



Mother Dovie Wardlow

September 5, 1919 - February 15, 2020

WARDLOW, Mother Dovie - Age 100, passed away Saturday, February 15, 2020 at Maplewood Manor. Family hour 10:30 AM Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle, 930 E. Myrtle Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Rev. Dr. Herbert Miller II, officiating. Interment Lovedale Memorial Cemetery, G-5175 Bristol Rd., Burton, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 AM Saturday. Mrs. Wardlow will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM Friday with the family present from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM to receive friends.

Mother Dovie Wardlow was born on September 05, 1919 in Finley, Tennessee. Dovie and her twin, Lovie, were the sixth and seventh of thirteen children born to Newt and Ezra (Wynne) Tipton. She attended Bruce High School in Dyersburg, TN.

Dovie married Robert A. Wardlow on December 22, 1938 in Dyersburg, TN. They moved to Flint, Michigan in 1942. In 1943, Mother began working as a Presser and Silk Finisher at New Way Dry Cleaners in Mt. Morris, MI. She then hired into A.C. Spark Plug, a division of General Motors Corporation in 1944 where she contributed to the WWII Campaign by assembling airplane parts. Mother Wardlow worked there until the birth of her second child. She then quit her job and devoted her life to raising her four children. Mother Wardlow was the happiest when she was around her children, grandchildren

and great-grandchildren. In June of 1969, her son Arthur G., a Vietnam Purple Heart Recipient was called home. In September of 2009, after 71 years of marriage, her husband was also called home. Her daughter, Paulette S., was called home in 2014. Mother had a smile that would light up a room and needless to say, whatever room she was in was well lit. She had a quiet strength about her and was always very positive and encouraging. Back in the day, she loved to play Chinese Checkers and the card game Five-up. I can almost hear now yelling "High, Low. Jick-Jack and the game."

In their search for a church home in 1942, Mother and Dad met Mrs. Odell Broadway during their first visit to Metropolitan Baptist Church. Mrs. Broadway's exuberance and magnetic personality greatly influenced their decision to join Metropolitan. She has been a dedicated member for 78 years. Mother Wardlow was a past member of Cape Jasmine Chapter #2 Order of Eastern Stars. She served as one of the five points (Esther). Her Metropolitan Church affiliations consisted of the Mother's Board, Nurses Guild, Deaconess Board and Dorcas Mission Circle, all of which she served on faithfully.

Mother Dovie Wardlow leaves to cherish her memory: 2 children, James R. Wardlow and Mary L. Wash, both of Flint; 6 grandchildren, Veronica Hood of Redford, MI, Brenda Buchanan of Wauwatosa, WI, Telishia Berry whom Mother Wardlow raised of Hacienda Heights, CA, Tonya (Jason) Smith of Southfield, MI, Dr. Charles (Aden) Wash Jr. of Pickerington, OH and Virgil Smoot III of Flint; 13 great-grandchildren, Brandon, Kendre', Nathan, Kentisha, Kentoya, Brenae, Bryce, Kennedy, Justin, Tae'lor, Torren, Kedar and Liyanna Dovie; 2 great-great-grandchildren, Aria Rose and Ezra Zephaniah; sister, Mrs. Ruth Gates; sister-in-law, Mrs. Katherine Tipton, both of Flint; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins including special niece and namesake, Mrs. Dovie Ann (Elmer) Roberts; special nephew, Houston (Gwen) Tipton. Mother Wardlow was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; son, Arthur Gene; daughter, Paulette Sue; parents, Newt and Ezra Tipton; 11 brothers and sisters.

The family would like to express special thanks to caregivers, Debra Howard, Terry McClain, Cheryl Wright, Liz Jackson, the Valley Area Agency on Aging, Maple Woods Manor staff and especially nurse, Lorene Washington, Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Bishop Bernadel Jefferson, Rev. Dr. Herbert Miller II and the Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle family.

Cemetery Details

Lovedale Memorial Cemetery

G-5175 E. Bristol Rd.
Burton, MI

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 21. 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)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family Present

FEB 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Family hour

FEB 22. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Service

FEB 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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930 E. Myrtle Ave.
Flint, MI 48505

Tribute Wall



“ *Mother Dovie Wardlow*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Arnetta Kimble lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Arnetta Kimble - February 26, 2020 at 03:39 PM



“ *Peggy Stribling lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Peggy Stribling - February 24, 2020 at 08:30 PM



“ *Gene Holliday lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Gene Holliday - February 24, 2020 at 08:19 PM



“ Clayton Conerly lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow



Clayton Conerly - February 22, 2020 at 10:02 AM

VS

“ Valerie C Southall sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow



Valerie C Southall - February 22, 2020 at 09:09 AM

JM

“ Jeannie Mayberry sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow



Jeannie Mayberry - February 22, 2020 at 08:21 AM

CG

“ Chris And Keisha Gates lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow



