



Ella Backstrom

December 28, 1935 - March 6, 2015

BACKSTROM, Mrs. Ella - Age 79, passed away Friday, March 6, 2015 at Capital Area Health and Rehabilitation - Lansing. Family hour 10 a.m. Friday, March 13, 2015 at Bethel United Methodist Church, 1309 N. Ballenger Hwy., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Rev. Faith Green-Timmons Host Pastor. Rev. Russell McReynolds officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church at 11 a.m. Friday. Mrs. Backstrom will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed 12 p.m. - 8 p.m., with the family present from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Thursday.

Mrs. Ella Mae Backstrom was born December 28, 1935 to Jesse Lee Campbell and Walterine Simmons in Philadelphia, Mississippi. She graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in May, 1953 and married Charles "Sonny" Backstrom on July 30, 1953. They subsequently moved to Flint, Michigan for employment opportunities. To this union 7 children were born. Ella Mae & Charles joined Bethel United Methodist Church on May 6, 1962. Ella Mae was active in many church activities until her health failed her. She loved her church and her church family. Sunday worship was a special time each week. Ella Mae was employed as a Phlebotomist by Flint Osteopathic Hospital (FOH) and then moved to Genesys Regional Medical Center where she retired in 1998. She was known as a hard worker and very respected by her co-workers. She was very kind and compassionate towards the patients.

She had a great listening ear and was loved on the job. "Miss Ella Mae" as she was affectionately known, loved working out in her yard. She loved planting flowers and having her lawn well maintained. She was known to tell people to "get off my grass". This was a pet peeve of hers and the Baltimore Boulevard neighbors knew it. She loved to visit her neighbors on the block and participated in block club activities. The years spent on Baltimore with her neighbors were truly special. Ella Mae's children were her world. She gave them her all and pushed them to be the best they could be. She instilled respect, discipline, hard work, education, pride, and a love for the Lord. She had her children in church faithfully each week and if you could not go to church on Sunday, you could not participate in any activities during the week, LOL. She supported her children in all of their many activities, career pursuits, and life endeavors. She taught her children so many important life lessons. Ella Mae could COOK! Her family loved to eat her Sunday dinners and chill afterwards on the porch watching the cars go by. Saturday morning homemade biscuits for breakfast were a family favorite. Ella Mae loved watching sports and in her youth she participated in basketball.

Mrs. Ella Mae Backstrom leaves to cherish her memory, daughters, Charlene Yount, Evelyn (Bobby) Tucker, Regina (Henry) Jones, Paulette (Johnny) Wallace; sons, Charles (Vicki), and Ronald; 1 brother, Lee Campbell of Philadelphia, MS; 12 grandkids; 5 great grandkids; along with nieces and nephews including special nephews, Allen Campbell and Pete Smith, and cousins including special cousins, Terry Watson, Bobby and Shirley Foster; a host of other relatives and friends including the Grady, Kirkland, the Moore and Seales families and close friends, Marie Whitehead, Marion Eley, and her Baltimore Boulevard neighbors.

Mrs. Backstrom was preceded in death by her former husband, Charles; son, Gregory, son-in-law, Charles Yount; parents; grandparents; sister, Dorothy Smith; brother, Walter (Bill) Campbell; aunt, Emma Foster; special cousin, Nettie Ann Cox, and close friend, Velma Seales. The family would like to express thanks to the staff at Capital Area Health & Rehab Center in Lansing,

MI, Bethel United Methodist Church, Dr. Rev. Russell McReynolds, family and friends for the many acts of kindness, love, and support.

Cemetery Details

River Rest Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 12. 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 hour

MAR 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

Bethel United Methodist Church
1309 N. Ballenger Hwy.
Flint, MI

Public Viewing

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel United Methodist Church
1309 N. Ballenger Hwy.
Flint, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Ella Backstrom*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *NaRotha Ogden lit a candle in memory of Ella Backstrom*



NaRotha Ogden - March 17, 2015 at 09:14 AM



“ *I was saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs Ella Mae. She was truly a very kind, sweet and loving person. I'm sorry I couldn't be with you all physically at the homegoing service but you all were In my thoughts and prayers!! May God continue to comfort you all!!*

Margaret Seales - March 15, 2015 at 12:31 AM



“ *Margaret Seales lit a candle in memory of Ella Backstrom*



Margaret Seales - March 15, 2015 at 12:15 AM

J(

“ Dear Backstrom Family:

I am sorry for the loss of your beloved Mother. She is gone in the physical, but she will always be with you in your heart and your spirit. It was good to see you all at the visitation. You all look great! I have great memories of your Mom. I know that she is loved and will be missed. She is gone in the physical, but those we love never leave us. They are always present in your hearts and minds. May God bless and keep you all.

