



Mrs. Earnestine Small

July 4, 1942 - May 11, 2014

SMALL, Mrs. Earnestine - age 71, passed away Sunday, May 11, 2014 at Genesys Health Park. Family hour 3 p.m. Sunday, May 18, 2014 at Ebenezer Ministries, 2130 S. Center Rd., Burton, MI with funeral service commencing at 3:30 p.m. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, 3415 E. Hill Rd, Grand Blanc, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 3:00 p.m. Sunday. Mrs. Small will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.

Ms. Earnestine (Neely) Small was born July 4, 1942 in Shelby County, Tennessee to the union of the late Willie and Mattie B. Neely and was the 5th of 12 children. She graduated from Woodstock High School. Earnestine professed Christ at an early age while attending Little John Baptist Church where she was a member until her adult years. Earnestine was a faithful and active member of Ebenezer Ministries, under the leadership of Bishop Urundi Knox. She enjoyed serving as one of the leaders for the Youth Usher Board and was a member of the CK Travelers. Earnestine also was an active member of Zeta Amicae Auxiliary of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. She was a dedicated employee of General Motors Corporation and retired after 31 years of service. After retiring, Earnestine spent her time and efforts on event planning and decorating for weddings and other special events. She was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother, an excellent cook and she loved to travel. She also enjoyed entertaining family and friends.

Ms. Earnestine (Neely) Small leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters, Yolanda Small of Orlando, FL and Leatrice Small of Flint; one grandson, Denatio (Sharika) Orr of Orlando, FL; three great-grandchildren Antione and Jacobe of Orlando, FL and Joi of Flint, MI; three sisters, Robbie Jean Hardaway, of Colorado Springs, CO, Nellie (Milton) Kelly, of Memphis, TN., and Willester Walton of Jacksonville, FL.; three brothers, Willie (Mary) Neely of Nashville, TN., Kenneth (Jackie) Neely, of Wichita, KS and Norman (Gwendolyn) Neely of Atoka, TN; Five Sisters-in-Law, Wilma Sisco, of Memphis, TN, Mildred Sisco, Jacqueline Neely, Janise Neely and Carolyn Small all of Flint; god children, Jason Moore, David, Dana, Darrian and Danae Bush; god sisters, Sandra, Bobbie, Lynne, Catherine and Gail; a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends, including special friends Sam and Vivian Neely, Florence Davis and Melvin Sparks, Deacon James and Earline Hawkins, Brenda Waits, Rev Annie Duncan, Christine Henderson, and Raymond and Lerlean Campbell.

Ms. Small was preceded in death by: her parents; two sisters, Paula Neely and Bernice Fordham; four brothers, JT, Lonnie, Leslie and Calvin Neely; and granddaughter, Ashlee Orr.

The Small and Neely families would like to express special thanks to Bishop Urundi B. Knox and the Ebenezer Ministries Church family, Regency Point of Grand Blanc, RRC Dialysis team, Dr. Shaouri and Dr. Riveria.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

G-3415 E. Hill Rd.
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY 18. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Earnestine Small*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *I'm sorry for your loss losing a loved one can be so tragic. So I would like to offer you encouraging thoughts at Revelation 21:4-he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more neither will morning nor outcry nor pain be anymore.*

Lisa Wright - May 29, 2014 at 07:09 PM



“ *Just to behold his face..... I pray for your family during this time of need. Memories of our Austin Ave days yet linger.....with love.*

*Carolyn Witcher, FSC
Flint Memorial Park*

Carolyn Witcher - May 21, 2014 at 08:35 AM



“ *Vivian Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Earnestine Small*



Vivian Kelley - May 18, 2014 at 12:35 PM

AB

“ Amye R. Boone-Warren lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Earnestine Small



Amye R. Boone-Warren - May 18, 2014 at 09:06 AM

RB

“ Mrs. Small was a wonderful woman and a good friend. Her smile and her caring personality will be missed. Prayers to her family. Love. Ruth N. Boone

Ruth Boone - May 18, 2014 at 09:05 AM



“ Teresa Logan-Perdue lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Earnestine Small



Teresa Logan-Perdue - May 18, 2014 at 08:37 AM

KJ

“ Yolanda and Letrice- My prayers are with you during this difficult time. Kathleen Jones.

Kathleen Jones - May 17, 2014 at 05:32 PM

KJ

“ *Kathleen Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Earnestine Small*



Kathleen Jones - May 17, 2014 at 05:28 PM

TS

“ *God Bless You Yolanda and Leatrice! You both have my deepest condolences, love and prayers! Your Mom was truly a great woman and I remember her smiling face and laughter when we were growing up! Blessings to your family!*
Tonia M. Stanley
A dear sister/friend

Tonia Stanley - May 17, 2014 at 10:40 AM

TS

“ *Tonia Stanley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Earnestine Small*



Tonia Stanley - May 17, 2014 at 10:35 AM

TP

“ Our heart goes out to the Neeley and Small family. We have lost a great friend, mother, grandmother, who we loved so dearly. She was someone who you could talk, laugh, cry with all at the sametime. Just remember we have not lost her she will for ever be in our heart and she is watching over us. So Leatrice, Yolanda keep GOD first he has his arm around you and he will walk ever step with you. We love you. Aunt Tiny and Uncle James and Family flint mi.



tiny presnall - May 17, 2014 at 08:52 AM

LH

“ To the family of Earnestine Small,

Earnestine was a woman of truth, strength and courage. Even though she didn't always feel well she was always willing to help someone. I was truly blessed to have her as my friend it is people like Earnestine that makes this world a better place to live. She will truly be missed. May God bless the Neely and Small family. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you all

Christine Henderson & Family

Latrice Henderson - May 16, 2014 at 07:35 PM

MT

“ Auntie Earnestine, I love you more than you know. I'll always remember the meals you taught me to cook and I'll always remember your quiet strength. Rest my dear. Love you, Marcheta



Marcheta Todd - May 16, 2014 at 03:42 PM

TM

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Small just a few months ago, she was a pleasant person to work. Loved to have a good laugh and eat good fun. She will truly be missed!*

Tina

Tina Moreland - May 14, 2014 at 07:33 PM



LW

“ *A friend...indeed! May God sustain you all in the days ahead. Our love and prayers are with and for you!*

Lois R. Watkins - May 12, 2014 at 04:42 PM