Chris and Keisha Gates - February 21, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mother Dovie Wardlow.*



February 21, 2020 at 12:09 PM



“ *Cox Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Cox Family - February 20, 2020 at 08:11 PM



“ *Douglas And Mayrene McGruder lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Douglas and Mayrene McGruder - February 20, 2020 at 05:31 PM



“ *Lulu and James, praying for you knowing God will comfort and hold you up. So sorry I can't be there.
Love you,
Shirley (Johnson) Green - "Dakota Street"*

Shirley Green - February 20, 2020 at 12:01 PM

TC

“ Tonya Crayton-LaGrone lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow



Tonya Crayton-LaGrone - February 20, 2020 at 10:36 AM

BH

“ To Mary, James, and the entire Wardlow family. My prayers and condolences are with you at this time. I will be praying for you in the days, weeks, and months to come. God and time will be your comfort. I know because I have been there. As we called her, " Mrs. Dovie" she was a jewel and always treated us nice and kind as we were children growing up and the next door neighbors.

Love you,
Barbara Johnson Holder

Babara Johnson Holder - February 20, 2020 at 09:30 AM

VD

“ REST IN GODS ETERNAL HEAVENS TT I LOVE YOU... YOUR LOVING NEICE VIRGINIA aka GINGER and YOUR GREAT NEPHEWS DARRYL, MARIO and LANCE and great great nephews MARIO JR,XAVIER,JACKSON,JORDAN and JAYDEN



Virginia Dantzler - February 20, 2020 at 12:14 AM

T(

“ I Love You TT...YOUR LOVING NEICES
TAMMY,SHON aka CISCO and CAMILLA and
GRANDCHILDREN



Tammy Boddie Bey (GATES) - February 20, 2020 at 12:07 AM

T(

“ I Love You TT...



Tammy Boddie Bey (GATES) - February 20, 2020 at 12:01 AM

VD

“ REST IN GODS ETERNAL HEAVENS TT You were always a
strong positive influence in my life and I will cherish your memory
forever...Your Loving Neice Virginia or as you would say Ginger🥰
.....Virginia Dantzler-Allen

Virginia Dantzler - February 19, 2020 at 11:53 PM

T(

“ REST IN PEACE
I LOVE YOU ALWAYS...YOUR LOVING NEICE TAMMY BODDIE
BEY (GATES)

Tammy Boddie Bey (GATES) - February 19, 2020 at 11:46 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mother Dovie Wardlow.*



February 19, 2020 at 08:31 PM



“ *I will truly miss you Auntie Dovie. Rest in Paradise.*



shayla dyanne - February 19, 2020 at 08:18 PM



“ *Barbara Sykes lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Barbara Sykes - February 19, 2020 at 05:31 PM



“ *ZaVonna Tolbert & Family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Mother Dovie Wardlow.*



ZaVonna Tolbert & Family - February 19, 2020 at 03:58 PM

RD

“ Rudolph D. Wheaton, DDS,MPA lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow



Rudolph D. Wheaton, DDS,MPA - February 19, 2020 at 02:30 PM

PT

“ Pastor Cedell Timms and the First New Life MBC would like to extend our sincere condolences to the family. May God Bless and Comfort each of you is our prayer.

Pastor Timms - February 19, 2020 at 12:39 PM

VJ

“ Vanessa Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow



Vanessa Jordan - February 19, 2020 at 11:47 AM

SJ

I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm praying that you guys find peace in time. God is able to do all things. Even when we think it's impossible!keep the faith family. Your mom was a beautiful lady!

sylvia jackson - February 19, 2020 at 03:17 PM

VJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Vanessa Jordan - February 19, 2020 at 11:46 AM

VJ

“ Please accept our heartfelt condolences.
Rickey Carter, Vanessa C Jordan and family.



Vanessa Jordan - February 19, 2020 at 11:40 AM

MT

“ Condolences to the Wardlow family, may the love of those around you help you through the days ahead. Hold on tight to all the memories, you are in our prayers.

Marshall & Bev Tolbert - February 19, 2020 at 10:18 AM

MT

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Marshall & Bev Tolbert - February 19, 2020 at 10:14 AM

MT

“ *Marshall & Bev Tolbert lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Marshall & Bev Tolbert - February 19, 2020 at 10:11 AM

PA

“ *PA lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



PA - February 19, 2020 at 08:34 AM

CB

“ *Cherry L. Brown lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Cherry L. Brown - February 19, 2020 at 03:37 AM

TR

“ *Mary (Lulu) and Robert My sincere heartfelt condolences on Mom Wardlow passing. I have very fond memories. Love you both Tujunana*



Tujunana (Robinson) Reaves - February 19, 2020 at 03:34 AM

DR

“ *Deborah Relerford sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Deborah Relerford - February 18, 2020 at 09:50 PM

