



Mrs. Dolores Ennis

November 17, 1929 - January 25, 2018

ENNIS, Mrs. Dolores - Age 88, passed away Thursday, January 25, 2018 at her residence. The Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 424 E. Kennelworth Street, Flint, MI. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated will hold its memorial (open to the public) at 11:00 AM, family hour will commence at 12:15 PM and the Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Community Foundation of Greater Flint; Dolores Ennis Fund; 500 S. Saginaw Street, Suite 200, Flint, MI 48502.

Dolores Clotiel Watkins Ennis, was born in Flint, Michigan November 17, 1929 to Beatrice Evelyn Wickware and Ellsworth Watkins. She graduated from Detroit Southeastern High School in 1947 where she was valedictorian of her 500+ graduating class. Although she was ranked highest academically, because of her color the school decided to have two valedictorians that year. She went to and graduated from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor with both her bachelor's and master's degrees. While at the University of Michigan she pledged Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., through Nu Chapter (University of Michigan) and was initiated in 1950 with Delta Beta Chapter (Eastern Michigan University). She was an active member of Nu Chapter. She was a charter member and first president of the Flint Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., 1954, and she continued to be an active part of the

chapter throughout her life. She began teaching English and Latin in Flint at Whittier Junior High School in 1951, as the first African American secondary teacher in the Flint Community Schools. She was later promoted to Principal of Instruction at Northern High School in 1970 and became the first African American woman to be a Deputy Principal serving at Central High School in 1975. Ennis was later made Executive Director of Middle School and Curriculum Services for Flint Community Schools retiring in 1992 from the Flint School District with 41 years of service. During her career she continued to grow and mentor her fellow educators. She served as Regional Coordinator of Middle School Educators, Treasurer for her local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society which promotes professional and personal growth of women educators. In addition she was a member of the National Association for Bilingual Education and the Flint Congress of School Administrators. She was a treasured civic leader who gave of her time, talent vision and wisdom and a strong activist devoted to equity and inclusion. She served on the board of the Ruth Mott Foundation, the Hurley Board of Managers, the Community Foundation of Greater Flint, the Friends of the Flint Public Library, the Flint Institute of Music, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint, the Flint Area Educational Foundation, the Education Foundation for Flint Community Schools and the United Way. Dolores was an avid reader and a longtime member of the Fiction Only Book Club at the Flint Public Library and the Detroit-Flint Book Club. She found spiritual peace and friendship with the congregation of Mt. Olive Baptist Church where she served on the Mothers Board.

Dolores is survived by her son and daughter-in law, Anthony (Bridget) Ennis; sister Jacqueline Watkins, brother and sister-in law, Wilbur and Eleanor Ennis; niece Lauren Watkins, nephews Henri Watkins, Jr. and Mario Wills; grandchildren, great grandchildren and cousins.

Special relatives and extended family; Wendell, Charles and Hobart Harris,

Audrey and Delmas Wilson, Wally Hoover, Robert (Jill) Ennis Sr., Robert Ennis Jr., Virginia (Laurence) Heller, Betty (Leonard) Griffin, Judi Griffin, Clifford Griffin, Mike, Mark, Robin and Lynne Price.

Special friends: Doris and Burns Roland, Edith P. Spencer, Bessie Straham, Gloria Coles, Gail Reaves, Barbara Hamilton Welch, Wanda Harden, Dr. Gail Ganakas, Nina Lewis, and the "Just Us" Bridge Club.

Dolores was preceded in death by parents, Beatrice E. Wickware Childress, Ellsworth Watkins, grandparents, Lottie and Georg Wickware, husband James Ennis, Aunts, Thelma Wickware, Juanita Richardson, Louise Brannon and Uncles Bill Brannon, Joseph Wickware and Owen Gilbert.

Previous Events

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Ceremony

MAR 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church
424 Kennelworth Ave.
Flint, MI 48503

Family hour

MAR 10. 12:15 PM (ET)

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church
424 Kennelworth Ave.
Flint, MI 48503

Celebration of Life

MAR 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church
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Flint, MI 48503

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Dolores Ennis*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *I am saddened to hear of Mrs. Ennis' passing. It was an honor to know her and to work with her at the Flint Community Schools.*

Paula Alexander Livermore - March 27, 2018 at 03:44 PM



“ *Gerri Hall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis*



Gerri Hall - March 07, 2018 at 08:31 PM



“ *John, Tujunana & Nicholas & Gail Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis*



John, Tujunana & Nicholas & Gail Reaves - March 06, 2018 at 08:48 PM

KW

“ *Kathy White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis*



Kathy White - February 07, 2018 at 12:44 PM

GS

“ *I was always honored to share words and time with dear Dolores Ennis. She led by example, taught with vigor, and encouraged us all. She will always be in my heart. My condolences to the entire family.* 🙏❤️



