Mother Carlean Austin

August 28, 1933 - November 27, 2019

AUSTIN, Mrs. Carlean - Age 86, passed away Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at Woodhaven Sr. Living Complex. Family hour 10:00 Saturday, December 7, 2019 at Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle, 930 E. Myrtle Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM., Rev. Dr. Herbert Miller II, Host Pastor. Interment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy., Mt. Morris, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:00 AM Saturday. Mother Austin will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. Public Viewing will be held only during the family hour. Mother Carlean Austin was born on August 28th, 1933 in Louisville, Mississippi, the daughter of Hilda Lee Harris-Denham and Lester Walter Denham (biological father, Louis B. “L.B.” Hawthorn). Carlean and Whilmon Austin were united in marriage on December 10th, 1954, to this union three children were born, Michele, Whilmon Jr. and Angela Dianne. She retired from Hurley Medical Center after 25 years of service.
Mother Austin served faithfully in many capacities at Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle, the Pheobian Circle Mission as President, she also was the President of the Missionary Society, Kitchen Committee, Lazy Leopard Daycare Board, the Metropolitan Housing Board, Sunday School Teacher, she served as the Vice President of the National Wolverine Baptist Convention under Sister Essie Lee Bailey for many years. Director of Metropolitan Junior Church, developed Neighborhood Good News Children’s Ministry, one of the original Charter Members of Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle faithfully serving

on the Mothers Board until she was no longer mobile. Carlean was the true essence of what it mean to be a Missionary as she spent her whole life in service and helping those in need, always supporting family and being a caregiver while serving and performing her responsibilities at the highest level of excellence, if she headed anything you knew it ran like a well oiled machine. She was one of the kindest, sweetest and classiest women you'd ever meet.

Mother Carlean Austin leaves to cherish her memory: 3 children, Michele Austin of Flint Twp., MI, Whilmon (Cathy) Austin Jr. of Lansing, MI and Angela Dianne Austin of Richmond, TX; 6 sisters, Lois Maxine Ware, Cathy Ann Payton, Janis Marie Denham, all of Detroit, MI, LaDonna Redd, Lajoyce Hawthorn, both of Mississippi and Glenda Hawthorn of Texas; 2 brothers, Stanley Hawthorn of Virginia and Sammie Hawthorn of Mississippi; 8 grandchildren, Dr Catrise Austin, Jamecia Gordan, Jyles Sheldon, Gacoya Young, Tawanna Austin, Jacob Austin, Michael Austin and Alicia Austin-Townsend; numerous great-grandchildren; sister & brother-in-law, Joahnny and Daisy Herod; sister-in-law, Jeannie Austin & Butler Austin's wife, Ella Austin; special cousin, Arthur Gene Austin (Joyce); cousin, Rene Ervin and all the nieces, nephews and cousins too numerous to name.

Mother Austin was preceded in death by her husband, Whilmon Austin; mother, Hilda Lee Denham; fathers, Lester Denham and Louis B. "L.B." Hawthorn; brothers, Willie Earnest Hawthorn and Elmer Hawthorn Jr.; father-in-law, Mabon Austin; mother-in-law, Fannie Head-Austin; sisters-in-law, Omera Dotson and Artie Mae Taylor; brothers-in-law, Butler Austin and M.B. Austin.

The family would like to express a special acknowledgement to granddaughters, Dr. Catrise L. Austin, Alicia Cherie Austin (Elijah and Jayden) for supporting always.

Cemetery Details

Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

G-9506 N. Dort Hwy.
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

Previous Events

Family hour & viewing

DEC **7**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle
930 E. Myrtle Ave.
Flint, MI 48505

Service

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Tribute Wall

Mother Carlean Austin

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

MP

Michele Kirksey Parker lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Michele Kirksey Parker - December 11, 2019 at 05:10 AM

PS

Peggy Stribling lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Peggy Stribling - December 10, 2019 at 03:48 PM

MS

Michele,Angela and the family of Mother Austin.We send our sincere condolences to you
and the rest of the family.We were so sorry to hear of her passing.We Will continue to pray for the family.

Benny & Mae Vern Spence
April M. Harris
Katina L.Woods & Monty Jr.

Marietta Ga.

Mae Vern Spence - December 09, 2019 at 09:46 PM

CR

Clara Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Clara Robinson - December 09, 2019 at 08:28 AM

VM

Angela Austin Condolences goes to you

Victoria McCreay - December 09, 2019 at 05:24 AM

FC

Fredricka Cross lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Fredricka cross - December 07, 2019 at 11:23 AM

DM

Angie, you are in our hearts, prayers and thoughts. Prayers for the rest of your family as well. Your girls: Debra J., Kim C., Jan C., Deborah M., Fredericka, as well as your entire Flint Northern High School Vikings Class of 1980.