DJ

“ *My condolences to James and the entire Wardlow family. May God give you the strength during your hour of bereavement.*



*Deborah Johnson & Family
Shreveport, LA*

Deborah Johnson - February 18, 2020 at 09:44 PM

TT

“ *Tonedia Threlkeld lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Tonedia Threlkeld - February 18, 2020 at 01:14 PM

JS

“ *Jacqueline Scott lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Jacqueline Scott - February 18, 2020 at 11:05 AM

RJ

“ *REV. JACKSON sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



REV. JACKSON - February 18, 2020 at 07:54 AM

JT

“ *Jerri Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Jerri Thomas - February 18, 2020 at 03:46 AM

YC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Yolonda Cross - February 18, 2020 at 01:45 AM

DS

“ *Dixie Smith lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Dixie Smith - February 18, 2020 at 01:30 AM

YC

“ *Yolonda Cross lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Yolonda Cross - February 18, 2020 at 01:29 AM

BR

“ *BrendaFluker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



BrendaFluker - February 17, 2020 at 10:27 PM

LM

“ *Praying for James, Mary and the family.*

-Sister Lamerle



Lamerle Morgan - February 17, 2020 at 10:27 PM

JG

“ *James, Ondria Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



James, Ondria Gillespie - February 17, 2020 at 10:25 PM

MM

“ *Mary McGee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Mary McGee - February 17, 2020 at 09:07 PM

CG

“ *Carol Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Carol Gardner - February 17, 2020 at 08:26 PM

JD

“ *Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Jean Durrett - February 17, 2020 at 07:54 PM

BS

“ *Barbara Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Barbara Sanders - February 17, 2020 at 07:50 PM

MA

“ *Ms. Gina Allen lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Ms. Gina Allen - February 17, 2020 at 07:34 PM

SN

“ *Sandy T Neal lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Sandy T Neal - February 17, 2020 at 07:22 PM

WH

“ *Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Wanda Harrison - February 17, 2020 at 07:14 PM

BF

“ *Brenda Waits And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Brenda Waits and Family - February 17, 2020 at 06:56 PM

SC

“ *St. John Street Historical Committee lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



St. John Street Historical Committee - February 17, 2020 at 06:54 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Wright lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Barbara Wright - February 17, 2020 at 05:14 PM

SE

“ *Sandra Epps sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Sandra Epps - February 17, 2020 at 04:37 PM

SN

“ Tonya.. chuckie...we been like family all our lives.. from playing red light green light on Taylor st.. to Hamady high school..to me being in your wedding... Mrs. Wardlow was our neighborhood treasure. Beautiful God fearing lady. God has called his angel back home. She is hearing the words Well Done!! I can imagine the joy she must feel right now.. I miss you all.. love you so much!! .Mrs. Lou-Lou Mrs. Paula.. I will keep you all lifted in prayer.. Shantel Nelson.. Jones

Shantel Nelson - February 17, 2020 at 03:51 PM

MH

“ Maria Hopkins-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow



Maria Hopkins-Brown - February 17, 2020 at 03:07 PM

JK

“ Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow



Jesse Kirksey - February 17, 2020 at 02:36 PM

JK

“ *Jesse Kirksey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Jesse Kirksey - February 17, 2020 at 02:35 PM

IH

“ *Iris Hare lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Iris Hare - February 17, 2020 at 01:18 PM

RH

“ *My Condolences, Love And Prayers T.o The Entire Wardlow Family. May God Bless You All With Strength, Comfort And Peace.* 🙏❤️



Ruthi Hill - February 17, 2020 at 12:23 PM

AH

“ *Anita Harris lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Anita Harris - February 17, 2020 at 11:52 AM

S(

“ *Stephanie Tipton (niece) lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



stephanie tipton (niece) - February 17, 2020 at 11:17 AM

PR

“ *To the Wardlow Family:*

I was sorry to hear about the passing of your loved one. Death is liken to a thief that comes and takes away our love ones. Or due to old age and sickness we lose that precious gift of life that leads to death.

However, have you ever asked: Is death the end of it all? Or is there something else after death? The bible clears up any question we might have about death. It also shows that there is a real hope for persons who have faith.

*Yours truly,
Patricia*



Patricia Rison - February 17, 2020 at 11:09 AM

MW

“ *Mary & Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Mary & Diane Williams - February 17, 2020 at 10:18 AM

MP

“ *Mother Wardlow had such a sweet spirit. She was truly beautiful on the inside and out. May God bless you all with strength and comfort during your time of bereavement.* ❤️

Michele Kirksey Parker - February 17, 2020 at 10:11 AM

MP

“ *Michele Kirksey Parker lit a candle in memory of Mother Dovie Wardlow*



Michele Kirksey Parker - February 17, 2020 at 10:06 AM