



Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney

April 3, 1935 - October 30, 2021

SWEENEY, Mother Ernestine V. - Age 86, passed away Saturday, October 30, 2021 at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 10:30 AM Monday, November 8, 2021 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor Sean Brown, Officiating. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, G-3415 E. Hill Rd., Grand Blanc, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:30 AM Monday. Mother Sweeney will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM Sunday. Mrs. Ernestine V. Sweeney was born April 3, 1935 in Brooklyn, Lovejoy, Illinois, the daughter of Jacob Harris and Ida B. Johnson. Ernestine was educated in the Lovejoy School System, graduating as Class Valedictorian in 1952. She attended Illinois State Normal University from 1952-1953. Ernestine was one of the first of blacks to be accepted to attend and graduate from the De Paul Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis, MO in 1956. She moved to Flint, Michigan and worked as a Staff Nurse intermittently at St. Joseph and Flint General Osteopathic Hospitals. In 1964, she was hired as the first black Registered Nurse at AC Spark Plug, a division of General Motors Corporation, retiring as General Supervisor Regional Medical Flint after 29 years of service. Ernestine married Webster Sweeney Jr. on March 7, 1964. She became a member of Pilgrim Temple (currently Jackson Memorial Church Of God In Christ) in 1963. Being saved and filled with the Holy Ghost was the most rewarding and life changing experience. The teachings, guidance and principles earned helped

to shape her life as a wife, mother, friend and confidant. Ernestine's many hobbies including, reading, flea markets, rummaging, collecting old costume jewelry (especially Sarah Coventry), making hatpins, gift baskets and floral arrangements.

Mrs. Ernestine V. Sweeney leaves to cherish her memory: 4 daughters and 3 sons, Peggy Sweeney of Dallas, TX, Sherry Sweeney, Garry (Belinda) Sweeney, both of Flint, Debra Belin of Wichita, KS, Keith (Sandra) Sweeney of Grand Blanc, MI, Jeffrey (Brenda) Sweeney of Lansing, MI and Audra Sweeney (Derry) of Flint; 25 grandchildren, Mandy (Rod) Sweeney, Rance Jermal, Nicole Kelley, Bryan Jones, Jason Dudley, Patricia William, Karee Sweeney, Tamika Watson, Kedria Watson, Keith Sweeney II, Perris Prince, Jeffrey Sweeney Jr., Bianca (Frankie) Ayers, Webster Hicks-Sweeney, Darryl Geter Jr. Darrichio Stewart, Danaya Geter, Andrea Sweeney, Deonte' Sturtevant, DeVonte' Sweeney, Demani Sweeney, Tiaris Sweeney, Tichanti Sweeney and Danielle Belin; 42 great-grands, Lauren Hill, Lyric Jones, Bryx, Dajon, Ah'Maria, Myracle, Ah'Ariah, Khamari, Brea, King, Nevadah, Akiya, Frankie III, Bryson, Natetoine, Jaren, Harlem, Elijah, Jeremiah, Kajzha, Jazmyne, Jada, Kshawn, Khelan, Karter, August, Imani, Lorenzo, Caleb, Kyron, Kason, Kahari, Ermias, Keriyania, Kateria, Keundria, Kemarian, Roderick, Darryl Geter III, Damarria, Khloe and Deyonnia; 1 great-great-grand, Jayce; sister, Javita Hooks of Madison, IL; 3 brothers, Donald (Donna) Laddy of Lovejoy, IL, Jerome (Earline) Harris of Shiloh, IL and Jacob Paragan, Jacksonville, FL; sister-in-law, Loretta Sweeney; a host of nieces including special nieces, Shelita Wellmaker, Mija Nichols, Shekita McKinney, Cristen Hardin and Portia Hardin; special cousin, Lee Ethel Johnson; a host of nephews, other relatives and friend including special friends, Mary Stinnett, Mother Dorothy Simpson, Loretta Cannon, Twana Simpson, Edna Bolds, Sandy Brown, Deidre "Jriss" Spight and Mother Dorothy Erving.

