



Mother Erethea Easterwood

June 2, 1935 - March 18, 2026

EASTERWOOD, Mother. Erethea - Age 90, passed away Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at McLaren - Flint. Family hour 11:30 AM Friday, March 27, 2026, at New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church, 1035 E. Carpenter Rd. with funeral service commencing at 12:00 PM. Pastor A.J. Harris II, officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, 4413 Flushing Rd, Flint, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11:30 AM Friday. Mother Easterwood will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Thursday.

Mother Erethea Easterwood was born June 2, 1935, in Reform, Alabama, the oldest child born to Henry and Lilia (Houd) Sanders who preceded her in death. Her family lovingly called her “Momma Our Family Queen” and her siblings affectionately called her “Sister”. Mother Easterwood professed Christ at an early age and served faithfully at New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church under the leadership of the late L.W. Owens, the late Bishop Odis A. Floyd and currently under the leadership of Pastor and Lady AJ Harris II. She was faithful in the ministry until her illness.

Erethea was led by the Holy Ghost to return back to school to pursue her high school diploma at Mott Adult High School in 1978. Praise the Lord, salvation plus education, equals success. She met the love of her life, Alfonso “Fon” Easterwood in 1951 in Reform, AL. And to this union God blessed them with 6 beautiful children, 4 boys and 2 girls. They moved to Flint, Michigan in 1951. It

was at New Jerusalem FGBC where Mother Easterwood utilized her culinary skills in the Kitchen Ministry, serving on the Mother's Board and the Women United of NJ Ministry. She loved checking on the members that were shut in, and obtained the benevolent gift of helps under the leadership of Bishop Floyd.

Erethea has always had a passion for working and caring for the elderly, baking cakes and delicious pies, and she was known for her domestic engineering skills; delicious home cooked southern meals, loving on her grands and great-grands. Mother Easterwood worked as a caregiver and professional nanny for many years.

Mother Erethea Easterwood leaves to cherish her loving sweet memory: daughter, Dorothy (Joseph) Lee of Flushing, MI; son, Wallace R. Easterwood of Flint; 5 grandchildren, Doane A. Ponder, April Waters, Tamar Easterwood, Nevaeh S. Easterwood, all of Flint, and Jeremiah Easterwood of Oakland, CA; 6 great-grandchildren; 9 great-great-grandchildren; sister, Lille M. Sanders of Boston, MA; brother-in-love, Eddie Garland of Flint; sister-in-love, Louise Sanders of Ethelsville, AL; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends including the Hodo and Sanders families of Alabama, and to all who knew her as "The Neighborhood Momma".

On Wednesday March 18, 2026, God called Erethea's name and she answered, "Yes Lord, your servant hears you." She peacefully transitioned from McLaren-Flint to her mansion in heaven.

Mother Easterwood was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, Mr. Alfonso Easterwood; 3 sons, Alfonso Jr., Charles E. and Edward L. Easterwood; daughter, Ellarease Ponder; granddaughter, Akiliah R. Ponder; sisters-in-love, Odesser (Henry) Hodo, Annie (Pete) Smith Sheppard, Alfreda (Charles) Wright, Florene Garland and Evelyn Brown.

The family would like to express special thanks to Pastor AJ and Lady Cimone Harris II and the New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church family, Mrs. Brenda Floyd and family, the Lee family, Dr. Paramanand Khandelwal and staff, McLaren-Flint Emergency Room, a plethora of Physicians, Regency of

Grand Blanc, Maplewoods Manor of Clio, MI. A very special thanks goes to the Watkins family (Janice, Mosie and Mozella), the Hampton, Winfrey, Hudson, Cardwell, Heintish Woodson, a longtime friend and beautician, Mrs. Maudine Matthews and family, the Hodo, Sanders and Bracy families, the Crocker Ave. & Howard Ave. Neighborhood friends, Ms. Joyce Black and Mrs. Ola Brown.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 26. 12:00 PM - 6:00 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

MAR 27. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church
1035 E. Carpenter Rd.
Flint, MI 48505

Funeral Service

MAR 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church
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Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Cassandra Burks lit a candle in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood*



Cassandra Burks - April 11 at 11:59 AM



“ *Was such a special lady she was all right with me and I was all right with her thank you mother*



Evangelist Yevette Henley - March 29 at 02:30 PM

RB

“ *Rosa Burnett lit a candle in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood*



Rosa Burnett - March 29 at 12:01 PM

TG

“ *Taiesha Ginyard lit a candle in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood*



Taiesha Ginyard - March 28 at 10:32 PM

BF

“ Praying for the family may God comfort each and every one of you all



Birtie Forster - March 28 at 05:53 PM

JT

“ Jerome and Tonedia Threlkeld lit a candle in memory of Erethea Easterwood



Jerome and Tonedia Threlkeld - March 27 at 11:02 AM

WH

“ Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Erethea Easterwood



Wanda Harrison - March 27 at 11:02 AM

JC

“ Jacqueline Cardwell-Mills lit a candle in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood



Jacqueline Cardwell-Mills - March 27 at 08:49 AM

MC

“ *Marlene Cleveland lit a candle in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood*



Marlene Cleveland - March 26 at 11:47 PM



“ *Sheila Johnson-Toins lit a candle in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood*



