



Mrs. Era J. Balknight

October 7, 1946 - June 14, 2023

BALKNIGHT, Mrs. Era J.- Age 76, passed away Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at her residence. Funeral services 2:00 PM Saturday, June 24, 2023 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. Rev. Dr. James E. Cook, officiating. Interment, Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd, Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 2:00 PM Saturday, Mrs. Balknight will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Friday. Era Jean Balknight was born on October 7, 1946, to Rev. Dr. L.C. Cook and Eternal Bradford Cook. She confessed her hope in Christ at an early age and served the Lord faithfully throughout her life.

Era was preceded in death by her parents; her grandson, Johnathan Peterson Rowe; and her brother, Willie A. Cook.

Era retired from General Motors as the Senior Labor Relations Representative for Buick Oldsmobile Cadillac Group in Flint, Michigan, after almost three decades.

Era had a wonderful sense of humor and was amazingly intelligent. She was passionate about helping people and loved to share her many talents and gifts. Era had a mighty spirit and determination that, despite her petite stature, made her quite formidable. In addition to being a fearless beacon, she maintained her “ready-for-the-runway” standard style of dress and encouraged others to aspire likewise. Era embodied her name: Her life was a period of time that had a distinct character and quality.

Era Jean leaves to cherish her memory: her husband of twenty-eight years, Jerome Balknight; children from previous marriage to Eweary C. Rowe, Jacque (Anthony) Rowe Fields of Arlington, TN; Eleary (Angelica Fullwiley) Rowe, Jr. of Memphis, TN; and Tracy T. (Chandra Wright) Rowe of Cordova, TN; from marital union to Sherman R. Johnson, Sr., Sherman R. (Marlaina) Johnson, II of Cordova, TN; and godson Arthur Smith of Flint; step-children, Alexis Balknight of Flint and Quintenae Williams of Kinston, NC; siblings, Lindsay (Lisa) Cook of Aberdeen, MS; Rev. Dr. James (Diane) Cook of Aberdeen, MS; Ametria Cook-Hayes of Tupelo, MS; Murray Cook of Aberdeen, MS; and Linda Cook-Walker of Horn Lake, MS; sister-in-law, Laura Balknight of Flint, MI; and 14 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, and a host of cherished nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 23. 12:00 PM - 6:00 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>

Funeral Service

JUN 24. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Era J. Balknight*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - June 24, 2023 at 12:22 PM

AH

To the entire family we send Love, Peace and Prayers to you all. Uncle Al and Aunt Ever and Family

Alfonzo & Ever Houston - June 24, 2023 at 01:58 PM

DC

Precious Lord! Beautiful service and remembrance of my sister, Era!

Diane P. Cook - June 24, 2023 at 03:00 PM

LW

Rest in ❤️❤️❤️, Big Sister!! Your homegoing was celebratory in every way!!! 🙏🌟😊

Linda Cook Walker - June 25, 2023 at 07:30 PM

VA

Rest in peace beautiful and majestic Era! My sincere condolences to Era's lovely children and Jerome.

I thank you for sharing Era with me in my early career at GM. She showered me with so much love. She was a woman of small stature, but towered over everyone with her beauty, intelligence, style, grace, and love for all who was blessed to call her a friend!

Rest in peace my friend!

Venus Allen (Johnson)💜💜

Venus Allen - July 08, 2023 at 04:57 PM



“ Mrs. Era J. Balknight

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Era J. Balknight



James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) - August 14, 2023 at 07:27 PM



“ Ruthi Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Era J. Balknight



Ruthi Hill - July 14, 2023 at 03:04 AM



“ Sha'Lona Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Era J. Balknight



Sha'Lona Thomas - July 12, 2023 at 12:33 AM

VM

“ *Valarie Munerlyn-Coulter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Era J. Balknight*



Valarie Munerlyn-Coulter - July 04, 2023 at 07:31 PM

CB

“ *Carolyn Buckley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Era J. Balknight*



Carolyn Buckley - June 26, 2023 at 09:11 PM

NM

“ *My condolence to Jerome and family. She will be missed. Praying that all is well. Keep Revelations 21:3,4 in mind and know that we will have the opportunity to see her smiling face agsin*



NEICIE Menniffee - June 26, 2023 at 01:11 PM

SH

“ *Condolences from the Hooker gentlemen*



Steve Hooker - June 25, 2023 at 11:28 PM

RK

“ *Jerome and family. We love you very much and you are in our thoughts and in our prayers, Rhonda and Tamika Aunt & Cousin in New York*

Rhinda Koonce - June 24, 2023 at 02:25 AM

RK

“ *Rhinda Koonce lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Era J. Balknight*



Rhinda Koonce - June 24, 2023 at 02:18 AM

JB

“ *Mrs. Joyce Bah send her deepest sincere Prayers .. To the Loving Family of Mrs. Era Balknight. She was a Queen Diva, with a love for people. She had a stunning walk in high heels. Very classy. She was .. I will miss her Smile! And hairstylist long highlighted hair..Rest peacefully my dear friend.. No more sickness..*



Joyce Bah - June 23, 2023 at 08:26 PM

EP

“ *With our Heartfelt Sympathy and Condolences. Earnest & Nancy Pouncy*



EARNEST/NANCY POUNCY - June 23, 2023 at 12:31 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Era J. Balknight.*



June 22, 2023 at 06:26 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Era J. Balknight.*



June 22, 2023 at 10:46 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Era J. Balknight.*



June 21, 2023 at 08:16 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Era J. Balknight.*

June 21, 2023 at 08:16 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Era J. Balknight.*



June 21, 2023 at 08:16 PM



“ *Jerri Winfrey-Carter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Era J. Balknight*



Jerri Winfrey-Carter - June 21, 2023 at 12:11 AM



“ *Helen McBride lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Era J. Balknight*



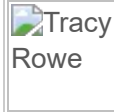
Helen McBride - June 20, 2023 at 07:15 PM



“ *Anita Riley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Era J. Balknight*



Anita Riley - June 20, 2023 at 11:33 AM



Anita, Thank you for lighting a candle in Mom's memory.