Gloria Scruggs - February 03, 2018 at 07:17 PM

MA

“ *Melinda Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis*



Melinda Anderson - February 02, 2018 at 08:42 PM

PL

“ *Mrs. Dolores Ennis lived a committed life and encouraged everyone to be the best they could be. She was courageous and loving at the same time. Her life matters and will never be forgotten.*

Pamela Loving-Copeland - February 01, 2018 at 10:48 PM

JP

“ June Smiley Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis



June Smiley Perkins - February 01, 2018 at 10:18 PM

JP

“ Tony. My condolences to you. I will cherish mine & your mother's Friday morning "confirmation"with her scheduled appointments. U, often times relaying our messages. She was a jewel, never to be forgotten! Grace & Peace to you!

June Smiley Perkins - February 01, 2018 at 10:15 PM

HY

“ Condolences to Tony and family. Mrs. Dolores Ennis was my English teacher at Whittier Junior High School. She was one of those rare teacher that had a persona that received instant respect from her students, well at lease from me. She got the most work out of me, in fact I learned and became interested about American Black writers and the Harlem Renaissance in her class. Years have gone by and she moved up to one of the higher Administrator Educator position in the Flint School system. I will am always be thankful I had her as my teacher. GOD Bless the family.

Henry Younger - January 31, 2018 at 07:31 PM

LG

“ *Classy and kind always. You will be missed.* ”



LaDonna Gamble - January 31, 2018 at 04:36 PM

LC

“ *I can't begin by saying... what? Since I was two years old, I have always known Mrs. Ennis to be such a positive elegant woman in my life. I didn't know until recently that she thought so highly of my mother, Virginia Brown Corrin. Always a picture of health, Mrs. Ennis worked with me during the Flint Jabba Walk when Tony and I paraded as Mr. and Mrs. Thom Thumb. I just can't say enough about her. A Delta and an incredible educator, I will remember her fondly along with the other Flint mothers. Lois and I will miss you forever. May your soul rest in peace. May your family find comfort at this time. Love Linda and Lois Corrin.* ”

Linda Corrin - January 31, 2018 at 02:00 PM

PA

“ *We are deeply saddened by Mrs. Ennis departure and we are praying for the family strength. She will truly be missed.* ”



Pastor Donald & Wonda Alston - January 31, 2018 at 10:57 AM

DS

“ Dear Family, I am praying for you guys as the Lord keeps you through this difficult time. I had the please of meeting Mrs. Ennis when I started teaching in the Flint Community Schools in the eighties. She as always been a beautiful woman of God, as well as a blessing to the schools and community as a whole. She will truly be missed.

Dana Smith Simmons

Dana Smith Simmons - January 31, 2018 at 09:10 AM

JP

“ I would just like to say their was no other teacher like Ms. Ennis she truly cared. An went the extra mile for black childre always with a smile. Until you did something that wasn't right an then you got that special smile even the badest boys bowed down. Truly will be missed thank you for being in life. Thank God I had the chance to tell her never forgot my name. Much love Jackie-Lark-Porter

Jacqueline Porter - January 31, 2018 at 07:05 AM

KA

I agree with you Jackie such a caring beautiful lady! Much Class Northern Viking '1975'

Kaye Gould

Kaye - January 31, 2018 at 10:31 AM

ST

“ My condolences to the Ennis family. She was such a wonderful person.



Sheryl Thompson - January 30, 2018 at 08:13 PM

NR

“ *Nancy Rozier lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis*



Nancy Rozier - January 30, 2018 at 08:52 AM

MW

“ *Mamie Wiggins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis*



Mamie Wiggins - January 29, 2018 at 09:26 PM

KS

“ *My condolences to Tony and family. My prayers are with you.*



Kecia Spencer - January 29, 2018 at 05:02 PM

NR

My prayers n condolences go out to her family!! I treasure my fond memories such a gracious LADY 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤�🙏🙏🙏😭

Nancy Rozier - January 30, 2018 at 08:55 AM

KR

“ *Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis*



Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves - January 29, 2018 at 04:00 PM

BT

“ *Beverly Toles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis*



Beverly Toles - January 29, 2018 at 03:03 PM

BT

*My sincere condolences to Tony and the family . May God bless you with comfort and peace. I will never leave you nor forsake you.
Hebrews 13:5
Beverly Toles, Texas*

Beverly Toles - January 29, 2018 at 04:08 PM

JC

“ *Jennifer Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis*



Jennifer Campbell - January 29, 2018 at 01:57 PM

JR

“ To The Ennis Family, May God comfort you and your family in this time of sorrow.



