



## Mother Ethelean Cole

November 15, 1928 - March 25, 2015

COLE, Mother Ethelean - Age 86, passed away Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at Kith Haven nursing home. Family hour 10 a.m. Thursday, April 2, 2015 at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 1083 E. Stewart Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Pastor Lewis Randolph Officiating. Interment Gracelawn Community Cemetery, G-5710 N. Saginaw St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Thursday. Mrs. Cole will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12 p.m. - 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Mother Ethelean Cole was born November 15, 1928 in Shreveport, Louisiana, the daughter of Bessie Henry (Washington) Holly and Wesley Gipson. Mother Ethelean Cole attended Ann Arbor, MI schools before relocating to Flint, MI with her family. She accepted Christ at an early age and later united with Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in June 1965. She was an active member who sang in Choir No. 2 and faithfully attended services until her illness progressed. She was employed and later retired from AC-Delphi in 1997. Mother Cole enjoyed cooking, singing, family gatherings, traveling, going to the movies and engaging in great conversations with others. Mother Cole never met a stranger and always greeted everyone with her warm and infectious smile. She was a classy lady who loved red and was known to wear her "Sunday Best" everyday of the week. Mother Cole deeply loved the Lord and her family. The Lord called Mother Cole home on Wednesday, March 25,

2015, her mansion was ready.

She leaves to cherish her memory: 1 daughter, Marilyn McCoy and 2 sons, Warren (Diane) Thompson all of Flint, MI and Oscar Gipson of Charlotte, NC; 10 granddaughters, Rhondala (Marcellus) Lewis of Jacksonville, FL, Marci Moore, Tanya Jefferson, Angel (Darnell) Jamison, April (Alcus) Smith, Lisa Gipson, Veniece (Eric) Winston, Janell Baker all of Flint, MI and LaToya Thompson & Ebony Thompson both of Auburn Hills, MI; 33 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great grandchildren; 4 nieces, LaVerne Harden of Detroit, MI, Verna Jean Gullede of Flint, MI, Sharon Holly & Diane Holly both of Ypsilanti, MI; 3 nephews, Herman Holly, Jr. and Burl Holly both of Ypsilanti, MI and Boyice (Donna) Riley of Broken Arrow, OK; 6 first cousins, Virginia Colbert of San Francisco, CA, Patricia Douglas, Shirley Douglas, Alma Thompson all of San Diego, CA, Barbara Floyd of Conyers, GA and Herbie Kay of Plano, TX; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mother Ethelean Cole was preceded in death by her parents; son, Gerald Thompson; sisters, Rosie Lee Butler and Alberta Riley; brother, Herman Holly, Sr; granddaughter, Tammy (McCoy) Gipson; grandson, Marcus Moore; niece, Juanita Vann; nephew, Raymond Holly, Sr; sister-in-law, Alice Holly; brother-in-law, Daniel Butler; aunts, Lillian (Washington) Fields, Blanche May (Washington) Seatts, Carrie Lee (Washington) Stephens, and Ethelean Olivia (Washington) Douglas; uncles, Booker T. Washington and Solomon Yancy Washington; and longtime companion, Harvey Wheeler.

The family would like to express special thanks to the doctors and caregivers at Prestige Pointe Assisted Living Facility, Kith Haven Nursing Home & McLaren Hospice; and Pastor Lewis Randolph and the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church Family.

Our beloved Ethelean Cole was a wonderful mother, grandmother, aunt and friend who meant more to us than mere words could ever express. We will miss you. You were a great inspiration and you deeply touched all of our lives. We will always love you and cherish our memories of you within our hearts.



