



Ellen Player

August 4, 1935 - March 18, 2005

PLAYER, Mrs. Ellen - Age 69, passed away Friday, March 18, 2005 at her residence. Family hour 10AM Wednesday, March 23, 2005 at House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church, 1851 W. Carpenter Rd., with funeral service commencing immediately at 11AM. Pastor Kenneth L. Stewart officiating. Interment Lovedale Memorial Cemetery, G-5175 E. Bristol Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10AM Wednesday. Mrs. Player will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 9AM-8PM Tuesday. Mrs. Ellen C. Player was born on August 4, 1935 in Plain Dealing, Louisiana, the daughter of Jackson and Armeria (Smith) Hodge. Ellen was raised and educated in Plain Dealing, LA. She later moved to the Flint area where she became one of the first African American female city bus drivers. She later was employed by GM where she dedicated 30 years of her life. Ellen leaves to cherish her memories: children, Jackie (Cookie) Player of Milwaukee, WI, E. Don (Alice) Player, Jr. of Lansing, MI, Johnnie (Patricia) Player, Erma (Rod) Adekunle, Ricky (Pauline) Player, Anthony Player all of Flint, MI, Van C. (Tracy) Player of New York, NY; sisters, Bertha (Donald) McLaughlin of Montgomery, AL and Mary Cleaves; brothers, Perkin Hodge, Willie Hodge, Jimmie (Marva) Hodge and Milton (Darlene) Hodge all of Flint, MI; 20 grandchildren, including special granddaughter, Aisha Adekunle; 13 great-grandchildren and many nieces, including special niece, Kathy Edwards and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends who will miss her dearly, childhood friend, Winnie Hodge;

special daughters of the heart, Tamera and Armeria. Ellen was preceded in death by her parents, Jackson and Armeria (Smith) Hodge; sisters, Alice Scott and Fannie Humphrey, brother, Van Hodge. The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the Genesys Regional Hospital Coronary Heart ICU, Da Vita Dialysis Unit and Dr. Clarence Williams.

