



Ms. Clara Reace (May) Jenkins

February 29, 1948 - May 7, 2020

JENKINS, Ms. Clara Reace (May) - 72 years old passed away peacefully in her sleep, Thursday morning, May 7, 2020 at Medilodge Nursing Center, Grand Blanc, MI. Public viewing Friday, May 22, 2020 2pm-6pm. Private Celebration of Life services will take place, Saturday, May 23, 2020 at 11:00AM at the Chapel of the Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home. Elder Zack Smith, Jr. Eulogist. Clara was a leap year baby, born February 29, 1948 in Brookhaven, Mississippi. She was the daughter of Rev. Harvey and Mother Emogene May. The family later moved to Michigan and she was a life-long member of Deliverance Church of GOD In Christ founded by, the late Dr. Zack and Mother Alverma Smith. "Her Uncle Zack" and "Auntie" Mother Smith. Clara was a graduate of Flint Northwestern High School class of 1966 and attended Flint Junior College and Mott Community College where she excelled in Culinary Arts. For over fifty years, Clara was a professional baker who made the best homemade rolls, master cake decorator, and chef who worked for many years at Marion Hall Nursing Center. She also worked as a gardener, construction laborer, and was a foster mother to many young people. Clara was the former president of the Garfield Bunche Community Service Corporation. She received numerous outstanding achievement awards for her selfless service to our community. Clara was a former aide at the GCCARD Meet Up and Eat Up program at Dewey Park and was very instrumental in training individuals in growing community gardens. Clara passed the torch to current Community leader and activist, Mr. Quincy

Murphy. Clara and Quincy were side by side upholding the families of the Garfield, Bunche, and Dewey schools neighborhoods. Thank you Quincy for being there for Clara until the end. We Love You. She housed, clothed, and fed many people down through the years. She was a "Street Mother" (Mini Pearl) to some, Momma Clara to others. She looked out for many sons and daughters that she did not birth naturally, but GOD! Clara would host her annual Christmas in July event with live music, food, and gifts for everyone in attendance. She loved popcorn and watermelon (that's a family thang), and she would light up a church service singing and playing her tambourine!!! "Reace" rarely missed a family gathering! She LOVED her family!!! Clara had a way with words... she could let you know just how she felt...and how to win many political battles to benefit "Her" community. She was an amazing sister, cousin, and friend who loved the LORD and the Word of GOD, as well as listening to her cousin "Sis" Delores on WFLT1420AM-Flint. She hand wrote a book of her favorite scriptures and shared with her special cousins with whom she treated as her younger sisters. Some of her sayings were: "Throw Up Both Hands and Tell the LORD Thank You", "Prayer In A Bottle" (Blessed Oil), and the "Blessing Plan". Clara leaves to cherish, her memories, sisters Mary Nell May, of New Orleans, LA and brother, James May, Sr.(Deb), of Flint, MI and Mary May of Flint, MI;. Special cousin and caregiver, Willie Miller, special friend Quincy Murphy of Flint. Aunt Ora (McCoy) Gutter of Kent, WA, and Uncle Roosevelt (Vern) Smith of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; nephews and nieces James May, Jr., Desmar, Angie May of Arizona; Darlene Burkett, of Flint, Tracy and Min. Kimberly May of California, William (Shalanda) Booker of Georgia, Kevin Hollingsworth of Tennessee, Nichole Cook of Flint and Michael (Melissa) Cook of Clio numerous great nephews, nieces, and friends as well as the entire May, Smith, Cook, Beck, Brown, and Pittman families. God-children, Chantel Torres , Neicy Evans, Yrsulla "Lisa" Johnson, and Danielle Young. Clara was preceded in death by her parents, Rev. Harvey and Emogene May; brothers, Harvey May Jr. and David May; uncle and aunt, Dr. Zack and Mother Alverma Smith.

Cemetery Details

Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 22. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
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Family hour

MAY 23. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Clara Reace (May) Jenkins*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - May 23, 2020 at 08:02 AM

SH

I love you granny to the moon and back

shay - September 21, 2024 at 05:38 PM



“ *Ms. Clara Reace (May) Jenkins*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

Anna
May

“ *Anna May lit a candle in memory of Ms. Clara Reace (May) Jenkins*



Anna May - May 20, 2020 at 10:35 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Clara Reace (May) Jenkins.*



May 20, 2020 at 10:30 PM



“ *I was blessed to have the best Culinary Arts teacher! Thank you Raece for passing the baton! You will be greatly missed!*



Deadrea Smith - May 20, 2020 at 05:18 PM



“ *Missionary Sandra Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Clara Reace (May) Jenkins*



Missionary Sandra Jones - May 20, 2020 at 02:05 PM

GS

“ 12 files added to the album Clara Reace's Memories



Gwendolyn Smith-Richardson - May 20, 2020 at 11:38 AM

LP

“ Someone I've known from my childhood, Horton days. Clara was such a go-getter. Rest well Ms. Clara. My sincere prayers and condolences to her family.

Laura Payton-Rahmaad - May 20, 2020 at 12:33 AM

KM

“ Karen Murphy lit a candle in memory of Ms. Clara Reace (May) Jenkins



karen Murphy - May 19, 2020 at 07:22 PM

CL

“ Colleen Liggins sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Clara Reace (May) Jenkins



Colleen Liggins - May 19, 2020 at 02:39 PM

TA

“ Theresa A Allen lit a candle in memory of Ms. Clara Reace (May) Jenkins



Theresa A Allen - May 18, 2020 at 10:01 PM

PC

“ Phyllis Childress lit a candle in memory of Ms. Clara Reace (May) Jenkins



Phyllis Childress - May 17, 2020 at 10:31 PM

CT

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Mother Jenkins. She always brought a smile and laughter when I saw her at Deliverance. She will be missed.



Carrie Trent - May 17, 2020 at 06:31 PM

RJ

“ Roseann Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Clara Reace (May) Jenkins



Roseann Jones - May 14, 2020 at 05:40 PM

LR

“ Sending condolences and prayers to my Flint family. Clarese was a humorous loving person who brought a lot of joy. I have childhood memories of her often bringing cakes and sweets to my home not wanting anything in return. She gave generously to others and shared her gift. Rest in Peace ❤️

Lolita Ray - May 14, 2020 at 12:57 AM

CE

“ Carletta Evans lit a candle in memory of Ms. Clara Reace (May) Jenkins



Carletta Evans - May 13, 2020 at 07:56 PM

AC

“ Annette Carlisle lit a candle in memory of Ms. Clara Reace (May) Jenkins



Annette Carlisle - May 12, 2020 at 05:44 PM



“ *Bri Renae lit a candle in memory of Ms. Clara Reace (May) Jenkins*



Bri Renae - May 11, 2020 at 05:09 PM



“ *Tresia Givens lit a candle in memory of Ms. Clara Reace (May) Jenkins*



Tresia Givens - May 09, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ *Julia Gamble sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Clara Reace (May) Jenkins*



Julia Gamble - May 08, 2020 at 05:52 PM



“ *Sonya Ivory lit a candle in memory of Ms. Clara Reace (May) Jenkins*



Sonya Ivory - May 07, 2020 at 08:16 PM



“ To the family of Miss Clara Jenkins you have my deepest sympathy but all my condolences she was mother Clara to a some Miss Clara to some and Mama to most she looked out for a whole lot of us out here in this whole crazy world and she will be truly missed and she is was and will always be loved by all rest peacefully mother in the arms of Jesus



Mary Evans - May 07, 2020 at 01:25 PM