



## Mrs. Clotea Bolden

February 20, 1932 - November 7, 2023

BOLDEN, Mrs. Clotea - Age 91, passed away Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at Laurel Heights Adult Foster Care. Family hour 10:00 AM Friday, November 17, 2023, at Vernon Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church 5802 Dupont St., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor Douglas Banks, Host Pastor, Rev. Helen Williams, officiating, Pastor Robert Blake Eulogist. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:00 AM Friday. Mrs. Bolden will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 1:00 PM-6:00 PM Thursday, with family present to receive friends from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM. Clotea Finnie Bolden was born on February 20, 1932, in Somerville, Tennessee to Thomas and Roosevelt (Rosie) Lambert Finnie. She was the oldest of 5 children with 3 brothers and 1 sister. With the passing of her mother at age 16, she helped with the raising of her siblings and became their sister/mom so to speak. After completing high school, she continued helping with her siblings and eventually met and married Horace Bolden on May 19, 1951. On August 30, 1953, they were blessed with a bouncing baby girl whom they named Belinda. In 1955 she made her way northward to Flint, MI with a then toddler in tow, joining her husband for greater opportunities. A few years later on October 8, 1958, there was another blessed event with the birth of another baby girl whom they named Cynthia. Their unit was now complete and then the grandchildren came along years later who became the new apples of her eyes. Clotea was an avid reader, bowler, gardener: she

loved her flowers and had not only one green thumb but two. She could nurture and grow a plant from a small piece of nothing. She really loved her flowers and when she went on vacation she would give her daughter, Belinda, strict instructions not to water her plants until a certain day, if at all, because Belinda was known in prior years to overwater and destroy the plants. She was a very giving person to her family and would give her last if they needed it some of those times with a lecture and was not afraid to speak her mind when she felt a certain way in general. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and was an excellent homemaker. She made sure her family was always well groomed. She was a very good cook and her family loved her turnip greens, mac and cheese, pound cakes, fried chicken, sweet potato pies and when she made them, homemade rolls. She was also a dressmaker and made her girls several matching outfits when they were young. Clotea was a scrapbooker of sorts before scrapbooking became popular with many albums filled with pictures and newspaper clippings of important events that she kept in a certain order. She would always tell people "Well you know I'm a historian." She also furthered her education by taking several college courses and always instilled in her children the importance of getting an education. Besides her hobbies she was involved in her block club, worked in the Gundry Elementary School lunch program and was a very dedicated member of Vernon Chapel AME Church for over 60 plus years. She loved her church and was a member of the Chancel Choir, Cook Missionary Society, class leader, Outreach Ministry, Vacation Bible assistant, the Lay Organization and a very faithful member of both Sunday School and Night Sunday School. Early on the morning of November 7, 2023, she heard Jesus calling her name and gently took his hand. Clotea leaves to cherish her memory, two daughters, Belinda (Terry) Brown of Flint, MI and Cynthia (Rickey) Howard of Flint, MI; six grandchildren, Terry Jr (Queena) Brown, of Flint, MI, KaRon (Natalie) Brown of Novi, MI, Chyla Brown of Flint, MI, Brandon Brown of Wixom, MI, Javier Howard of Menlo Park, CA and Allia Howard, Dallas, TX; nine great grandchildren, JaQuan, Angel and Bryston

Brown of Flint, MI; Layla Brown, and Kaden Patterson of Novi, MI, Amyre, Aniyah, Arielle and Azaria Jones all of Flint, MI; and one great great grandchild, Zy'Aire Brown; one sister, Dorothy Cocroft of Southfield, MI; two brothers, Willie Finnie of Flint, MI and Eugene Finnie, Memphis, TN; four nieces, Gale Parker-Young and Deborah Ellis of Memphis, TN, Janese Finnie of Sterling Heights, MI and Dr. Helen Rodgers of Flint, MI; two nephews, Torey( Brie) Cocroft of Southfield, MI and William (Amber) Finnie of Saginaw MI; A special cousin/"sister," Elvira Herron; two sisters-in-law, Lola Finnie and LaReece Bolden; and a host of other relatives and friends including special friends, Derenda Collins, Johnnie Simpson, Ruth Boone, Loretta Bingham, Lessie Ross, Lena Marshall, Fannie Oliver, and Willene Sumpter. Clotea was preceded in death by her husband, Horace Bolden; parents, Thomas "Tom" and Roosevelt "Rosie" Lambert Finnie; one brother, Robert Finnie; three brothers-in-law, Quince Bolden, John Bolden, and Mark Cocroft; two sisters-in-law, Earlene Finnie and Jessie Bolden.