Mrs. Sweeney was preceded in death by her husband, Webster Sweeney Jr.; daughters, Barbara and Gina; son, Rance; grandson, DeAndre; sisters, Jennifer and Jacqueline; brother, Kenneth.

The family would like to express special thanks to Dr. S. Benjamin Brown Sr. and Kingdom Life Church & Ministries of Dallas, TX, Jackson Memorial Church Of God In Christ and McLaren-Flint.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

G-3415 E. Hill Rd.
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV 7. 10:00 AM - 4:00 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

NOV 8. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - November 08, 2021 at 09:56 AM

ED

LOVE ❤️ YOU MOTHER. YOU WILL BE MISSED. GONE BUT NEVER EVER FORGOTTEN. SENDING HUGS AND KISSES 🤗 TO THE FAMILY AND PRAYERS 🙏 📺💔💔💔TAKE YOUR REST QUEEN 👸 LOVE YOU 🥰

Elaine Johnson Dorsey - November 10, 2021 at 06:58 PM



“ *Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

BC

“ *Brenda Calhoun sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



Brenda Calhoun - November 09, 2021 at 11:07 AM

MS

“ *Benny & Mae Vern Spence*

*Sincere condolences and prayers to the family.
God Bless.*

Marietta Ga.



Mae Vern Spence - November 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *LaShawn Richard lit a candle in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



LaShawn Richard - November 08, 2021 at 08:22 PM

LN

“ *Condolences to the family of Ernestine Sweeney. We are a group of retired GM occupational health nurses who had the pleasure of working with Ernestine as coworkers and as a team she supervised. We pray that God will grant you solace at this difficult time and give you his favor as you deal with the loss of Ernestine. We enjoyed our time with with her. She will be missed. May God bless you always. Nurses: Bernestine Harris, Barbara Carson, Helen Donald, Margaret Draine, Lola Watkins.*

Lola Watkins and retired GM Nurses - November 08, 2021 at 09:59 AM

DK

“ *Doris Keels lit a candle in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



Doris Keels - November 08, 2021 at 08:22 AM

JM

“ *James & Barbara Moore lit a candle in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



James & Barbara Moore - November 08, 2021 at 02:30 AM

MS

“ *We will continue our prayers for Mother Sweeney's family. Our sincere condolences. God Bless. I enjoyed talking and laughing with her. A beautiful lady.*



*Benny & Mae Vern Spence
April M. Harris
Katina L. Woods & Monty Jr.*

Marietta Ga.

Mae Vern Spence - November 07, 2021 at 11:11 PM

BW

“ *Barbara White lit a candle in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



Barbara White - November 07, 2021 at 05:09 PM

MD

“ *Margaret Draine lit a candle in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



Margaret Draine - November 07, 2021 at 03:24 PM

LN

“ *Lola Watkins And Retired GM Nurses lit a candle in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



Lola Watkins and retired GM Nurses - November 07, 2021 at 12:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney.*



November 07, 2021 at 10:57 AM

RH

“ *My Condolences, Love And Prayers To The Sweeney Family. May God Bless The Family With Strength, Peace And Comfort. 🙏🙏🙏*
R.P.I.H
Mother Ernestine V Sweeney 🕊️💜💖



Ruthi Hill - November 06, 2021 at 09:41 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney.*



November 06, 2021 at 06:06 PM

EM

“ *May God bless and keep the Sweeney family. Our condolences and heartfelt sympathy to you all. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can not heal. Elder Donald and Sister Renee Massey.*



Elder Donald and Sis Renee Massey - November 06, 2021 at 03:38 PM

EB

Bless the living memories of this wonderful mother, praying for the family in its entirety

Eld. R.A. Brooks - November 07, 2021 at 07:24 PM

LW

“ We extend our condolences to the family of Mother Ernestine V. Sweeney. We pray for the peace that our heavenly Father gives us through difficult times. We encourage the family to treasure the beautiful memories of Mother Sweeney.

