



## Mrs. Edna L. Willis

October 17, 2013

WILLIS, Mrs. Edna L. - Went home to be with the Lord, Thursday, October 17, 2013 in Phoenix, Arizona. Family hour 10 a.m. Saturday, October 26, 2013 at Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3502 Lapeer Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Pastor Marvin A. Jennings, Sr., officiating. Interment Lovedale Memorial Cemetery, G-5175 E. Bristol Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Saturday. Mrs. Willis will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 1-8 p.m. Friday.

Mrs. Edna Lucille Willis was born in Marion, Ohio, the daughter of Samuel L. Smiley and Irene L. (Turner) Smiley Keys. Edna attended the Flint Public School System and was a graduate of the Hurley School of Nursing, where she became a Registered Nurse. Her nursing career included Hurley, McLaren, St. Joseph and Flint General Hospitals. Edna later became the instructor of Hurley Hospital teaching Nurse's Aide Classes. She was blessed with the gift of helping and continued her nursing career at Flint Public Health Department, where she was a Visiting Nurse for twelve years. During this period she ministered to the physical, emotional and spiritual body of her clients. In 1974, she transitioned to the Genesee County Health Department, as a Visiting Nurse. After ten years, she retired from the Genesee County Sheriff Department as Supervisor of Nursing. After her retirement, Edna relocated to Scottsdale, Arizona, where she continued helping in the area of

nursing at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church. Edna served on the Nurse Ministry at Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church for over ten years.

Mrs. Edna Lucille Willis leaves to cherish loving memories: two daughters, Tammie Smiley of Scottsdale, AZ and Tracey (Derek) Edwards of Atlanta, GA; son, Tyron Willis of Rockford, IL; three grandchildren, Tyron Willis Jr. of Los Angeles, CA, Taylor Smiley of Montana and Gabrielle Edwards of Atlanta, GA; two sisters, Joyce Keys of Palm Bay, FL and Dorothy Robinson of Fenton, MI; 5 brothers, Samuel (Marianne) Smiley, Emmett (LaVerne) Smiley, Roosevelt (Sylvia) Keys, all of Grand Blanc, MI, Michael (Janet) Keys of Kalamazoo, MI and Terrance (Sharon) Keys of Ann Arbor, MI; two aunts, Thelma Haywood and Rosemary Turner, both of Flint; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends including special friends, Delores Robertson, Marlene Moore, Arie Lee Carpenter, Helene Gurley, Shirley Jones, Ida Showkerr, Hazel Willis and Barbara Jefferson.

Mrs. Willis was preceded in death by her parents, Willie and Irene Keys; brother, Willie Jackson Keys; and many other dear family members.

# Cemetery Details

## Lovedale Memorial Cemetery

G-5175 E. Bristol Rd.  
Burton, MI

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

OCT **25**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-6666  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family hour

OCT **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church  
3502 Lapeer Rd.  
Flint, MI

## Service

OCT **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church  
3502 Lapeer Rd.  
Flint, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Edna L. Willis*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Sending my prayers and condolences to the Willis family.*

*Shenitta Stocker, Columbus OH*

**Shenitta Stocker** - October 25, 2013 at 04:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Edna L. Willis.*



October 25, 2013 at 07:13 AM



“ *Cousin Dana Willis purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Mrs. Edna L. Willis.*



**Cousin Dana Willis** - October 24, 2013 at 09:32 PM



“ *In memory of our Aunt Edna. We will miss you dearly! Love Mr. & Mrs. Trenton Smiley, Trenton Jr. and Jordan*



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**Trenton Smiley** - October 24, 2013 at 02:58 PM

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“ *In memory of my sister. You will be missed.*

*Joyce Keys, Palm Bay, FL*



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**Joyce Keys** - October 21, 2013 at 02:33 PM

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“ *Dear Willis Family and Friends,  
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my sincere condolences. I too have lost several loved ones in death, and the pain is tremendous, even with the passage of time. Thankfully, I have found relief in knowing that "The Most High God" is the "Hearer of Prayer", and a source of tremendous comfort in times of grief and distress according to Psalms 83:18, and Psalms 65:2. Please be assured, death will soon be "swallowed up forever" and we will have the opportunity to see our dead loved ones again, as promised at John 5:28.29 and Isaiah 25:8. My family and I wish you and yours peace.*

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**Lisa** - October 21, 2013 at 10:03 AM

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“ *To Bro Keys, Sis Keys, and Sis Robinson.*

*My prayers and condolences are with you, losing family members can be very painful even when you know without a doubt a great celebration is taking place in heaven. Memories of beautiful moments, minute by minute will remain. Glory to God his very presence during these times gives us a peace that passes all understanding, never leaving nor forsaking us. May you look to The Lord who is the omforter and keeper for such a time as this.*



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**LORIA CORDER** - October 20, 2013 at 07:09 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. Edna was one of my oldest friends and will be dearly missed. Marlene Moore - Cincinnati, Oh*

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**Marlene Moore** - October 19, 2013 at 11:49 AM