Tracy Rowe - July 01, 2023 at 01:10 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Era J. Balknight.

June 20, 2023 at 07:03 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Mrs. Era J. Balknight.



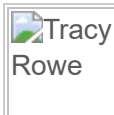
June 20, 2023 at 07:03 AM



“ James & Barbara Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Era J. Balknight



James & Barbara Moore - June 20, 2023 at 01:04 AM



*James and Barbara,
Thank you for lighting a candle for our beloved and beautiful mother.*

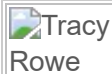
Tracy Rowe - July 01, 2023 at 01:11 AM

MD

“ *Mary Ann Demps lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Era J. Balknight*



Mary Ann Demps - June 19, 2023 at 07:34 PM



Mary Ann,

Thank you for taking time to demonstrate this loving act. It is so appreciated.

Tracy Rowe - July 01, 2023 at 01:12 AM

ED

“ *We will miss Era beautiful smile and laughter. Praying for you nephew and entire family. Hold to God's unchanging hands. Elvie, Evangeline, Sharmee and family*



Evangeline Dixon - June 19, 2023 at 09:34 AM



I'm grateful you and we have wonderful memories of mom to cherish.

Tracy Rowe - July 01, 2023 at 01:12 AM

LB

“ *My condolences and prayers are with you all at this very difficult time. One of Arlene's classiest ladies. Rest peacefully Era.*

Lay Burns - June 18, 2023 at 01:13 PM



Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. I'm happy made a positive lasting memory.

Tracy Rowe - July 01, 2023 at 01:13 AM



“ *Sherry Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Era J. Balknight*



Sherry Williams - June 18, 2023 at 12:38 AM



Thank you, Sherry, for your virtual gift in memory of Mom.

Tracy Rowe - July 01, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Era J. Balknight.*

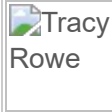


June 17, 2023 at 09:22 PM



“ *Such a wonderful Friend, I already miss you my angel and I am gone to look out for Jerome for you*

Sylvestine Singleton Houston - June 17, 2023 at 08:54 PM



Sylvestine, Thank you so much for being such a good friend to Mom! She loved you and appreciated all you did for her and Jerome.

Tracy Rowe - June 19, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Era J. Balknight.*



June 17, 2023 at 02:32 PM



“ *Rest in peace Classy Lady, my heartfelt condolences to the Balknight family.*



Marshall Tolbert - June 17, 2023 at 12:26 PM



Marshall Tolbert, Thank you, sincerely, on behalf of my family. My mom will be sorely missed.

Tracy Rowe - June 19, 2023 at 06:55 PM



“ *My beautiful Sister has gained her wings!!!🕊️ Will forever cherish the special memories....Love you Jean❤️*



Linda Cook Walker - June 17, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mrs. Era J. Balknight.*



June 16, 2023 at 11:10 PM



“ *Ms.Jeri A Washington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Era J. Balknight*



Ms.Jeri A Washington - June 16, 2023 at 10:40 PM



Thank you for lighting a candle in the memory of Mom, Jeri.

Tracy Rowe - June 19, 2023 at 06:54 PM



You are so welcome Tracy.

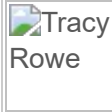
Ms.Jeri A Washington - June 20, 2023 at 04:56 PM



“ *My condolences to her husband Jerome. God be with you.*



Hope Veasley - June 16, 2023 at 08:10 PM



Hope, on behalf of her 4 children, thank you. I know Jerome appreciates your condolences as much as I do. Blessings!

Tracy Rowe - June 19, 2023 at 06:57 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Era J. Balknight.*



June 16, 2023 at 07:34 PM



“ *Condolences to the family and friends*



Hettie Collins - June 16, 2023 at 04:59 PM



Thank you, Hettie!

Tracy Rowe - June 19, 2023 at 06:57 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Era J. Balknight.*



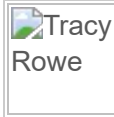
June 16, 2023 at 09:43 AM



“ *Pandoretta Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Era J. Balknight*



Pandoretta Jackson - June 16, 2023 at 09:32 AM



Pandoretta, Thank you for lighting a candle in the memory of my beloved mother.

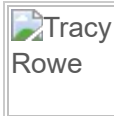
Tracy Rowe - June 19, 2023 at 06:58 PM

MR

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth (Carla) Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Era J. Balknight*



Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth (Carla) Reynolds - June 15, 2023 at 10:27 PM



To the Reynolds, I appreciate you lighting a candle in memory of my beautiful Mom.

Tracy Rowe - June 19, 2023 at 06:58 PM