Julius Ross - January 29, 2018 at 11:27 AM

CS

“ My sincere condolences, Tony and family. What an influence on many young lives in our village. Many times in my adult life, I have reflected on her teachings. Thank you for being unselfish and sharing her.



Cathryn Williams Sanders - January 28, 2018 at 10:31 PM

BG

“ Brenda Duckett Greer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis



Brenda Duckett Greer - January 28, 2018 at 10:05 PM

MM

“ Mrs. May-Henley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis



Mrs. May-Henley - January 28, 2018 at 05:38 PM

MM

Mrs. Ashley Stozier and family, The Holmes S.T.E.M. Academy family, send our prayers in your time of loss. May God continue to bless and keep you and your family.

Mrs. May-Henley - January 28, 2018 at 05:42 PM

EH

“ *I am truly saddened by Dolores's death. She was an amazing person. She was always so kind and considerate to so many.*

Her passing will not only leave a void in our lives, but in the hearts of everyone who knew her. Dolores's memory will always remain deep within my heart.

Ernestine Holt - January 28, 2018 at 05:18 PM

EH

“ *Ernestine Holt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis*



Ernestine Holt - January 28, 2018 at 05:08 PM

SM

“ *Sharon Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis*



Sharon Mixon - January 28, 2018 at 02:19 PM

RC

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Rudy Collins - January 28, 2018 at 12:32 PM

JH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, Tony. Your mother was a lovely lady and a wonderful mentor to me when I first came to teach at Whittier many years ago. I will always treasure her friendship and wisdom. Loved working summer programs with her. She will always be remembered fondly. Judith Jellish Hoppe*

Judith Hoppe - January 28, 2018 at 12:01 PM

C1

“ *We need more educators/leaders like Mrs. Ennis in the school systems today. What an awesome principal she was!*



Central High School C/O 1977 - January 28, 2018 at 08:34 AM

SS

“ *Soror Valerie Southall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis*



Soror Valerie Southall - January 28, 2018 at 07:15 AM

JE

“ As a part of my village, Mrs. Ennis is a guiding light in my life since I was a very young child. I will always know and feel your love and support. Thank you Ennis family for sharing her with the community.

Jenni - January 28, 2018 at 06:07 AM

DM

“ Doris NitaMoe Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis



Doris NitaMoe Moore - January 28, 2018 at 02:00 AM

DF

“ Tony and Bridgett, our sincere condolences. Your mom as you know was a special lady! While I was canvassing in contemplation of running for city council she sat me down and drilled me for my intentions on that decision, I will never forget her! To be absent from the body is to be with the Lord! RIH Mrs. Ennis



Driskell Family - January 27, 2018 at 06:41 PM

DH

“ Dolores Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis



Dolores Harris - January 27, 2018 at 06:30 PM

DM

“ Tony & Bridgett: My deepest sympathy to you. What remarkable your Mother was! Dolores McGowan

Dolores McGowan - January 27, 2018 at 05:37 PM

JG

“ Julia Gamble sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis



Julia Gamble - January 27, 2018 at 04:09 PM

MA

“ Condolences to the family of a very BEAUTIFUL PERSON. REST MS ENNIS.



Maxine Adams - January 27, 2018 at 02:59 PM

VW

“ Tony & Bridgett and the Ennis family, mother Ennis was a Jewel. I will miss her encouraging words, beautiful smile, she will forever hold a special place in my heart.



Valerie Williams - January 27, 2018 at 01:59 PM

MG

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to Tony and the family of Mrs. Ennis. She will be greatly missed and will have a special place in my heart for her.*
Marsha Gonzales

MARSHA GONZALES - January 27, 2018 at 11:39 AM

LC

“ *I will miss Soror Ennis, the wisdom she shared with me left a lasting effect. Prayers for the family going up*



Loria Corder - January 27, 2018 at 11:09 AM

CY

“ *Carrie Younger-Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis*



Carrie Younger-Nelson - January 26, 2018 at 11:24 PM

SB

“ *Soror Ennis will be sadly missed. My deepest condolences to the Ennis family.*



Soror Aretha Bradley - January 26, 2018 at 11:23 PM

MM

“ *Maxine Murray lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis*



Maxine Murray - January 26, 2018 at 10:50 PM

RC

“ *Mrs. Ennis was such a lovely woman, a woman and administrator who had the respect of her many students at Flint Northern High School. Every time we met up at Meijers, I am so thankful I took the time to thank her for being an example in my life. To her family, you have our sincere sympathy. God bless you with peace and comfort. Sincerely, Roy and Teri Chambry.*

Roy and Teri Chambry - January 26, 2018 at 09:56 PM

CW

“ *Craig S Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis*



Craig S Williams - January 26, 2018 at 08:02 PM

CW

My condolences, Tony...