Julie Taylor (Koger) - March 13, 2015 at 11:15 AM

PO

“ Phyllis Oliver-Latham lit a candle in memory of Ella Backstrom



Phyllis Oliver-Latham - March 13, 2015 at 12:53 AM

TH

“ Tammie Henderson lit a candle in memory of Ella Backstrom



Tammie Henderson - March 12, 2015 at 07:15 PM

LM

“ *Linda and Paul Davis*

*Lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ella Backstrom
Evelyn I'm praying for you and your family.*

C/O 76 (NW)

Linda Mayfield - March 12, 2015 at 06:48 PM

CT

“ *Words cannot express how much we loved Aunt Ella Mae. As a child, I always looked forward to spending time at Aunt Ella's house. She was always welcoming and offered us whatever she had to eat. We felt at home with her because she was such an awesome spirit. Auntie will truly be missed. Crystal*

Crystal Tyler - March 12, 2015 at 06:06 PM

JW

“ *Jacquelyn Williams lit a candle in memory of
Ella Backstrom*



Jacquelyn Williams - March 12, 2015 at 02:58 PM

JW

*Regina, sorry to hear of your mother passing. You are in my prayers.
C/O "1977"*

Jacquelyn Williams - March 12, 2015 at 03:01 PM

VF

“ Vivian Seales & Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ella Backstrom.



Vivian Seales & Family - March 12, 2015 at 10:57 AM

W(

“ From Walter Louis Campbell to my family with Love! (Buster)!!!

Walter Louis Campbell (Buster) - March 11, 2015 at 09:39 PM

WS

“ WYVONNE SKINNER lit a candle in memory of Ella Backstrom



WYVONNE SKINNER - March 11, 2015 at 08:49 PM

KM

“ Kim Moore-Watson lit a candle in memory of Ella Backstrom



Kim Moore-Watson - March 11, 2015 at 08:22 PM

TF

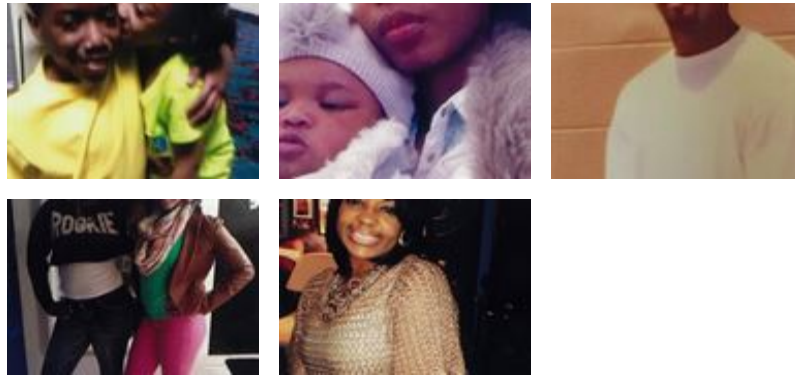
“ *The Ivory & Redmond Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ella Backstrom.*



The Ivory & Redmond Family - March 11, 2015 at 06:29 PM



“ *52 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - March 11, 2015 at 03:40 PM

MR

“ *Mrs. Backstrom,*

One of the nicest, sweetest caring mother's that I have had the pleasure of knowing and enjoying her wisdom. She always took the time to share her experiences. Her flowers and home could represent any Better Homes and Garden issue . To her wonderful children and family please know your in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. God will see you through. Rest in Peace Mrs. Backstrom.

Melody and the Releford Family

Melody Relerford - March 11, 2015 at 01:45 PM

AC

“ *Azya Campbell lit a candle in memory of Ella Backstrom*



Azya Campbell - March 11, 2015 at 08:21 AM

PP

“ *Evelyn I am praying for you and your family. Love you*

*When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little—but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me—but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.
Miss Me—But Let me Go.*

Phyllis Lomax Patterson - March 10, 2015 at 11:11 PM

BW

“ I am not sure of the last name but hopefully I have the right person. I worked at FOH with a lovely lab tech by the name of Ella years ago and she was so professional and super nice and I think this is her. So sad to see this but she is with her Heavenly Father in paradise. Condolences to all who loved this lovely lady. BW

betty walker - March 10, 2015 at 04:38 PM

RO

“ Ronald lit a candle in memory of Ella Backstrom



Ronald - March 10, 2015 at 04:13 PM

RC

To my blessed Aunt, we will miss you. Ronald and Wilma Campbell.

Ronald and Wilma Campbell - March 10, 2015 at 04:15 PM

LC

“ Latrice Cornelius lit a candle in memory of Ella Backstrom



Latrice Cornelius - March 10, 2015 at 04:03 PM

LC

Thinking of you all during this time....

