



Deaconess Ernestine Parks

May 22, 1925 - September 6, 2014

PARKS, Deaconess Ernestine - age 89, passed away Saturday, September 6, 2014 at her residence. Family hour 11 a.m. Friday, September 12, 2014 at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 1083 E. Stewart Ave. with funeral service commencing at 12 p.m. Rev. Dr. Lewis Randolph officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11 a.m. Friday. Deaconess Parks will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 2 p.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, with the family present from 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

Deaconess Ernestine (Benton) Parks affectionately known as “Granny” to her grandchildren, and “Sunshine” to her great-grandchildren went to be with the Lord on September 6, 2014. She was born Ernestine Benton in Stephens, Arkansas to Robert and Aquillar Benton. Ernestine was the sixth of fourteen children. Of the children, all have passed except for one. She moved to Flint, Michigan in the early 1940’s she used to tell how her Aunt Lois Nichols invited her to come to Flint and work for General Motors if she earned her train fare. Ernestine said that she “Cotton-picked” her way out of Arkansas. She worked for General Motors “AC Spark Plug” for 30 years retiring in 1974. She was a member of UAW 651. Ernestine married Roscoe Parks, and they were married 69 years in January. She used to tell us how they both worked together at AC Spark Plug, and she flirted with him by tossing screws at him to get his attention. They were members of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church

for over 60 years. Ernestine was on the Usher Board, Sunday School Teacher, Esther Circle, and she was a Deaconess. She visited seniors at the nursing homes monthly as well. Ernestine was known to take the neighbor children to church. Attending church until her health no longer allowed. After she retired someone invited her to join a bowling league. She was hesitant at first, until they said there would be a lot of traveling involved where she was member of the 600 Club. She became an avid bowler and had plenty of trophies to show for it. She went to over 20 tournaments in the WIBC during her years of bowling. Some of her travels included Hartford, CT, Denver, CO, Las Vegas, NV, Tucson, AZ, Milwaukee, WI, Toledo, OH, Baltimore, MD, Niagara Fall, NY, Reno, NV, Seattle, WA, Miami, FL, and St. Louis, MO. Ernestine loved people and didn't meet any strangers. In the winter she would bowl, and summers she loved her flower garden, saving the seeds to plant the following spring. She also enjoyed playing Dominos, teaching her grandchildren to play at an early age, and finding hidden word puzzles. Ernestine loved travel going to Germany with her daughter Joyce to visit her nephew Don Holland while he was in the military. While visiting him, he took them to Czechoslovakia. They left Germany and visited Paris. She traveled to Spain, Hawaii and Nassau with her sisters.

Deaconess Ernestine Parks leaves to cherish her husband, Roscoe Parks; 3 daughters, Joyce Parks of Macomb, MI, Jacqueline Parks of Flint and Mary "Pat" Parks of Flushing, MI; granddaughters, Dr. Nikkia (William) Washington III of Kentwood, MI, Aisha (Quinton) Stringer of Gainesville, GA; grandson, Evan Parks of Grand Blanc, MI; 2 great-granddaughters, Aaliyah and Alivya Stringer; sister, Annie Mae Holland of Flint; a host nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Special thanks to Dr. Lisa Linzie.

One of her favorite sayings was "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us

rejoice and be glad in it” Psalm 118:24.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

SEP 11. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
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Family Present

SEP 11. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Deaconess Ernestine Parks*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *To the Parks family, you have our deepest condolences, our mother and Mrs. Parks work together and we live on the same street for many years. May God give you comfort during these times The Weems Family. (The late Maudine Weems).*

Shelia Weems - September 18, 2014 at 03:45 PM



“ *To the Parks Family my prayers go out to all of you in the loss of your loved one-
May God keep you in his care.....*

Ms. Jerry Miller, Atlanta, GA

Jerry Miller - September 18, 2014 at 11:21 AM



“ *Verna M. Cobb lit a candle in memory of
Deaconess Ernestine Parks*



Verna M. Cobb - September 13, 2014 at 01:12 PM



My deepest sympathy to Roscoe and Family. Look toward God for comfort during this time and always. My continue prayers

Verna M. Cobb - September 13, 2014 at 01:14 PM

SF

“ *Sandra Jenkins Ferguson And Richard Ferg
lit a candle in memory of Deaconess
Ernestine Parks*



Sandra Jenkins Ferguson and Richard Ferg - September 12, 2014 at 03:22 PM

LJ

“ *Jackie and Mary, Our condolences on your
loss. You were blessed to have her in your
lives for 89 beautiful years. Keep her
memories alive in the way you live your lives
and pass on her legacy down through the
generations. May the Lord grant her the peace she deserves. Let go
and let God comfort you and your family. We'll keep you in prayer.
Lincoln Ward family (class of 65")*



Lincoln J Ward Jr - September 12, 2014 at 12:42 PM

GR

“ *Parks Family*

*You are in our thoughts and prayers during
this difficult time. Have comfort in knowing
that the Lord will be with you during this time
and always...*

*Gloria & Larry Royster
Rod Quinn
Wendell Quinn*



Gloria Royster - September 12, 2014 at 08:14 AM

VK

“ *To Pat, and the entire Parks and extended families May God wrap his loving arms around*

You as you make this difficult journey during the loss of your beautiful and precious

Mother. Vivian Kelley.