Craig S Williams - January 26, 2018 at 08:03 PM

LP

“ *Lisa Payton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis*



Lisa Payton - January 26, 2018 at 07:26 PM

DP

“ *Dorothy, Lisa & Rhonda Payton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis*



Dorothy, Lisa & Rhonda Payton - January 26, 2018 at 07:24 PM

CK

“ *Claudette Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis*



Claudette Kennedy - January 26, 2018 at 06:30 PM

BD

“ *Brenda Jordan Dilworth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis*



Brenda Jordan Dilworth - January 26, 2018 at 06:08 PM

BK

“ *Mrs Ennis was a Lady I admired all of my life. A great friend, neighbor and scholar. Rest In Heavenly Peace now.* 🌺



Brenda Wesley Kimble - January 26, 2018 at 04:41 PM



“ *Beryl Gadson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis*



Beryl Gadson - January 26, 2018 at 02:20 PM

AE

“ *To the Ennius Family,
We pray your strength and comfort during this 'season' of your life.
To know Mrs. Ennis was to love her. She commanded respect just
by the way she presented herself.
A voice of Reason, A Voice of Strength, A Voice of Concern, has
been silenced. Her message of love and genuine concern for the
school children of Flint must live on in those of us who survive. We
share your loss.
Art and Derryl Evans*

Art and Derryl Evans - January 26, 2018 at 01:19 PM

BE

“ BettyTipper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis



BettyTipper - January 26, 2018 at 12:45 PM

DP

“ Dorothy, Lisa & Rhonda Payton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis



Dorothy, Lisa & Rhonda Payton - January 26, 2018 at 12:43 PM

MF

“ Ms Pamela Koutouzos And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis



Ms Pamela Koutouzos and Family - January 26, 2018 at 11:33 AM

MF

“ Ms. Renee Hill-Sykes And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis



Ms. Renee Hill-Sykes and Family - January 26, 2018 at 10:31 AM

BW

“ *With Deepest Sympathy, Tony you are in my prayers, Mrs Ennis was a very sweet person, a good neighbor for many years. During this time know you will draw strength and comfort in your faith in God.*



Barbara Morrris Wriath - January 26, 2018 at 10:08 AM

LP

“ *Lynne A. Price lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis*



Lynne A. Price - January 26, 2018 at 09:44 AM

LB

“ *Lynn Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis*



Lynn Barbee - January 26, 2018 at 09:11 AM

DB

“ *My sympathy to the family of Mrs.Ennis. It's hard to cope with death alone,but we can take comfort from Gods word at (Revelation:21:3,4) and the wonderful memories sustain you until Gods promises be fulfilled.*



Daisy M Boone - January 26, 2018 at 09:07 AM

CA

“ Sorry for the loss of your love one, death leave us at a lost, a void, Just remember the Time you had, surround your self with family and friends that can get you Thur this most difficult time. Time will take care the rest. ps 55:22

concern for all - January 26, 2018 at 08:51 AM

RK

“ Russell & Diane Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis



Russell & Diane Kirksey - January 26, 2018 at 08:00 AM



“ To the Ennis family you are in my thoughts and prayers during this time of bereavement.

Mrs. Ennis will be greatly missed, she was such a sweet lady who always had a smile on her face.

Marcia (Hedrick) Teer



Marcia Teer - January 26, 2018 at 07:41 AM

PW

“ Pam Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis



Pam Williams - January 25, 2018 at 07:23 PM

PW

“ Pam Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis



Pam Williams - January 25, 2018 at 07:22 PM

SW

“ Soror Pam Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis



Soror Pam Williams - January 25, 2018 at 07:22 PM

J(

“ James And Sharon (English)Owensby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores Ennis



James and Sharon (English)Owensby - January 25, 2018 at 03:17 PM

DM

Tony & Bridgett: We will miss her. We know she is with the Lord. She fought a good fight and now is receiving her reward. She will be missed at Mt. Olive.

Dolores McGowan - January 26, 2018 at 10:22 AM

MH

My deepest condolences on the passing of Mrs. Ennis

Myra Highgate - January 27, 2018 at 06:51 PM

RC

Tony my deepest sympathy to you and yours. Delores was a person who commanded respect without "carrying a big stick." She was always friendly and would let you know if you crossed the line. She will be truly missed.

Rudy Collins

Rudy Collins - January 28, 2018 at 01:29 PM