Latrice Cornelius - March 10, 2015 at 04:04 PM

TG

“ *Tresia Givens lit a candle in memory of Ella Backstrom*



Tresia Givens - March 10, 2015 at 03:06 PM

YF

“ *Your Loving Cousin Crystal & Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ella Backstrom.*



Your Loving Cousin Crystal & Family - March 09, 2015 at 09:16 PM

DS

“ *Deirdre & William SElby lit a candle in memory of Ella Backstrom*



Deirdre & William SElby - March 09, 2015 at 08:01 PM

JF

“ *JJacquelibe Woodard & Family lit a candle in memory of Ella Backstrom*



JJacquelibe Woodard & Family - March 09, 2015 at 11:32 AM

RS

“ Raynard X & Tracy Smith purchased the Garden of Memories for the family of Ella Backstrom.



Raynard X & Tracy Smith - March 09, 2015 at 09:51 AM

CG

“ Carol Gardner lit a candle in memory of Ella Backstrom



Carol Gardner - March 08, 2015 at 11:11 PM

DM

“ Doris Moore-White lit a candle in memory of Ella Backstrom



Doris Moore-White - March 08, 2015 at 11:09 PM

DB

“ David & Dana Bush lit a candle in memory of Ella Backstrom



David & Dana Bush - March 08, 2015 at 09:05 PM

WC

“ *Walter Campbell lit a candle in memory of Ella Backstrom*



walter Campbell - March 08, 2015 at 03:33 PM

AM

“ *With all my love and admiration, we have to get to this place one day. It's hard to convey the emotion of losing someone to family, however know that from my heart, If I can do anything for either you, please don't hesitate to call.*
Sincerely, Alice

Alice McClain - March 08, 2015 at 12:25 PM

DM

“ *Doris Moore-White lit a candle in memory of Ella Backstrom*



Doris Moore-White - March 08, 2015 at 06:04 AM

DM

“ *To The Backstrom Children, It Sadden Me To Hear Of The Passing, Of Cousin Ella! Please Know, That You're In My Immediate Prayers! May God Give You All, The Strength To Endure! Much Love, Nita*

Doris Moore-White - March 07, 2015 at 11:58 PM

DM

“ Doris Moore-White "Nita Moe"! lit a candle in memory of Ella Backstrom



Doris Moore-White "Nita Moe"! - March 07, 2015 at 11:52 PM

CG

“ Carol Gardner lit a candle in memory of Ella Backstrom



Carol Gardner - March 07, 2015 at 05:07 PM

DF

“ To The Backstrom Children, It Sadden ME Along With My Siblings, To Hear Of The Passing, Of Cousin Ella! Please Know, That We're Uplifting You "ALL" In Prayer.....Much LOVE, Doris (Nita Moe), Doron & Doren!

Doris Moore-White & Family - March 07, 2015 at 04:28 PM

DF

“ Doris Moore-White & Family lit a candle in memory of Ella Backstrom



Doris Moore-White & Family - March 07, 2015 at 04:20 PM

MW

“ *Maury And Cheryl Wills lit a candle in memory of Ella Backstrom*



Maury and Cheryl Wills - March 07, 2015 at 12:42 PM

TB

“ *Praying for my Sisters and Brothers in Christ.
Remember to look to the hills, that's where
your help will come from.
Blessings,
Terry*



Terry Brannon - March 07, 2015 at 12:18 PM

CN

“ *Constance Neely lit a candle in memory of Ella Backstrom*



constance Neely - March 07, 2015 at 11:45 AM

BM

“ To the entire Backstrom Family, we were so sad to hear the good Lord has called another Cousin home. Please know we have been through what you're going through, and we know the Lord WILL see you through, just keep looking to the hills for your strength. *WEEPING* may endure for a night, but surely *JOY* will come in the morning. Praying with and for *OUR* family. Barbara Moore-Clifton and siblings



Barbara Moore-Clifton - March 07, 2015 at 11:24 AM

FC

“ I am offering my heartfelt sympathy to your family for the loss of your loved one. As you cope with your loss, may God's Words at Numbers 23:19 continue to comfort and support you.

Farmon&Irma Childress - March 07, 2015 at 02:01 AM

SN

“ Sandy Neal lit a candle in memory of Ella Backstrom



Sandy Neal - March 06, 2015 at 06:57 PM

CH

“*Paulette, Chris, Ronnie, and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. May you find comfort in all the wonderful memories you have of your mom. Cousin Ella Mae will be greatly missed.*

*Love you all,
Cynthia (Lyons) Hodge*

Cynthia Hodge - March 06, 2015 at 06:08 PM