Live stream will be available on Friday November 17, 2023, 11:00 AM on FB: [vernonchapelchurch.com](https://www.facebook.com/vernonchapelchurch.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

NOV **16**. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-6666  
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## Family Present

NOV **16**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Family hour

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NOV 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Vernon Chapel AME Church  
5802 Dupont St.  
Flint, MI

## Funeral Service

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NOV 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

NW

“ *Belinda, I am so sorry about the loss of your mother. Sending you prayers and hugs.*

*Sincerely,  
Norma Wells*

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**Norma Wells** - November 18, 2023 at 06:16 PM

NW

“ *Norma Wells lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clotea Bolden*



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**Norma Wells** - November 18, 2023 at 06:15 PM

AM

“ *Offering condolences to the Bolden Family!*



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**Amekia** - November 17, 2023 at 08:01 AM

HT

“ *It would be hard to find a person kinder than Mrs. Bolden. -Herbie Thompson*

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**Herb Thompson** - November 16, 2023 at 02:39 PM

NL

“ N. Charles Anderson/Detroit Urban League purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Clotea Bolden.



N. Charles Anderson/Detroit Urban League - November 16, 2023 at 10:50 AM

MH

“ Mr. Kyron & Mrs. Dionna Harvell purchased the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Clotea Bolden.



Mr. Kyron & Mrs. Dionna Harvell - November 15, 2023 at 04:07 PM

LP

“ Love, Terri Coleman & Joyce Parks purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mrs. Clotea Bolden.



Love, Terri Coleman & Joyce Parks - November 15, 2023 at 01:50 PM

NB

“ Neysa Hodges Burns lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clotea Bolden



Neysa Hodges Burns - November 15, 2023 at 11:21 AM

JC

“ My heartfelt prayers and sympathy to the entire Bolden family. I always looked forward to family gathering at Dorothy's home where we would share private laughs and storytelling. I will truly miss her. God Bless your hearts. Love to all. Jonetta Cockroft

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**Jonetta Cockroft** - November 15, 2023 at 11:19 AM

BF

“ Board, Rosa Parks Scholarship Foundation planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Clotea Bolden.

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**Board, Rosa Parks Scholarship Foundation** - November 13, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Clotea Bolden.



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November 13, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Clotea Bolden.



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November 13, 2023 at 08:52 AM

WS

“ To Belinda, Cynthia and the "entire" Bolden family: Prayers go up and sympathy goes out to each of you. Recently, I was talking about how we were in the Chancel Choir of Vernon together! I had not seen her in some time, but "never" missed sending her birthday and Christmas cards yearly. Take comfort in knowing she has eternal peace/rest. "The Lord bless you and keep you...and give you peace."- Numbers 6:24-26 Charles & Willene Sumpter



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**Willene Sumpter** - November 13, 2023 at 01:36 AM

TA

“ Teresa Anthony-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clotea Bolden



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**Teresa Anthony-Johnson** - November 12, 2023 at 10:29 PM

AS

“ Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Clotea Bolden



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**Aileen Spence** - November 12, 2023 at 06:51 PM

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WP

“ *Wanda Patrick-Lynn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clotea Bolden*



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**Wanda Patrick-Lynn** - November 12, 2023 at 11:42 AM

LW

“ *Linda Winfrey lit a candle in memory of Clotea Bolden*



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**Linda F Winfrey** - November 11, 2023 at 04:55 PM

SP

“ *Sheila Phillips lit a candle in memory of Clotea Bolden*



Sheila Phillips - November 11, 2023 at 02:35 PM

LG

“ *Linda Gulley lit a candle in memory of Clotea Bolden*



Linda Gulley - November 11, 2023 at 08:02 AM

LP

“ *Lyria - Petry lit a candle in memory of Clotea Bolden*



Lyria Grant - Petry - November 10, 2023 at 07:33 PM

ED

“ *Excelento Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clotea Bolden*



Excelento Davis - November 10, 2023 at 07:44 AM

CP

“ COREY PIERCE lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clotea Bolden



COREY PIERCE - November 10, 2023 at 01:33 AM

MW

“ Maggie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clotea Bolden



Maggie Williams - November 10, 2023 at 12:23 AM

TJ

“ Theresa Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clotea Bolden



Theresa Jackson - November 09, 2023 at 09:54 PM

MD

“ Mary Dantzler-Grace lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clotea Bolden



Mary Dantzler-Grace - November 09, 2023 at 07:20 PM

MA

“ *Margie Anthony-Edmonds lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clotea Bolden*



**Margie Anthony-Edmonds** - November 09, 2023 at 10:18 AM

MG

“ *Marilyn Grant lit a candle in memory of Clotea Bolden*



**Marilyn Grant** - November 09, 2023 at 12:04 AM

LR

“ *Linda Arnold Redick lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clotea Bolden*



**Linda Arnold Redick** - November 08, 2023 at 03:23 PM

VN

“ *Veronica Nickens sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Clotea Bolden*



**Veronica Nickens** - November 07, 2023 at 08:51 PM

TA

“ *Sending prayers of love and condolences!  
Mother Bolden, was my girl..I'm sorry, I didn't  
make it to see you, so that, I could make you  
smile 😊*

*Family, I pray you'll find peace and God's  
strength, during this time of bereavement.*

*Belinda, if there's anything, I can do..I'm at your service.*



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**Teresa Anthony-Johnson** - November 07, 2023 at 12:03 PM