Sheila Johnson-Toins - March 26 at 08:51 PM

JM

“ *Jeannie Mayberry lit a candle in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood*



Jeannie Mayberry - March 26 at 07:03 PM

AW

“ *Anthony and Ron Wright we are sending our deepest condolences to Wallace and the rest of the family.*



Anthony Wright - March 26 at 03:44 PM



“ *Our condolences to Grand Dad Joseph Lee and Dorothy.*

With prayers from Amber & Colonel Lee



Ami Hilton - March 26 at 12:04 PM

HC

“ *House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Churc sent a virtual gift in memory of Erethea Easterwood*



House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Churc - March 26 at 11:49 AM

HC

“ *House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Churc lit a candle in memory of Erethea Easterwood*



House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Churc - March 26 at 10:51 AM

RM

“ *Robin E Mceachin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood*



Robin E Mceachin - March 26 at 12:09 AM

CB

“ *Christine Brown lit a candle in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood*



Christine Brown - March 25 at 05:03 PM

SE

“ *Dear Dorothy, Joe Lee and Family,
Sending my condolences, prayers and hugs to you during this difficult time. 🌹*



Shirley Edwards-Jackson - March 25 at 03:16 PM

IJ

“ *Ida Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood*



Ida Johnson - March 25 at 01:54 PM

RR

“ *Roxie Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood*



Roxie Reaves - March 24 at 01:58 PM

KD

“ *Kathy Davis lit a candle in memory of Erethea Easterwood*



Kathy Davis - March 24 at 10:51 AM

AJ

“ *Abby Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood*



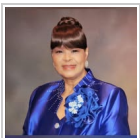
Abby Johnson - March 23 at 11:55 PM

CW

“ *Christopher Wright lit a candle in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood*



Christopher Wright - March 23 at 06:01 PM



“ *Carolyn D Davis lit a candle in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood*



Carolyn D Davis - March 23 at 04:28 PM

IB

“ *Irene Bracy lit a candle in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood*



Irene Bracy - March 22 at 08:13 PM

SL

“ *Shirley Lynn sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood*



Shirley Lynn - March 20 at 11:47 PM

NE

“ *Navaeh Easterwood lit a candle in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood*



Navaeh Easterwood - March 20 at 08:36 PM

GH

“ *My Condolences to Aunt Dorothy and Uncle Joe and Family! Love yall. Praying for peace and comfort.*



Gail Lee Henry - March 20 at 08:18 PM

S.

“ *S.Milton lit a candle in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood*



S.Milton - March 20 at 07:50 PM

LP

“ *Sincere condolences to the family may God comfort your hearts and grant you His peace*
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Louis and Dee Perry - March 20 at 12:46 PM

AD

“ *My sincerest thoughts and prayers are with the entire family during their time of bereavement!*



AC Dumas - March 20 at 12:10 PM

BD

“ *Brenda Dilworth lit a candle in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood*



Brenda Dilworth - March 20 at 11:47 AM

CD

“ Sorry for your loss praying for your family she will be missed



Cindy Duncan - March 20 at 11:42 AM

AS

“ Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood



Aileen Spence - March 19 at 09:56 PM

AS

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AS

“ Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood



Aileen Spence - March 19 at 09:56 PM



“ Kimberly Hall-Miller sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood



Kimberly Hall-Miller - March 19 at 09:38 PM

DP

“ Dewayne Payton lit a candle in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood



Dewayne Payton - March 19 at 08:59 PM

VL

“ Vincent Lipford lit a candle in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood



Vincent Lipford - March 19 at 04:04 PM

RG

“ Rev. I Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood



Rev. I Gilbert - March 19 at 02:25 PM

JH

“ Dorothy (Joe) and family, we are so sorry to hear that Mother Easterwood has passed. To be absent from the body is to be present with the LORD. Mother is now taking her rest. The Lord truly graced her with 91 beautiful years. Mother Easterwood was a very beautiful person inside and out. We will truly miss her. We send our deepest sympathy and condolences to you Dorothy, Wallace, and your entire family. You all are in our prayers. We know that this is a very difficult time for you, but, please be assured that, “Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.” May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ comfort your hearts like no one else can. He is the God of ALL comfort. We will continue to stay in touch and you know that we are here for you. We love you all Sincerely,
The Hudson and Cardwell family



James and Carolyn Hudson - March 19 at 02:09 PM

KM

“ Kimit J Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood



Kimit J Murphy - March 19 at 01:05 PM

DB

“ *Debora Baker lit a candle in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood*



Debora Baker - March 19 at 11:56 AM

CB

“ *Sending condolences, prayers, hugs and love to my cousins the Easterwood/ Sanders families. Rest peacefully cousin Erethea*



Crystal Beverly-Fielder - March 19 at 11:28 AM

DW

“ *Diane Williams 🌹 lit a candle in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood*



Diane Williams 🌹 - March 19 at 11:15 AM

M?

“ *Mother Mary A. Williams 🌺 lit a candle in memory of Mother Erethea Easterwood*



Mother Mary A. Williams 🌺 - March 19 at 11:14 AM

SP

“ *Sandra Payne sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mother Erethea Easterwood*



Sandra Payne - March 19 at 08:59 AM