Deborah Milling - December 06, 2019 at 08:18 PM

HJ

Hilda Jones lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Hilda Jones - December 06, 2019 at 03:15 PM

DM

My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Deacon Jesse Mosley
Marietta,GA

Deacon Jesse Mosley - December 06, 2019 at 01:21 PM

DM

Deacon Jesse Mosley lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Deacon Jesse Mosley - December 06, 2019 at 01:18 PM

JP

Keeping the family in my prayers. Mother Austin mentored me and taught me the importance of ministry to children. I have continued all of my life to minister to children through Junior church ministry and children's choir first at Metropolitan and later in other churches. I will cherish memories of her.
Dr.Julianne Timmons Price-Columbus,OH

Julianne Price - December 06, 2019 at 10:26 AM

WD

Remembering all the great times we use to share with you and the family when you traveled down south.
Willie Dotson

William Dotson - December 05, 2019 at 10:43 AM

JD

Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Jean Durrett - December 05, 2019 at 03:25 AM

TT

Tonedia Threlkeld lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Tonedia Threlkeld - December 04, 2019 at 09:57 PM

SH

Angela and Michelle, our thoughts and prayers are with you- our family in the passing of Aunt Carlene.

Love,
Your Cousins- The family of L.B. Hathorn, Jr (Shintri, Chell and Blake)

Shintri Hathorn - December 04, 2019 at 04:06 PM

PB

To the Austin Family you are in our Thoughts & Prayers.
We will always treasure the fond memories we have of (affectionately known to us as) Ms Austin, our neighbor & Root Street Mom.
Trust in God as He carries you thru this transition.
Sending Loads of Love !!!
Your forever Root Street family
The Smith's Darrell, Pamela & Eric

Pamela Smith Brown - December 04, 2019 at 10:40 AM

AV

Aunt Jeannie, Flossie, Jenell, and Victoria purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Mother Carlean Austin.

Aunt Jeannie, Flossie, Jenell, and Victoria - December 04, 2019 at 10:33 AM

AR

Although this is an emotionally challenging time, it is my prayer that the Lord will comfort your hearts and grant you His peace which surpasses all understanding. Be encouraged in knowing that Mother Austin is with her heavenly Father and although she cannot come back to us, we can go to her and Jesus. You all are deeply loved.

Ave Reagor

Ave Reagor - December 04, 2019 at 03:37 AM

LR

Love from the Reagors purchased the Medium Di sh Garden for the family of Mother Carlean Austin.

Love from the Reagors - December 04, 2019 at 03:29 AM

CB

Cherry L. Brown lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Cherry L. Brown - December 04, 2019 at 02:01 AM

SM

In loving memory of Carleen Austin. I will always remember your smile. Thought and prayers for the family.

Shurice (Reesie)

Shurice Major - December 03, 2019 at 08:07 PM

GP

Glenda Pointer lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Glenda Pointer - December 02, 2019 at 09:51 PM

Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mother Carlean Austin.

December 02, 2019 at 07:46 PM

SE

Sandra Epps sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Sandra Epps - December 01, 2019 at 08:16 PM

JS

Jacqueline Scott lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Jacqueline Scott - December 01, 2019 at 05:29 PM

PA

Sincere condolences to Mother Austins family.

PALA - December 01, 2019 at 04:00 PM

Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mother Carlean Austin.

December 01, 2019 at 12:23 PM

JD

Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Jean Durrett - December 01, 2019 at 12:28 AM

KD

Kendra Drake lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Kendra Drake - November 30, 2019 at 11:54 PM

OG

Ondria Kirksey Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Ondria Kirksey Gillespie - November 30, 2019 at 11:05 PM

RH

RUTH HARPER(DIANE) MOBILE ALABAMA

RUTH HARPER - November 30, 2019 at 06:50 PM

ED

Elaine And Jazmine Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Elaine and Jazmine Dorsey - November 30, 2019 at 06:41 PM

LB

Linda & Eddie Booth lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Linda & Eddie Booth - November 30, 2019 at 06:41 PM

EB

Eddie &Linda Booth lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Eddie &Linda Booth - November 30, 2019 at 06:39 PM

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mother Carlean Austin.

November 30, 2019 at 06:36 PM

MM

Marva Mcdaniel lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

marva mcdaniel - November 30, 2019 at 06:06 PM

IH

Iris J. Hare lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Iris J. Hare - November 30, 2019 at 01:29 PM

AP

Alvin & Doretha Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Alvin & Doretha Phillips - November 30, 2019 at 10:39 AM

DF

Dr. Carolyn D. Davis & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Dr. Carolyn D. Davis & Family - November 30, 2019 at 09:38 AM

AH

Anita Harris lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Anita Harris - November 30, 2019 at 12:35 AM

BA

Bernetta Allen lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Bernetta Allen - November 29, 2019 at 03:12 PM

ML

Ms. Gina Lee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Ms. Gina Lee - November 29, 2019 at 03:11 PM

DD

Dee Dee Drake lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Dee Dee Drake - November 29, 2019 at 09:34 AM

JG

Janice Green lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Janice Green - November 29, 2019 at 12:47 AM

JS

Jacqueline Scott lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Jacqueline Scott - November 28, 2019 at 10:44 PM

AU

Alcorn University lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Alcorn University - November 28, 2019 at 09:11 PM

AU

To the Austin Family: Alcorn State University Flint/Saginaw Alumni Chapter would like to extend our condolences. May God be with all of you at this time.

Alcorn University - November 28, 2019 at 09:06 PM

WH

Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Wanda Harrison - November 28, 2019 at 10:23 AM

BW

Betty Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Betty Wiggins - November 28, 2019 at 08:32 AM

JK

Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mother Carlean Austin

Jesse Kirksey - November 28, 2019 at 02:32 AM