# Cemetery Details

## Gracelawn Cemetery

5710 N. Saginaw St.  
Flint, MI 48505

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

APR 1. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
[lemoonfhflint@gmail.com](mailto:lemoonfhflint@gmail.com)  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mother Ethelean Cole*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Jaylen Moore lit a candle in memory of Mother Ethelean Cole*



**Jaylen Moore** - August 28, 2015 at 03:52 AM



*I knew my grandmother for a little while but I will surely miss her GOD bless all amen.*

**Jaylen Moore** - August 28, 2015 at 03:54 AM



“ *Ms. Cole was my neighbor years ago in the apartments and she was a joy to talk to every morning. She was a great dresser and I love to see her on Sunday mornings going to church. I tried to stay in touch with her after I moved, and still went by to see her. RIH. pray for the family in your lost.*

**Rocella Carlisle** - April 25, 2015 at 10:28 PM



“ *You will always be more than a aunt to me, I love you deeply Aunt Shaky always and forever.*

**Deidre Harden** - April 01, 2015 at 08:18 PM

AM

“ To the family of Mother Cole you have out deepest sympathy during this difficult time . Marilyn you just never no who is connected to who but I knew you was so special when I first met you at Hasselbring Center kind and nice . I worked with your mom at AC Spark Plugs she was very nice to me. Know that God will strengthen you and the days ahead !!

*Annette Marks*

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**Annette Marks** - April 01, 2015 at 08:10 PM

VK

“ Vicky Kilgore lit a candle in memory of Mother Ethelean Cole



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**vicky kilgore** - April 01, 2015 at 07:52 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mother Ethelean Cole.



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April 01, 2015 at 06:10 AM

DW

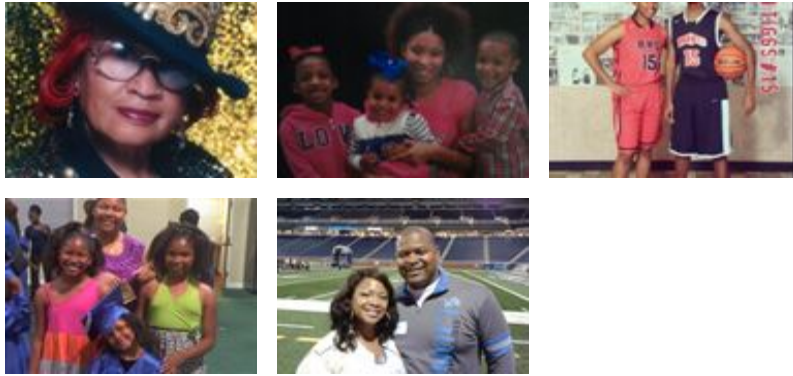
“ Condolences to your family. My son and I were neighbors with Mother Ethelean Cole on Stonegate Drive.  
Sincerely, Denise Clarambeau and AJ Winfield



Denise Clarambeau and AJ Winfield - March 31, 2015 at 10:32 PM

SM

“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - March 31, 2015 at 06:52 PM

C&

“ Charles &. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mother Ethelean Cole.



Charles &. - March 31, 2015 at 04:46 PM

DB

“ DeNise L. Blake lit a candle in memory of Mother Ethelean Cole



DeNise L. Blake - March 31, 2015 at 04:36 PM

CM

“ Christopher Mathews lit a candle in memory of Mother Ethelean Cole



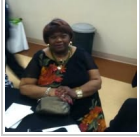
Christopher Mathews - March 31, 2015 at 12:19 PM

DJ

“ Dennis & Shirley Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mother Ethelean Cole



Dennis & Shirley Jackson - March 31, 2015 at 11:38 AM



“ To the family of Ms. Ethelean....,She was such a blessing and could keep a good joke going...My first meeting Ms. Ethelean I called her Mrs.Cole,she said in a jazzy and confident voice.. You can call me Ethelean, so I said OK,Ms Ethelean... She gave me a big SMILE....Our friendship became a love of her and highly RESPECTED woman...



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**Patricia Luckett** - March 31, 2015 at 11:12 AM



“ The Eddie McGhee Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Ethelean Cole



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**The Eddie McGhee Family** - March 31, 2015 at 05:50 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Mother Ethelean Cole.



