 2019 at 10:52 PM

BG

“ *Brenda Duckett Greer lit a candle in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy*



Brenda Duckett Greer - October 16, 2019 at 10:04 PM

DT

“ *I am going to miss cousin Bessie calling my mom for the Christmas holiday saying Christmas gift miss Lucy. They would see who would call first and stay on the phone for hours. I'm also going to miss her great cakes she use to bake. R. I. P. Cousin Bessie gonna misd you.*

Dequetta Thomas - October 16, 2019 at 06:52 AM

RG

“ *Renese Goodwin lit a candle in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy*



Renese Goodwin - October 15, 2019 at 10:13 PM

RM

“ *Rev. Phyllis McCree lit a candle in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy*



Rev. Phyllis McCree - October 15, 2019 at 06:37 PM

CM

“ *Caroline Crain Miller lit a candle in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy*



Caroline Crain Miller - October 14, 2019 at 10:16 PM

KB

“ *Karen Belk sent a virtual gift in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy*



Karen Belk - October 14, 2019 at 08:39 AM

MR

“ *Marsha Ross lit a candle in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy*



Marsha Ross - October 14, 2019 at 07:25 AM

JR

“ *My condolences to the family, you will truly be missed, but God knows best.*

Joan Ross - October 13, 2019 at 11:33 PM

SM

“ *My prayers & condolences to the Searcy Family.*



Sheri L Marshall-Holloway - October 13, 2019 at 10:52 PM

CW

“ *Cleola Wright-Griffis sent a virtual gift in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy*



Cleola Wright-Griffis - October 13, 2019 at 06:33 PM

PM

“ *Pat Moore lit a candle in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy*



Pat Moore - October 13, 2019 at 04:51 PM

RK

“ *Russell & Diane Kirksey lit a candle in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy*



Russell & Diane Kirksey - October 13, 2019 at 01:16 AM

DH

“ Deacon J.R. Holmes & Sis.Nadie Holmes lit a candle in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy



Deacon J.R. Holmes & Sis.Nadie Holmes - October 12, 2019 at 05:14 PM

RB

“ Your memory will live on forever through all of us you have touched. Your love will inspire us to continue to do God's work in this lifetime, Auntie. May your reunion with all of those who gone before us be a joyous one and may your soul finally know peace. We plan and God plans, but God is the greatest of Planners. Ricky Brown & family

Ricky Brown - October 12, 2019 at 04:31 PM



“ Mary Evans sent a virtual gift in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy



Mary Evans - October 12, 2019 at 03:59 PM



“ Mary Evans lit a candle in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy



Mary Evans - October 12, 2019 at 03:58 PM

PA

“ *Pamela lit a candle in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy*



Pamela - October 12, 2019 at 02:23 PM

Shimonda Hodo-Williams

“ *Shimonda Hodo-Williams lit a candle in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy*



Shimonda Hodo-Williams - October 12, 2019 at 01:17 PM



“ *Katrina Brantley sent a virtual gift in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy*



Katrina Brantley - October 12, 2019 at 01:47 AM

EL

“ *Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie sent a virtual gift in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy*



Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie - October 12, 2019 at 12:25 AM

JR

“ Auntie Bessie, we are really going to miss you. The memories we share are priceless. I went from you calling me kapoona to gak gak. Love you , no more suffering or pain. I can hear you singing my ole tune Precious Lord.



Jackie Ross - October 11, 2019 at 10:52 PM

IM

“ Irene Mitchell-Bracy lit a candle in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy




Irene Mitchell-Bracy - October 11, 2019 at 10:16 PM

AJ

“ ALMA Johnson lit a candle in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy



ALMA johnson - October 11, 2019 at 09:59 PM

 Mychelle BlackDiam

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Mychelle BlackDiamond - October 11, 2019 at 09:53 PM

CL

“ My prayer to God for the family of frist Lady Searcy is that God will comfort you during this time of your sorrow for the loss of your sister ,mother and grandmother.God bless you.



Clarence Lee - October 11, 2019 at 09:37 PM

Angela
Ross
McElroy

“ Going to miss my Auntie. So glad I got the chance to spend time with her. I know you are popping that gum in heaven.



Angela Ross McElroy - October 11, 2019 at 09:04 PM

Judy
Moore

“ Judy Moore sent a virtual gift in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy



Judy Moore - October 11, 2019 at 08:43 AM

MP

“ MINISTER PAM sent a virtual gift in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy



MINISTER PAM - October 11, 2019 at 07:45 AM

EV

“ *Elaine Vaughn sent a virtual gift in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy*



Elaine Vaughn - October 10, 2019 at 11:18 PM



“ *AJ Johnson lit a candle in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy*



AJ Johnson - October 10, 2019 at 09:24 PM

ET

“ *Earnestine Tolliver lit a candle in memory of First Lady Bessie Lee Searcy*



Earnestine Tolliver - October 10, 2019 at 07:33 PM

GB

“ *To the Searcy Family Barbara & Renae may the Lord's Grace be with your Family during this time of grief. Mrs. Searcy was a beautiful person with a beautiful smile. Will truly Miss her warm personality she shared with so many. Praying for each of you God will take care of you love you much...*

Gloria Blacksure - October 10, 2019 at 05:45 PM

GR

“ *RIP* ”



Glynis Rice - October 10, 2019 at 03:51 PM