Michael & Debra Wray

L Wray - November 05, 2021 at 11:44 PM

PV

“ Our sincere condolences to the Sweeney Family on the passing of your mom. May you find peace and comfort during this time, Peggy, Cherry and Gary. From the Lionel/Mary Verdun Family: Linda/Leon Gibson; (Faye)/Winda Kidd; Paula Verdun; Lionel Morris Verdun; & (Sherry)/Michael Ewing



Paula Verdun - November 05, 2021 at 07:22 PM

MH

“ Mary Hampton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney



Mary Hampton - November 05, 2021 at 06:43 PM

BT

To the Sweeney Family our prayers are with you all. I know this is not a easy road to go down. But God is Able. Raymond and Brenda Tucker.

Brenda Tucker - November 08, 2021 at 01:11 PM

YF

“ Your MTA Family purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney.



Your MTA Family - November 05, 2021 at 04:53 PM

DW

“ *Debra washington, and Family.*

Debra washington - November 05, 2021 at 03:27 PM

CW

“ *Carole L Washington purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney.*



Carole L Washington - November 05, 2021 at 01:59 PM

YJ

“ *Your brother, Jerome purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney.*



Your brother, Jerome - November 05, 2021 at 09:07 AM

MG

“ *Mother Sweeney I will forever hold my memories of you dear to my heart. I thank God for blessing me to meet you ❤️ you.*



Marsha George - November 05, 2021 at 01:27 AM

AF

“ *May God grant you peace on the lost of your beloved one and wonderful neighbor.*



Archie and Colleen Le Flore.

Archie Le Flore - November 04, 2021 at 03:38 PM

SS

“ *Shawn Smith lit a candle in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



Shawn Smith - November 03, 2021 at 09:05 PM

ED

“ *Sending love ❤️ hugs and kisses and prayers to the family of Mother. Keeping you all lifted up in prayer ❤️🙏❤️*



Elaine Johnson Dorsey - November 03, 2021 at 08:46 PM

RA

“ *ReGina Adams lit a candle in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



ReGina Adams - November 03, 2021 at 05:53 PM

JG

“ *Judith Ann Banks Gober lit a candle in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



Judith Ann Banks Gober - November 03, 2021 at 05:14 PM

RY

“ *Rose Young lit a candle in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



Rose young - November 03, 2021 at 11:12 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney.*



November 03, 2021 at 10:48 AM

JM

“ *Mother Sweeney was a beautiful person I always have a special place in my heart for her. Praying for the family.*

Love you all

Janice Miller - November 03, 2021 at 09:27 AM

IG

“ *Ira Gilbert/family lit a candle in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



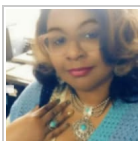
Ira gilbert/family - November 03, 2021 at 06:24 AM

WM

“ *Warren & Annette Marks lit a candle in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



Warren & Annette Marks - November 03, 2021 at 06:17 AM



“ *My condolences to the family. Mo. Sweeney was a kind hearted and beautiful. And that lady could dress! Always had a smile and kind word for me and my son when she saw us at church. RIH Mo. Sweeney*

JuWanda Vinson - November 02, 2021 at 10:06 PM

JW

“ *Jacqueline Woodard lit a candle in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



Jacqueline Woodard - November 02, 2021 at 07:12 PM

BC

“ *Brenda Calhoun sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



Brenda Calhoun - November 02, 2021 at 05:42 PM

HD

“ *My sympathies to the family for a spiritual person, a kind person and an occupational health nurse extraordinaire. May you Rest In Peace.*



From Helen Donald

Helen Donald - November 02, 2021 at 02:46 PM

ED

“ *Excelento Davis lit a candle in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



Excelento Davis - November 02, 2021 at 02:20 PM

AR

“ *Anita Riley lit a candle in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



Anita Riley - November 02, 2021 at 01:23 PM

KR

“ *Kendall Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



Kendall Reaves - November 02, 2021 at 12:43 PM

VB

“ *My sincerest condolences and prayers to the Sweeney family. May God give you strength and comfort in your time of loss.*