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March 31, 2015 at 05:24 AM

GF

“ *Gamble Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Ethelean Cole*



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**Gamble Family** - March 31, 2015 at 03:16 AM

VR

“ *Verma Rosborough lit a candle in memory of Mother Ethelean Cole*



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**Verma Rosborough** - March 30, 2015 at 08:52 PM

TT

“ *The Tarver's lit a candle in memory of Mother Ethelean Cole*



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**The Tarver's** - March 30, 2015 at 08:04 PM

FT

“ *Our sincere condolences to the entire family of Mother Ethelene Cole. You are sincerely in our thoughts and prayers. May God be with you during this difficult time.*  
*Fred & Pat Tarver*

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**Fred & Pat Tarver** - March 30, 2015 at 08:01 PM

BR

“ *Boyice & Donna Riley purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Mother Ethelean Cole.*



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**Boyice & Donna Riley** - March 30, 2015 at 03:19 PM

CM

“ *Warren, Diane, Siblings, and Family,  
We light a candle in memory of a life beautifully lived and for a person you all so deeply love. May God's love and fond memories of Mrs. Cole bring you comfort, strength, and peace during this time of loss and sadness.*

*With Love,  
Your "Bro & Sis", Charles and Lorna  
Cumming, Georgia*

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**Charles & Lorna Mays** - March 30, 2015 at 10:58 AM

NE

“ *My Sincere Condolences to the Family. May "the peace of God that excels all thoughts" be with your family (Phil. 4:13).*



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**Neighbor** - March 30, 2015 at 08:48 AM

WE

“ *Webbs lit a candle in memory of Mother Ethelean Cole*



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**Webbs** - March 30, 2015 at 06:28 AM

WF

“ *Webb Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Ethelean Cole*



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**Webb Family** - March 30, 2015 at 06:28 AM

TF

“ *The Webb Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Ethelean Cole*



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**The Webb Family** - March 30, 2015 at 06:27 AM

DT

“ *Daniel And Elaine Tipton lit a candle in memory of Mother Ethelean Cole*



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**daniel and Elaine Tipton** - March 29, 2015 at 01:11 PM

VD

“ *Verdell Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mother Ethelean Cole*



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**Verdell Duncan** - March 29, 2015 at 07:52 AM

SL

“ *Shirley Lynn lit a candle in memory of Mother Ethelean Cole*



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**Shirley Lynn** - March 28, 2015 at 05:09 PM

AC

“ *Annie Coburn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethelean Cole.*

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**Annie Coburn** - March 28, 2015 at 03:25 PM

FF

“ *Freda Ratliff-Williams & Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Ethelean Cole*



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**Freda Ratliff-Williams & Family** - March 28, 2015 at 01:17 PM



“ *Wanda Baker lit a candle in memory of Mother Ethelean Cole*



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**Wanda Baker** - March 28, 2015 at 10:17 AM



“ *Wanda L.Baker lit a candle in memory of Mother Ethelean Cole*



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**Wanda L.Baker** - March 28, 2015 at 10:10 AM



“ *Sheila Johnson-Toins lit a candle in memory of Mother Ethelean Cole*



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**Sheila Johnson-Toins** - March 28, 2015 at 09:30 AM



“ *Ms. Cole was very sweet she was my neighbor at Stonegate for many years, I will always remember her as a great mentor.*



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**debra miller** - March 28, 2015 at 08:40 AM

RY

“ *Renea Yarbrough sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Ethelean Cole*



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**Renea Yarbrough** - March 27, 2015 at 09:55 PM

HP

“ *Hattie P.Mckay lit a candle in memory of Mother Ethelean Cole*



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**Hattie P.Mckay** - March 27, 2015 at 08:14 PM

DB

“ *DaNetta Blak lit a candle in memory of Mother Ethelean Cole*



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**DaNetta Blak** - March 27, 2015 at 09:51 AM