Vivian Kelley - September 12, 2014 at 01:05 AM

DM

“ *David Munerlyn&Versie Munerlyn lit a candle in memory of Deaconess Ernestine Parks*



David Munerlyn&Versie Munerlyn - September 11, 2014 at 08:18 PM

DM

*To the family of Mrs. E. Parks, you are in our thoughts and prayers.
David and Versie Munerlyn*

David Munerlyn - September 11, 2014 at 08:29 PM

SS

“ *Stephanie&Kenneth Steward lit a candle in memory of Deaconess Ernestine Parks*



Stephanie&Kenneth Steward - September 11, 2014 at 05:06 PM

CB

“ Carol J. Ball purchased the Cheryl's Classic Bakery Tower for the family of Deaconess Ernestine Parks.



Carol J. Ball - September 11, 2014 at 12:22 PM

DB

“ DeNise L Blake lit a candle in memory of Deaconess Ernestine Parks



DeNise L Blake - September 11, 2014 at 11:42 AM

S1

“ Sis Alice D And Sis Delores WFLT 1420AM lit a candle in memory of Deaconess Ernestine Parks



Sis Alice D and Sis Delores WFLT 1420AM - September 11, 2014 at 10:18 AM

SJ

“ Sheila Johnson-Toins lit a candle in memory of Deaconess Ernestine Parks



Sheila Johnson-Toins - September 11, 2014 at 01:48 AM

LG

“ *Linda Gulley lit a candle in memory of Deaconess Ernestine Parks*



Linda Gulley - September 10, 2014 at 05:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Deaconess Ernestine Parks.*



September 10, 2014 at 01:05 AM

CG

“ *Carol Gardner lit a candle in memory of Deaconess Ernestine Parks*



Carol Gardner - September 09, 2014 at 03:01 PM

DB

“ *DaNetta Blake lit a candle in memory of Deaconess Ernestine Parks*



DaNetta Blake - September 09, 2014 at 02:14 PM

WB

“ *Wanda Baker lit a candle in memory of Deaconess Ernestine Parks*



Wanda Baker - September 09, 2014 at 11:02 AM

DW

“ *Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Deaconess Ernestine Parks*



Diane Williams - September 09, 2014 at 10:05 AM

AW

“ *Annette Woodley lit a candle in memory of Deaconess Ernestine Parks*



Annette Woodley - September 08, 2014 at 11:42 PM

WL

“ *WELTON & CAROLYN LEWIS lit a candle in memory of Deaconess Ernestine Parks*



WELTON & CAROLYN LEWIS - September 08, 2014 at 11:21 PM

CK

“ Chandra A. King lit a candle in memory of Deaconess Ernestine Parks



Chandra A. King - September 08, 2014 at 07:50 PM

FF

“ Freda Ratliff-Williams & Family lit a candle in memory of Deaconess Ernestine Parks



Freda Ratliff-Williams & Family - September 08, 2014 at 04:14 PM

DM

“ Deacon Jesse Mosley lit a candle in memory of Deaconess Ernestine Parks



Deacon Jesse Mosley - September 08, 2014 at 02:48 PM

PR

“ To the Parks Family:

I was sorry to hear about the passing of your loved one. Death is liken to a thief that comes and takes away our love ones. Or due to old age and sickness we lose that precious quality of life that leads to death.

Many wonder why we grow old and die. Romans 5:12 answers that question. Its says that because of Adam sinning his punishment was death and death and sin was passed on to us all. However, our loving God, Jehovah made a way out for us by sacrificing his only son (John 3:16). God promised that we would see our loved ones again (1John 5:28,29). For more information go to www.jw.org and you can find the answers to any question you may have.

*Yours truly,
Patricia*

*CHRIST JESUS-JOHN 3:16
JEHOVAH-JOHN 17:3
LAST ENEMY-1COR 15:26*

Patricia Rison - September 08, 2014 at 11:37 AM

DB

Ms. Rison. I keep seeing your post about 1 John 5:28, 29. These verses are not in the Bible. 1 John stops at ch 5 v 21 !!!

Deborah Brown - September 09, 2014 at 07:29 PM

LE

“ *Linda English lit a candle in memory of Deaconess Ernestine Parks*



Linda English - September 08, 2014 at 10:55 AM

CP

“ *Carmen Patterson lit a candle in memory of Deaconess Ernestine Parks*



Carmen Patterson - September 07, 2014 at 06:56 PM



“ *To my uncle Roscoe and my cousins Joyce, Jackie, Pat. My the Lord wrap his arms around you all give you straight to keep strong at this time Aunt Tine you will truly me missed.*



Regina Winfrey - September 07, 2014 at 09:54 AM



Typo strength

Regina Winfrey - September 07, 2014 at 07:00 PM

PP

Thanks Regina - From:cousin Pat - 9/10/2014 @ 2:37PM (EST)

Pat Parks - September 10, 2014 at 01:38 PM