



Mrs. Claire Ruth Phelps

November 1, 1922 - January 29, 2014

PHELPS, Mrs. Claire Ruth - Age 91, passed away Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at her residence. Family hour 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at Bethel United Methodist Church, 1309 N. Ballenger Hwy. with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Pastor Faith Timmons officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. Mrs. Phelps will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 12 p.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Mrs. Claire Ruth (McKinney) Phelps affectionately called "Miss Aunt Ruth" was born in Byhalia, Mississippi on November 1, 1922 to the late Clarence and Caroline McKinney, Sr. At an early age she accepted Christ at Smother's Chapel CME Church, Memphis, TN. She graduated from Manassas High School in Memphis. Later she met and married her life partner of 66 years, Jesse C. Phelps. Together they moved to Detroit, MI where for years she was a homemaker. As a couple they were childless, but she loved and mothered all of their 15 nieces and nephews. She was a very active member of Carter Metropolitan CME Church of Detroit, MI for over 50 years. She proudly served on Usher Board #2, the John W. Gilbert Missionary Circle where she was president for year and was on the Woman's Guild. When they moved to Grand Blanc, MI, they were welcomed into the Bethel United Methodist Church family. She was an avid Bridge Player and was a member of the "La-Jo-Lae

Brigette” Bridge Club for 40 years. Additionally, she belonged to the Troy Michigan Depression Glass Club where she collected, displayed and sold antiques and Depression Glass. Claire Ruth loved shopping, traveling, sewing and cooking especially her famous yeast rolls and fruitcakes. The family enjoyed her Easter Egg Trees, the decorative Christmas Bulbs and her extensive Christmas Villages.

Mrs. Claire Ruth Phelps leaves to cherish her memory: brother-in-law, Hal Lamar Phelps; 15 nieces and nephews, Ardell McLain, Ruth Ann, Willie Vance and Patricia Phelps, Nadine Daniels (Reginald), Montgomery Hunter, Eula Mae Cross, Micheal Banks (Luberta), Reginald Banks (Jacqueline), Renae Banks-Rowser (Thomas), Carol McKinney, Carolyn Jordan (James) and Debra Shepherd-Johnson; a host of great-nieces, nephews, cousins and friends including special neighbor, Roma Cory.

Mrs. Phelps was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse C. Phelps; parents, Clarence and Caroline McKinney; her siblings, Mary, Alberta, Josphine and Clarence.

The family would like to express special thanks to Dr. E.J. Daros, caregivers, Rashawnda Littles and Sherry Stewart, The American House of Grand Blanc, MI staff and friends, The Medical Team, Pastor Faith Timmons, Bethel United Methodist Church congregation especially the Korneygay, Carl Weathers, Minnie Armstrong families.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 4. 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)
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<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

FEB 5. 10:30 AM (ET)

Bethel United Methodist Church
1309 N. Ballenger Hwy.
Flint, MI

Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Flint, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Claire Ruth Phelps*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Mini Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Claire Ruth Phelps*



Mini Armstrong - February 04, 2014 at 06:28 PM



“ *MY PRAYER GOES OUT TO THE FAMILY OF AUNT RUTH HOLD ON TO GODS UNCHANGING HAND HE KNOWS HOW MUCH WE CAN BEAR SORRY FOR YOUR LOST I CAN NOT BE THERE I AM JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY I WILL KEEP YOUR FAMILY IN PRAYER.*



LOVE CYNTHIA MONTEZ

CYNTHIA MONTEZ - February 03, 2014 at 09:33 PM



“ *My condolences to the family of Ms. Phelps. May the God of all comfort, grant you comfort during this difficult loss of your dear loved one. 2 Corinthians 1:3*

WA - January 31, 2014 at 06:27 PM

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“ I am sorry to read about your loss. May God's words in the Bible at Ps 34:18 provide you comfort. The scriptures tells us “HE” is near to those broken at heart, and those crushed in spirit HE saves

Peggy Land - January 30, 2014 at 08:25 AM



“ Dear Phelps family,
I'm sorry to hear about your loss. Mrs Phelps was one of my favorite residents I help take care of when she was at Grand Blanc Rehab. What helped me get through the loss of a loved one was a scripture at Revelation 21:4 which brings out that "Death will be no more." Jehovah God promised that he will do this in the very near future. I hope this will bring comfort to you and your family.

Derek Leslie - January 29, 2014 at 06:36 PM