Vickie Broome - November 02, 2021 at 12:03 PM

LB

“ *Aunt Ernestine we love you and appreciate the love and hospitality you showed over the years. Prayers for our cousins. We love you all.*
Rick and Lisa Banks



Lisa Banks - November 02, 2021 at 11:46 AM



“ *T Marie Marshall purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney.*



T Marie Marshall - November 02, 2021 at 11:41 AM

TW

“ *To the family of Mother Ernestine Sweeney, on behalf of the Wade family, we send our love, prayers and deepest sympathy. Our families go a lonnnng way back to the Pilgrim Temple days and we will always have precious memories of the Sweeney family. May God comfort you during this difficult time. LaVada, Tamera, Maurice & LaRon Wade*



Tamera Wade - November 02, 2021 at 10:58 AM

AM

“ *Andre Mills lit a candle in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



Andre Mills - November 02, 2021 at 01:52 AM

AM

“ *Mother Sweeny was so Beautiful. I was sorry to hear the about Her Home coming. I Love All of My Brothers & Sisters in the Sweeny Family. You All are in My Prayers. Andre Mills & Family*

Andre Mills - November 02, 2021 at 01:52 AM

MS

“ Trust in The Lord. Praying faith and God’s promise of Eternal Life strengthen you. May cherished memories comfort and sustain you during this time of sorrow.

Mitchell Sr., Ella, Kim & Mitchell D. Teamer.

Mitchell Teamer Sr. - November 01, 2021 at 09:41 PM

HM

“ Mrs. Ernestine Sweeney was one of the nicest people that I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with. A woman of faith who loved the Lord. Praying for her children and grandchildren.

Hazel Miller - November 01, 2021 at 08:42 PM

JB

“ James And Lisa Blakley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney



James and Lisa Blakley - November 01, 2021 at 06:30 PM

MC

“ Sending love and prayers to the entire Sweeney family at this very difficult time. Mrs. Ernestine was truly one of kind. She will be greatly missed by those who loved her.

Michele Carr-Warren - November 01, 2021 at 04:08 PM

DS

“ Mrs. Sweeny ALWAYS reminded me of my own Mother. She was very real, and a very giving lady. I have known her some forty years. She gave me sound advice, and always aligned it with the word of GOD. She loved her children and they loved and took great care of her. I will never forget her, nor the things and stories she shared with me. There is no loss here. Absent from the body present with The LORD. Praying for Audra Keith Gary and the entire Family.



Deidre Spight-Woodson - November 01, 2021 at 01:09 PM

BA

“ I thank God for allowing me to meet Mother Sweeney, It was a honor. I'm praying that God continue to wrap his arms around the family. God Bless



Barbara Applewhite - November 01, 2021 at 09:50 AM



“ I'm praying for all of you I spent years at your house and Earnastein was always so kind to me I have great love for you all

Marquise Anderson - November 01, 2021 at 08:15 AM

LW

“ Lucretia Williams lit a candle in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney



Lucretia Williams - November 01, 2021 at 07:07 AM

JD

“ *Jean Durrettt lit a candle in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



Jean Durrettt - November 01, 2021 at 03:45 AM

CB

“ *Cassandra Burks lit a candle in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



Cassandra Burks - October 31, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“ *To the family of Mother Sweeney. My deepest condolences to the family. I've known the family since I was a little girl growing up at Pilgrim Temple. May God give you strength in time of your grief.*



Jeanetta Starr - October 31, 2021 at 05:01 PM

AC

“ *Annette Carlisle sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



Annette Carlisle - October 31, 2021 at 09:34 AM



“ *Pandoretta Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



Pandoretta Jackson - October 31, 2021 at 08:06 AM



“ *T Marie Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



T Marie Marshall - October 30, 2021 at 09:15 PM



“ *Mary Dantzler-Grace lit a candle in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



Mary Dantzler-Grace - October 30, 2021 at 06:46 PM



“ *Paula McWilliams lit a candle in memory of Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



Paula McWilliams - October 30, 2021 at 04:06 PM

ED

“ *Excelento Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mother Ernestine Vivian Sweeney*



Excelento Davis - October 30, 2021 at 01:24 PM